

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Jo-Ellen Darcy
Asst. Sec. of the Army for Civil Works
108 Army Pentagon
Room 3E444
Washington, DC 20310

Dear Assistant Secretary Darcy:

On behalf of the citizens of Reno, Sparks, and Washoe County, I want to express the importance of the Truckee River Flood Protection Project Study. As you know, a major 100 year flood hit the Truckee Meadows in 1997, resulting in over \$1 billion in damages in a six county region. In response to this disaster, the Army Corps of Engineers prepared a reconnaissance report in 1997, which determined that a flood control project was feasible.

Since the flood, there has been substantial local work on the project and strong regional and federal consensus has been achieved. Unfortunately, it has been brought to my attention that significant delays have occurred in completing a final Chief of Engineers' Report after many years of study. I understand the importance of the Corps' responsibility to prepare a thorough and detailed report, and respectfully request that in focusing on critical flood protection for our communities that the Corps will initiate the final procedures to produce a Chief's Report immediately.

Northern Nevada communities remain at serious risk of flooding which threatens lives, property, and the regional economy to thrive in the future. I appreciate your commitment to this project in the past and I look forward to seeing the Chief's Report as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



DEAN HELLER
U.S. Senator