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## HIGH WATER MARK UNVEILING CEREMONY AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS FESTIVAL

Carson City, NV—Carson City Public Works, in conjunction with the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department and the Carson Water Subconservancy District (CWSD), is hosting the High Water Mark Unveiling Ceremony and Disaster Preparedness Festival August 11, 2022, from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. This family friendly event is for residents and children of all ages. Participants will walk a short distance to the mural site on the multiuse path for the 3:00 pm unveiling ceremony. The first 100 participants who view at least 3 displays will receive a free Kona Shaved Ice while listening to a playlist of disaster themed music.

The goal for the High Water Mark mural is to communicate flood risk. The disaster preparedness festival will feature interactive tables & displays to highlight how floodplains and open space work together to reduce flood impacts, improve water quality, and recharge groundwater.

**Location:** The ceremony and festival will be at the corner of Airport Road and East Fifth Street. There will be a fire truck, along with a variety of interactive booths involving flood models, watershed models, weather, and other information. This ceremony and festival will emphasize how open space and floodplain lands benefit residents, birds, wildlife and pollinators by providing flood storage, recharging ground water and improving water quality.

“Many Carson City residents are unaware that for every \$1 spent to reduce flood hazards, \$8 is saved when disaster strikes. This high water mark is designed to remind residents that Nevada floods and stresses the planning and execution of many projects throughout the city to reduce flood impacts. Not only do open floodplains lands protect our communities when disasters occur by providing flood storage and reducing strain on culverts and ditches, they also add to the quality of our lives in countless ways,” said Robb Fellows, Carson City Floodplain Manager.

This High Water Mark project is largely funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to communicate flood risk, build community resilience, and underscore the value of floodplains and open space to our community.

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