



# DISTRICT FACTS



## WHY WE STARTED

The disjointed approach to flood control was ineffective during the floods in the early 1980s. A coordinated uniform approach was required. Elected officials sought legislative changes allowing for the creation of a regional flood control district to develop a comprehensive plan and provide funding for the plan's implementation.

## WORK WE'VE DONE

As of June 2023, there are 110 detention basins and approximately 713 miles of channels and underground storm drains (of the completed channels 140 miles are natural, or unlined, washes) online throughout Clark County. To date, 65 square miles have been removed from federally identified FEMA flood zones. This has been a substantial savings for residents in flood insurance premiums per year.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

The District's Master Plan is approximately 75 percent complete. Another 40 detention basins are planned, along with approximately 232 miles of stormwater conveyance facilities.

## WHEN WE STARTED

The Nevada State Legislature passed a bill in 1985 allowing for the creation of local districts for flood control. The Clark County Regional Flood Control District (District) was created in 1986 by a Clark County ordinance. The District was charged with developing and overseeing a coordinated and comprehensive flood control master plan to alleviate flooding in Clark County, establish regulations for developing in a flood hazard area, fund and coordinate the construction of flood control facilities and develop and contribute to the funding of a maintenance program for regional facilities.

## MOVING FORWARD

With each completed project, another area of the county is better protected from flooding, but there is more to be done. The District estimates it will take 30 more years before all flood control improvements have been completed. This is why it's important for all of us to continue making smart decisions during storms and stay away from flood water.

## HOW WE'RE FUNDED

On September 2, 1986, voters approved a quarter-cent sales tax to fund the construction of regional flood control facilities. The District began receiving sales tax revenues in 1987. The design of the first flood control project was funded by the District later that year. Construction of the first project began in 1988.

## WE'RE ON TV

"The Flood Channel" - The District produces a 30-minute television news program updating the community about the progress of flood control and providing information about flash flood safety. The program airs on YouTube and about 40 times per month on Channel 2 and Cox Cable Channel 4, as well as on stations in Laughlin and Mesquite.

## HOW MUCH HAS BEEN FUNDED

Total flood control funding to date for capital improvement is approximately \$2.52 billion. This includes federal funding of approximately \$251 million for the \$336 million U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Tropicana and Flamingo Washes Project. This federal project removed 18.8 square miles of FEMA flood zone with the construction of eight basins and approximately 28 miles of primary channel.

## AND WE'RE ONLINE

The District's website, [regionalflood.org](http://regionalflood.org), provides information about the District and the progress of flood control in Clark County. The site also gives real-time rainfall information at 222 locations throughout Clark County and current flood zone for individual land parcels. The District is also on Facebook, X/Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, LinkedIn and YouTube, where you can get flash flood safety tips and updates on flood control projects.

The mission of the Clark County Regional Flood Control District is to improve the protection of life and property for existing residents, future residents, and visitors from the impacts of flooding while also protecting the environment.

Flood zone boundaries are determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in cooperation with the local communities. To find out if your home is located in a high risk flood zone, visit Clark County Regional Flood Control District at [RegionalFlood.org](http://RegionalFlood.org)

For more information contact the Regional Flood Control District at (702) 685-0000 or [regionalflood.org](http://regionalflood.org)

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