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High Water Operations Underway

Pre-filled sandbags available March 8-10 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. off Miner's Road

Fallon, NV – As part of the Churchill County Emergency Operations Command being activated last week due to the threat of high water from snowmelt in the Sierra Nevada, pre-filled sandbags will start to be assembled and available for pickup on Wednesday, March 8 through Friday, March 10 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day at 245 Miners Road just south of the Rafter 3C Arena.

Citizens along the river who believe they may need sandbags can call 775-423-7733 to reserve sandbags and arrange pickup.

The volume of snow in the sierras has activated the City of Fallon, Churchill County and TCID to start precautionary preparations for elevated water levels in the Carson River. This week, TCID started releasing water from Lahontan Reservoir to create extra space for incoming flows. The releases are planned to rise to approximately 2,200 cubic feet per second (cfs) in the coming days which will place approximately 800 cfs in the river, 1,000 cfs in the V-line weir with the remainder in the irrigation canals. Therefore, residents will see elevated levels of water in the Carson River and the irrigation canals this week and in the coming weeks. For your safety, please stay clear of high flows.

As a reminder, this community built the V-line weir and the Big Dig ditch in 2017 to improve the safety of the community from flooding. This structure is in good working order and will be utilized to help maximize the volume of water needed to be released from the lake. Careful planning is done on an ongoing basis in order to only release what is needed to keep the community safe while also reserving water for the upcoming irrigation season and future seasons. The Churchill County Emergency Operations Center will continue to provide updates via websites and social media. We appreciate your continued cooperation and support as we work diligently to protect our communities.

Photo caption: Water outflows from the V-line weir in 2017.

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About Churchill County: *Churchill County supports sustainable economic development and creating a diverse base of commercial, industrial, renewable energy, agricultural and military industries. We offer an outdoor lifestyle, cultural activities, a higher education campus, strong youth recreation and sports programs and a variety of annual community events making Churchill County an ideal place to live and work. Located 60 minutes east of Reno, Nev., Churchill County is investing in robust economic development now to address its future needs. For more information: www.churchillcountynv.gov*

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