



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: 1/3/2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically
Jackie Bryant, Assistant City Manager

FROM: Trina Magoon, PE, Director of Utility Services

SUBJECT: West Wash Dam Rehabilitation Project - Project Update Hybrid Meeting

A second public meeting for the West Wash Dam Rehabilitation Project has been scheduled for **Tuesday, January 31, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** at Reno City Hall, first floor Council Chambers or virtually via Zoom. This meeting will provide an update on the planning effort, the preliminary rehabilitation plan, and the status of the environmental review.

Public Noticing for the meeting will include:

- Mailings to appropriate agency representatives
- Mailings to residents within 1,000 feet of the dam
- Newspaper (RGJ) advertisement
- Project's website update
- Postings placed near the dam entrances

Background:

West Wash Dam was constructed in 1960 under the direction and authority of Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act (Public Law 83-566). The East Wash Diversion Dam, constructed in 1961 under the same program, contributes storm water flow from Peavine Mountain Watershed into West Wash Dam. The original watershed plans for these dams used an evaluated life of 50 years. Having reached over 50 years in age, the dams are eligible for rehabilitation through the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program. The West Wash Dam is one of the largest of the ten high hazard dams owned and maintained by the City of Reno which are permitted by the State Engineers Office.

Funding:

The planning, design, environmental permitting, engineering and quality assurance services will be funded 100 percent from the NRCS grant secured from the National Dam Safety Act. (\$1,549,000). Project construction funding is also available with a 35% local match. Farr West was the consultant retained for the Supplemental Watershed Plan and Environmental Assessment.