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Stadium Hurdle Crossed as Key Permit Issued

Clark County has received federal approval and issued a permit to contractors to relocate a key flood control facility out of the footprint of the proposed stadium for the Raiders.

The Section 408 permission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was obtained Friday and will allow contractors to move an 1,800-foot-long section of buried reinforced concrete box culvert about 150 feet to the west to make way for the stadium.

A statement from the Raiders stated: “Developing the stadium under such an aggressive schedule requires an exceptional level of cooperation from governmental agencies as well as contractors, suppliers and the construction workforce. The effort that the Regional Flood Control District, the County Department of Public Works and The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers put forth to relocate a major flood control culvert is a perfect example of the public agency cooperation which is essential for the project’s success.”

The federal review was required because of a joint \$336 million Tropicana and Flamingo Washes flood control project completed in the early 2000s. That work installed 28 miles of primary channel and six basins. The federal government funded 75 percent of that project. Changes to it require federal approval, a process which can take 12 to 18 months.

The review was expedited through an agreement over the summer between the Corps and the Clark County Regional Flood Control District. The agreement allowed additional costs to expedite the review, which were paid for by the District and fully reimbursed by LV Stadium Company LLC.

“I want to thank Colonel Kirk Gibbs, Deputy Engineer David Van Dorpe and the entire Corps staff at the Los Angeles District for working with us and issuing this 408 permission,” said Steven C. Parrish, General Manager of the District. “Nearly all of the southwest part of the Las Vegas Valley drains through that location, so it’s important for us to make sure this work is done correctly. The design team, Kimley-Horn Associates and Mortenson Construction, went to great strides to match the original design, and in fact, have improved upon it for the safety of the region. Throughout the process, substantial

coordination was required with the LA District to verify the requirements for the permission and provide the engineered studies and plans needed for issuance.”

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