

# REGIONAL FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT



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## **10-year anniversary of the July 8, 1999 flood**

Tomorrow marks the 10-year anniversary of the 100-year storm that pounded the Valley on July 8, 1999. The area was declared a Presidential Disaster by President Bill Clinton. More than \$20 million in public property damage was reported and approximately 150 people were rescued from flash floods. There were two reported deaths associated with the storm.

Another milestone will be reached by the District this summer. "We were able to secure \$150 million in Build America Bonds which will help us move forward with construction of several new flood control projects," said Gale Fraser, general manager of the District. The bond funding, along with revenue from the District's quarter cent sales tax, will bring more than 30 projects into construction in the next 2-4 months for a total of more than \$200 million. This number of projects under construction at one time is a record for the District. In addition, "we project that this influx of construction projects will create more than 2,000 jobs for our local community," Fraser said.

Since the mid-1980s, the Regional Flood Control District has overseen the construction of 82 detention basins and more than 500 miles of channel and underground storm drains throughout Clark County for a total investment of \$1.3 billion.

In just the last 10 years since that historic storm hit our area, the District has spent almost \$700 million in improvements that doubled the flood control network in place prior to the flood.

Flash flood season in Clark County is July through September when conditions are more favorable for storms that drop several inches on rain in a short period of time. Never cross flooded roadways or allow children to play in flood water or flood control facilities.

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