



Statement of Intent

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Boise River Flood Control District No. 10 is responsible for working to minimize flood damage and to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare (Idaho Code Section 42-3102). The District was organized to “provide control of the Boise River and its tributaries in the affected areas 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. State law provides the District with statutory authority and responsibility to operate and maintain structural works of improvement for the prevention of floodwater and sediment damages, and to exercise all other powers necessary, convenient or incidental to carry out the provisions of the Flood Control District Act (Idaho Code sections 42-3101 - 42-3128).

Flood Control District No. 10 has observed continued rapid development along the Boise River within its boundaries. The District believes that land use changes significantly affect flood plain conveyance and storage, affecting individual sites and reaches above and below these sites. Development in the flood plain, combined with lack of channel-forming flow events, sediment erosion and deposition, and growth of gravel bars and associated vegetation, reduces the conveyance capacity of the Boise River and increases flooding risks. The District is also concerned that the gravel pits developed adjacent to the banks of the river may be captured by the river during high flows, threatening both public and private facilities. The most pressing issue facing the District in the future, minimizing flood impacts in the face of rapid growth, requires river maintenance and protection of unimpeded access to the river, which will allow the District to continue normal maintenance activities, and effective planning for the River corridor.

In consideration of these concerns and continued constraints on the District’s ability to maintain adequate channel capacity, Boise River Flood Control District No. 10 adopts Resolution 2003-01 and 2003-02 with the intent of strongly encouraging local governments to participate in a Boise River corridor planning process and to adopt policies, ordinances and other requirements consistent with these resolutions to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the cities. The District believes that flood damage prevention can be significantly improved by the policies and requirements with respect to development in the flood plain that are consistent among the numerous jurisdictions that govern activities along the Boise River.