

NEWS ADVISORY

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Rain continues in Las Vegas Valley

Steady rainfall continued overnight in the Las Vegas Valley. Regional Flood Control District (RFCD) rain gages recorded rainfall at more than 100 gages located throughout the area.

Close to a dozen gages reported half an inch of rain in the past 12 hours, primarily on the west side of the Valley. Rainfall on the east side ranged from one-tenth to one-fourth of an inch.

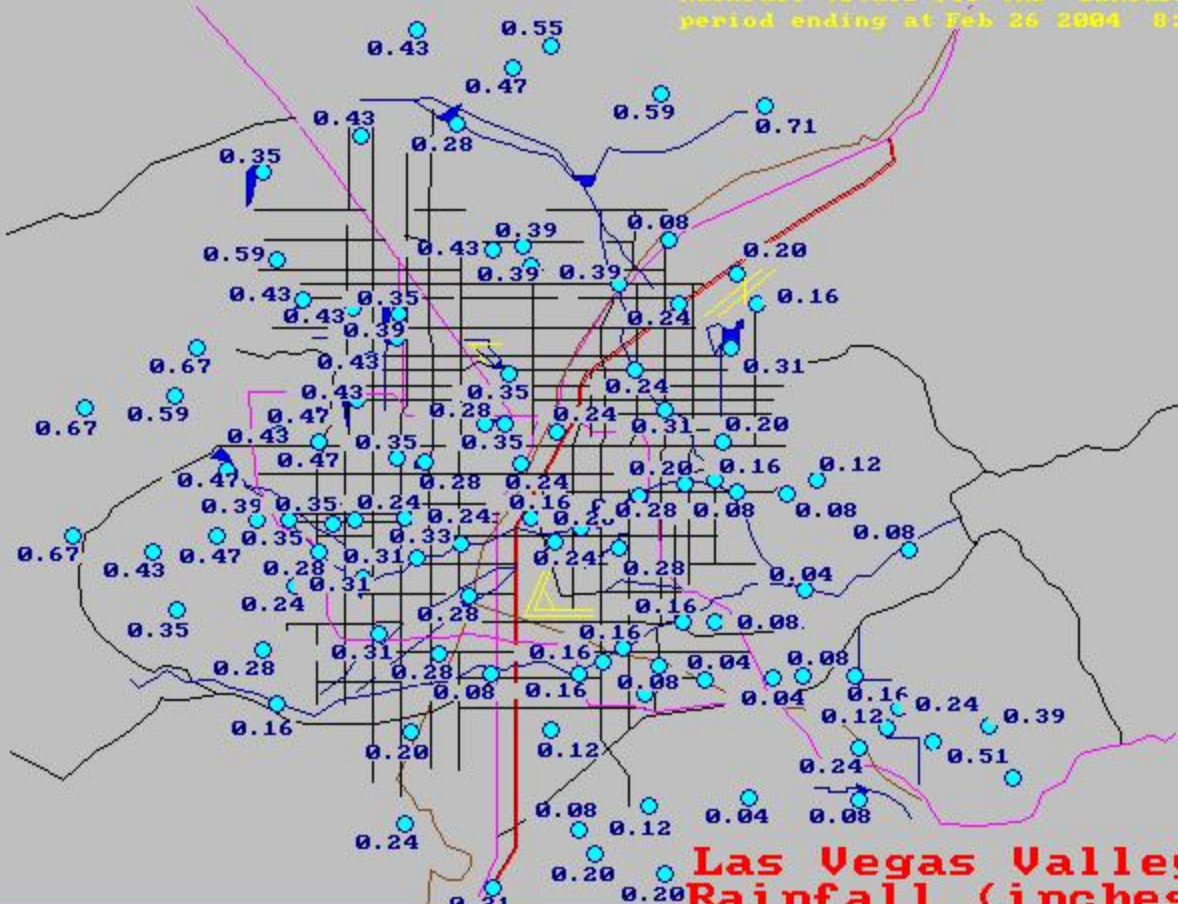
Approximately 138 gages located throughout Clark County transmit current rainfall amounts to computers in the District's offices. Some of these gages also report water level data. Information about this can be accessed via the District's website at www.ccrfed.org. *(included with this release is a jpeg of the rainfall map from the District's website)*

Flood control channels, detention basins and streets are collecting and conveying stormwater throughout the area. Children should not be allowed to play in flood control facilities. Channels and detention basins can quickly fill with flood water that contains debris and pollutants. Motorists should also take precautions driving on wet streets.

The Regional Flood Control District has been constructing flood control facilities since 1987 and anticipates another 25-30 years of construction before the entire Master Plan is completed. Another 64 detention basins and 460 miles of channels remain to be built. Currently there are 62 detention basins and more than 350 miles of channels helping to protect Clark County residents from flooding. Approximately \$836 million has been spent for flood control improvements countywide with another \$1.7 billion more to be funded.

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Rainfall totals for the 12hours
period ending at Feb 26 2004 8:26



**Las Vegas Valley
Rainfall (inches)**