



District Facts

Why created – The disjointed approach to flood control was ineffective during the floods in the early 1980s. A coordinated and uniform approach was required. Elected officials sought legislative changes allowing for the creation of a regional flood control district to develop a comprehensive plan and provide funding for the plan's implementation.

When created – The Nevada State Legislature passed a bill in 1985 allowing for the creation of local districts for flood control. The Regional Flood Control District (the District) was created in early 1985 by a Clark County ordinance. The District was charged with developing and overseeing a coordinated and comprehensive flood control master plan to alleviate flooding in Clark County, to establish regulations for developing in a flood hazard area, to fund and coordinate the construction of flood control facilities and to develop and contribute to the funding of a maintenance program for regional facilities.

How funded – On September 2, 1986, voters approved a quarter cent sales tax to fund construction of regional flood control facilities. The District began receiving sales tax revenues in 1987. The design of the first flood control project was funded by the District later that year. Construction of the first project began in 1988.

Funded to date – Total flood control funding to date for capital improvement is approximately \$1.84 billion. This includes federal funding of approximately \$251 million for the \$336 million U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Tropicana and Flamingo Washes Project. This federal project removed 18.8 square miles of FEMA flood zone with 8 basins and approximately 28 miles of primary channel.

Completed facilities – As of June 2018, there are 93 detention basins and approximately 619 miles of channels and underground storm drains (of the completed channels 127 miles are natural washes) online throughout Clark County. To date, 54 square miles have been removed from federally identified FEMA flood zones. This has saved residents millions of dollars per year in flood insurance premiums.

Remainder to be Built – The District's Master Plan is more than 75 percent complete. Another 34 detention basins are planned, along with approximately 201 miles of conveyance.

Recent Progress – With each completed project, another area of the county is better protected from flooding, but there is more to be done. The District estimates it will take 30 more years before all flood control improvements have been completed. People must not take unnecessary risks during storms and should always make smart decisions.

"The Flood Channel" Television Program – the District produces a 30-minute television news program six times per year updating the community about the progress of flood control and providing information about flash flood safety. The program airs on YouTube and about 40 times per month on Cox Cable channels 2 and 4, as well as on stations in Laughlin and Mesquite.

Online – The District's website, www.regionalflood.org, provides information about the District and the progress of flood control in Clark County. The site also gives real time rainfall information at approximately 200 locations throughout Clark County and current flood zone information. The District is also on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube where you can get flash flood safety tips and updates on flood control construction projects.

The mission of the Clark County Regional Flood Control District is to improve the protection of life and property for existing residents, future residents, and visitors from the impacts of flooding while also protecting the environment.