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County Continues Flood Clean Up and Data Collection

The Douglas County Board of Commissioners requested a State of Emergency due to the cumulative series of flash floods that have taken place since July 20, 2014, in Douglas County.

“We realize this storm created some serious problems for our residents and we have set all regular road projects aside, to make cleaning up this flood damage our main priority,” said Carl Ruschmeyer, Douglas County Public Works Director. “In addition, County staff is meeting with Homeowners Associations and residents to address questions and concerns.”

The floods caused damage to many residents’ driveways, culverts, structures, and landscaping. The Douglas County engineering department fielded a large volume of calls with residents inquiring about permits and when a permit is needed.

“If damage occurred to previously permitted driveway connection or culvert or the driveway was washed out, the resident may repair or replace the structure without obtaining a new permit,” said County Engineer Erik Nilssen. “If you wish to construct a new or previously not permitted driveway crossing or culvert in the right of way a new encroachment permit must be obtained from the Community Development Department.

The permit requires a dimensioned site plan of the property indicating the location of the proposed improvement. An encroachment permit can generally be reviewed and approved within two days.”

The night of the Fish Springs flood, National Weather Service reported that the Doppler radar indicated an inch of rain had fallen at the top of Pine Nut Creek in 45 minutes.

According to the weather service’s tables that would come close to being a 200-year flood, which would see 1.11 inches of rain over 30 minutes.

Douglas County Interim Manager Larry Werener said the weather pattern that resulted in flooding across the county is remarkable.

“None of us have ever seen this before,” he said. “We were hit by an extraordinary storm. There’s no way we could afford to design structures to withstand that.”

Exacerbating the flooding was the large amount of sediment included in the July 20 flood.

“The mud flow was a different sort of animal,” he said. “Every time it hit a culvert it would plug it up and then jump over the road and do it again the next time.”

A State damage assessment team visited over 75 properties and they toured Fish Springs and Johnson Lane to gather information about the level of damage from flooding in Douglas County.

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Douglas County Road Crews have made flood clean up a priority, cleaning streets and culverts daily.

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Team members also contacted residents who used the county's flood hotline or email.

Once the assessment team finishes its report, it will be reviewed by the state and then sent to the governor, who will determine whether the damage qualifies the county for a state declaration.

If approved at the state level, the County would be eligible to apply for financial assistance from the state disaster relief account. However, those funds are only available to help rebuild public infrastructure. Landscaping and yard damage are not eligible under FEMA programs or the State's Disaster Relief Account (DRA). FEMA and the State Disaster Relief funds will generally not pay for debris removal from private land.



Pictured; County trucks and private contractors have spent hours cleaning up areas on Mac where residents saw significant damages.

For more Flood Information visit douglascountynv.gov or Facebook and Twitter #douglascountyalshfloods or email flood@co.douglas.nv.us.

Douglas County Welcomes Nevada Filtration System

Attracting new business to Douglas County is part of stimulating a thriving business climate for the community. We are happy to announce New Logic Research, DBA Nevada Filtration Systems, chose Douglas County as its place to do business and call home. Nevada Filtration Systems takes raw materials and transforms them into high performance membrane filtration and separation systems.

To help this business thrive and ensure success, the Douglas County Board of Commissioners approved a contract with the state and the company to allow up to \$75,000 in catalyst funds to be passed over a three year period.

Nevada's Catalyst Fund incentivize the expansion or relocation of businesses that will quickly result in the creation of high-quality, primary jobs in Nevada. The contract requires the company to create 30 new jobs in Douglas County.

Nevada Filtration Systems started operations in October 2013 and has hired 17 employees, 11 are local and 6 are relocated trained managers from California. Company CEO, Greg Johnson says he anticipates to hire a total of 60 within the next 5 years.

"We are so happy with the area. Douglas County and Nevada have been a breath of fresh air," Johnson said. "We are welcomed here as a company."



James Nichols Chosen as Top County Manager Candidate

Nichols was the top candidate for all five commissioners followed by Elko City Manager Curtis Calder.

Nichols is the former Assistant City Manager for the City of Midland, TX. His full qualifications can be viewed at douglascountynv.gov.

The executive recruitment firm, Peckham and McKenney narrowed the list of candidates from seven to four using a process which

involved feedback on each of the preliminary candidates following a series of panel interviews and social events.

Commissioners are scheduled to discuss the selection on Sept. 4 after staff and Nichols have had an opportunity to meet and work out the details.



Genoa Wins "Best Tasting Water in Nevada."

After blind taste-testing and examination of entries from around the State, Douglas County's Utilities was announced as the winner of the

"Best Tasting Water in Nevada." The announcement took place at the 2014 Nevada Rural Water Association Training and Technical Conference at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno.

The Genoa Well in Douglas County won the contest and title of the "Best Tasting Water in Nevada". The winner was selected by a panel of volunteer judges from entries across Nevada.

This year 20 entries or towns were represented. Douglas County Genoa Well came in at 39 points. The judges based their decision on clarity, bouquet and taste. Timothy M. DeTurk, Superintendent of the County's Utilities Division, was presented the good news at the Grand Sierra Resort event.



Lilianna Adamson and Katelyn Coons enjoy a pitcher of Genoa Water. Both girls are Genoa residents.



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Douglas County Strategic Plan

Vision

A community to match the scenery!

Mission

Working together with integrity and accountability, the Douglas County team is dedicated to providing essential and cost effective public services fostering a safe, healthy, scenic, and vibrant community for the enjoyment of our residents and visitors.

Values

Integrity - Accountability - Customer Service

Leadership - Communication - Teamwork

Priorities

Financial Stability

Public Safety

Economic Vitality

Infrastructure



Douglas County Social Services has recently partnered with Nevada State Bank to offer Financial Literacy classes to all residents. Nevada State Bank embraces opportunities to give back to the community and this is just one way they are doing it! From now through December, classes will be held at Social Services. The classes start at 5:30pm, will be approximately one hour, and focus on budgeting, credit, FICO scores and much more. Here are some of the upcoming classes

(for a full schedule, please contact Social Services at 782-9825):

August 26 – Understanding your FICO

September 9 – Protecting Your Financial Identity

September 23 – Investing in Your Future: Paying for College.

Questions? Please call Douglas County Social Services office at 782-9825

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