

RESOLUTION BOISE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT NO. 10

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2011

BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOISE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT NO. 10:

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOISE RIVER FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT NO. 10: FINDING THAT CURRENT CONDITIONS ON THE BOISE RIVER URGENTLY REQUIRE THE REMOVAL OF TREES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DISTRICT'S PROTOCOL FOR THE REMOVAL OF TREES AND OTHER DEBRIS, ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 18, 2009; AND URGING BOTH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES TO APPROVE, WITHOUT HASTE, THE JOINT APPLICATION FOR PERMIT THAT IS PRESENTLY ON FILE WITH THE AGENCIES.

WHEREAS, the policy of the State of Idaho is to provide for the prevention of flood damage in a manner consistent with the conservation and wise development of our water resources and thereby to protect and promote the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this state (Idaho Statutes 42-3102); and,

WHEREAS, by order of the Director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources (formerly Idaho Department of Water Administration), Boise River Flood Control District No. 10 (FCD#10) was formed on October 13, 1970, as an entity comprised of approximately 25,000 acres of land located in Ada and Canyon Counties, Idaho; and,

WHEREAS, all of Ada and Canyon Counties have exposure to natural hazards that increase the risk to life, property, environment and the Counties' economy; and,

WHEREAS; pro-active mitigation of known hazards before a disaster event can reduce or eliminate long-term risk to life and property; and,

WHEREAS; FCD#10 has actively conducted regular removal of trees and other debris that obstruct or may obstruct the flow of water in the Boise River since the formation of the District; and,

WHEREAS, FCD#10, dating to at least December 20, 1988, has regularly submitted Joint Applications for Permit and received Nationwide Permits from both the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Idaho Department of Water Resources through November 17, 2008; and,

WHEREAS; FCD#10 received a Stream Channel Alteration Permit for channel maintenance on the Boise River from the Idaho Department of Water Resources on December 7, 2009; and,

WHEREAS; on December 18, 2009, the FCD#10 Commissioners unanimously adopted a Protocol for the Removal of Trees and Other Debris intended to describe typical responses to situations that FCD#10 encounters during periodic tree and debris removal; and,

WHEREAS; during an agency pre-application meeting on October 18, 2010, FCD#10 was informed that due to concerns over the potential cumulative impacts of the number of woody debris piles within Boise River floodplain, the District would be required to apply for an Individual Permit; and,

WHEREAS; the timing associated with filing for an Individual Permit precluded tree and debris removal during the winter of 2010-2011; and,

WHEREAS; FCD#10, while unable to obtain a Nationwide Permit, at great expense to the District, caused 28 woody debris piles to be removed from the floodplain within the District during the Winter of 2010-2011; and,

WHEREAS; due to flood control operations, for a 61-day period during the Spring of 2011, discharge on the Boise River as measured at the USGS Glenwood Gage was 6,000 cfs or greater; and,

WHEREAS; the flood control operations that released relatively high flows for an extended duration during the Spring of 2011, destabilized numerous trees along the banks of the Boise River; and,

WHEREAS; during the Spring of 2011 runoff period, FCD#10 received requests to remove large woody debris from the Boise River in the vicinity of the Heron River community in Star and the Canyon County Water Company diversion in Star and did remove the debris from the river; and,

WHEREAS; following the high runoff period during the Spring of 2011, FCD#10 has received numerous requests for the removal of large woody debris from residents of the Plantation community, from the Garden City Parks Department, from landowners along the North Channel of the Boise River in the vicinity of the Ballentyne Ditch diversion, from land owners along the main channel of the Boise River, approximately ¼-mile downstream of Linder Road, from a landowner along the South Channel near the Lemp 2 headgate and from others; and,

WHEREAS; on November 8, 2011, FCD#10 submitted a Joint Application for Permit for channel maintenance activities to both the Corps of Engineers and the Idaho Department of Water Resources; and,

WHEREAS; the FCD#10 Permit application proposes to remove a minimum of an additional 15 woody debris piles from the floodplain within the District during the Winter of 2011-2012, in addition to conducting other obstruction removal operations, in accordance with the adopted Protocol for the Removal of Trees and Other Debris; and,

WHEREAS; the carryover in the upstream Boise River reservoir system as of November 14, 2011, is reported to be at 56-percent of capacity (527,452 ac-ft) and 25-percent greater than the historic average carryover for this date; and,

WHEREAS; the potential for a consecutive, high runoff year is considered to be unusually high; and,

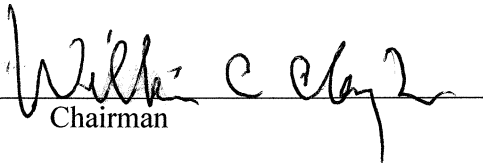
WHEREAS; the large woody debris that remains in the channel following the high runoff year threatens the health, safety and general welfare of the people of this state; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Directors of Boise River Flood Control District No. 10:

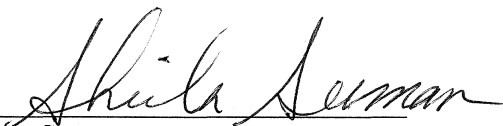
- 1.) Finds that current conditions on the Boise River urgently require the removal of trees, in accordance with the Protocol for the Removal of Trees and Other Debris, adopted on December 18, 2009; and,
- 2.) Urges both the Corps of Engineers and the Idaho Department of Water Resources to approve, without haste, the Joint Application for Permit that is presently on file with the agencies.

PASSED by the Boise River Flood Control District No. 10, on November 17, 2011.
Signed by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners and attested by the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners on November 17, 2011.

APPROVED:

By 
Chairman

ATTEST:

By 
Secretary