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## **County Declares Emergency To Prepare For Potential Flooding**

*Declaration required to authorize Road Department to start protection efforts*

**Fallon, NV** – Churchill County Commissioners approved a precautionary emergency declaration this afternoon to establish the Emergency Operations Center in preparation for flood mitigation efforts due to elevated snowpack from this winter's snowfall upstream on the Carson River. The City of Fallon will be declaring a precautionary emergency declaration in the coming days.

As part of those efforts, TCID is beginning precautionary releases from Lahontan Reservoir to make room for the high run-off. County residents can expect to see increased water levels in the Carson River starting Monday, March 6. Residents along the river are being asked to remove any fences or other personal property that is within the high water mark to allow for the unobstructed flow of water.

The Big Dig infrastructure, including the emergency weir, completed in 2017 to divert excess water around the City of Fallon and developed areas of Churchill County, remains in place and will serve the county again this year. The county will prepare sandbags for future use at the Miner's Road Vaccine Site.

Keep up-to-date on future actions and important announcements by visiting the county's website at [www.churchillcountynv.gov](http://www.churchillcountynv.gov), the City of Fallon's website at [www.fallonnevada.gov](http://www.fallonnevada.gov) and TCID's at [www.tcid.org](http://www.tcid.org), along with the County's Facebook and Twitter accounts and local media outlets.

*Photo caption: Cleaning debris out of the Carson River in 2017. Similar actions begin the week of March 6 as the county prepares for potential heavy snowmelt.*

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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](http://www.churchillcountynv.gov)*

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