

Boise River Flood Control District No. 10

RESOLUTION 01-2003

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING FLOOD MANAGEMENT AND THE PREVENTION OF FLOOD DAMAGE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Idaho to provide for the prevention of flood damage in a manner consistent with the conservation and wise development of the State's water resources and thereby to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this state (Idaho Code Section 42-3102); and

WHEREAS, Boise River Flood Control District No. 10 ("District") was organized in 1970 to provide practicable and feasible means to "provide control of the Boise River and its tributaries in the affected area to protect life and property, preserve the public health and welfare and conserve and develop natural resources of the State of Idaho" (Order Creating Flood Control District No. 10 of Idaho) as they relate to potential flooding in Ada and Canyon counties within the District's boundaries shown in Attachment A to this Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the District has the statutory authority and responsibility to operate and maintain structural works of improvement for the prevention of floodwater and sediment damages (flood projects), and to exercise all other powers necessary, convenient or incidental to carry out the aforementioned policy under the provisions of the Flood Control District Act (Idaho Code sections 42-3101 - 42-3128); and,

WHEREAS, development within the Boise River flood plain significantly increases the potential for flood damage by: increasing channelization of the Boise River; impeding the storage and conveyance of flood waters within the Boise River flood plain; introducing structures and people into areas that are subject to flooding from the Boise River; reducing the District's access to the Boise River to perform flood-related maintenance projects; and other causes; and,

WHEREAS, Boise River Flood Control District No.10 believes that regulatory constraints on channel maintenance activities, erosion, deposition and other causes are resulting in loss of channel conveyance capacity; and

WHEREAS, the District is concerned that construction and development may be occurring without sufficient regard to long term changes in channel capacity and decreasing the District's ability to protect development; and

WHEREAS, unimpeded access to the Boise River and cooperation and coordination with private parties and with federal, state and local governments are essential to the performance of the District's flood responsibilities; and,

WHEREAS, current regulatory restrictions on channel maintenance and other flood projects impair the District's ability to provide efficient, cost-effective, and timely means to manage floods of the Boise River and prevent flood damage; and,

WHEREAS, private parties and public authorities involved in development and flood management within the Boise River flood plain can significantly improve flood management and flood damage prevention by implementing consistent flood objectives, policies and requirements and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in furtherance of its flood responsibilities, the District adopts this resolution to define and promote the following objectives and actions to manage and minimize damage from floods of the Boise River:

A. Flood Control & Damage Prevention Objectives:

1. Protect and maintain the carrying capacity of the Boise River to convey the base (100-year) flood event without loss of life or damage to property;
2. Minimize flood damages and potential loss of life or injury from flood events larger than the 100-year flood;
3. Protect continuous riparian corridors and flood plain wetlands that provide flood storage and mitigate peak flows;
4. Ensure that development in the flood plain does not increase the risk of loss of life and property damage;
5. Reduce impacts of development and urbanization within and outside the flood plain on the timing and magnitude of delivery of storm water into the Boise River and drainages into the Boise River;
6. Protect existing access and provide future access to the Boise River for river maintenance, flood projects, emergency vehicles and personnel, flood fight and safety for the District and other agencies involved in flood management and emergency response; and
7. Facilitate the District's performance of flood projects and other flood responsibilities in an efficient, cost-effective, and timely manner.

B. Flood Control & Damage Prevention Actions:

1. Provide each appropriate flood control district the opportunity to review and comment upon development projects located entirely or partially within the 100-year flood plain;
2. Develop a river corridor plan in cooperation with local governments, appropriate state and federal agencies and others. At a minimum a plan shall include:
 - Recommendations for meeting District access needs;
 - Identification of areas with significant risk of flood and sediment damages;
 - Strategies to reduce potential flood and sediment damage;
 - A channel maintenance strategy that balances flooding and environmental concerns;
 - Education of communities, land owners and other stakeholders about Flood Control District No 10's responsibilities and concerns; and
 - Coordination with irrigation entities, local governments with land use authority, and state and federal agencies with water management responsibilities.

Such a plan shall seek strategies that are compatible with flow management and land use plans and help those charged with the efficient transport of water to end users.

3. Fund a study to evaluate the cumulative effects of current and potential development and other land use changes, and channel stabilization and maintenance activities on the Boise River channel's capacity to convey water, channelization, and other flood-related effects, and to make recommendations to address such effects. The District has reason to believe these factors have altered sediment deposition and erosion in the flood plain;
4. Provide, protect, and maintain corridors of access to the Boise River for flood projects, flood damage prevention, flood response, and restoration projects that:
 - a. are wide enough for ingress and egress by District, emergency, and other flood control personnel and equipment;
 - b. are located as follows:
 - i. spaced along the river at increments of no less than 1/4 mile (staggered 1/2 mile increments on each side of the river),

- ii. at all river irrigation diversions and head gates on both banks of the river,
 - iii. at all river crossings, including bridges on both banks of the river and at points both upstream and downstream from each crossing, and
 - iv. at all public utility crossings, including pipelines and power lines;
 - c. are legally secured by agreements, rights of way, fee title or other private arrangements or regulatory actions;
 - d. protect and maintain the District's historic access corridors;
 - e. utilize existing corridors of access for other purposes; and
 - f. as hereafter identified by the District.
5. Identify and utilize opportunities for periodic, controlled, high water flow events to maintain channel capacity that do not conflict with Boise River operations for delivery of water rights and ensure development that will accommodate such flows;
 6. Ensure that each new land use change will have no net adverse impacts on flood plain functions, including consideration of cumulative impacts and ensure that appropriate analysis techniques are employed to determine the cumulative effects;
 7. Ensure that new developments will prepare flood management plans, enforceable by local governments, which include operation and maintenance of any development-related flood management facilities;
 8. Prepare thorough hydraulic studies for new or modified gravel-mining operations in the flood plain and locate such operations to minimize the risk of capture by the river; and
 9. Modify laws and rules to facilitate efficient, cost-effective, and timely means to minimize floods of the Boise River and reduce flood damage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the District's Board of Directors is directed to encourage private parties and federal, state and local governments involved in development within the Boise River flood plain and those whose activities and regulatory programs affect flood management and response, to adopt and implement (e.g. through agreements or through dedication of flood rights-of-way by private parties or

adoption of flood-related ordinances, regulations, or policies and funding of flood studies by public authorities) the flood management and flood damage prevention objectives and actions that are described in this resolution and that may be hereafter identified or adopted by the District's Board of Directors.

DATED this 26th day of August 2003.

APPROVED:

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Boise River Flood Control District No. 10

ATTEST:

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LeAnn Swigert, Secretary Treasurer
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