

## Ongoing FCZD projects include:

- Implementation of the Upper Yakima River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan
- Lower Naches River Comprehensive Flood Hazard Management Plan
- Repair and enhancement of McCormick Levee (Gleed Area, Naches River)
- Stream and floodplain data collection for an upcoming flood plan for Wide Hollow and Ahtanum Creeks
- Flood Emergency Response Planning
- Cooperative agreements with local governments and the Yakama Nation for flood and storm water planning
- Participation in Regional Surface/Storm Water Planning with Yakima County and the cities of Union Gap and Yakima
- Leadership for revision of city and county flood maps
- Public education and involvement for surface water and flood planning
- Annual inspection, operation and maintenance of Corps of Engineers levees and floodgates
- Ongoing funding efforts (seeking and administering grants for flood planning and projects)
- Addressing flood hazards related to Regional Transportation projects
- Participate in Regional Floodplain Monitoring studies and projects of other agencies
- Cooperative project with Yakima County Planning Department to investigate relocation of auto recycling yards from floodplains



Historic Flood, Selah Gap, Dec. 1948



Historic Flood, Union Gap, Dec. 1948

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Historic Flood, Toppenish WA, Dec. 1933

## YAKIMA COUNTYWIDE FLOOD CONTROL ZONE DISTRICT (FCZD)

The FCZD was created to encourage a more long-term look at flood hazards and determine ways to minimize them.

## MISSION

To reduce the risk of flood damage to public and private property through responsible and efficient surface water management. These activities are provided through regulatory activities, master planning, regional coordination, technical assistance, and implementation and maintenance of structural and non-structural projects.

## The FCZD is Countywide

Flooding affects all citizens in the county by:

- Destroying and damaging homes and businesses,
- Disrupting government services,
- Damaging transportation routes and bridges,
- Stranding residents,
- Contaminating water supplies,
- Causing septic system failures,
- And damaging infrastructure such as wastewater treatment plants, drinking water pipelines, power lines, ditches, culverts and other utilities.

These problems have a large effect on the regional economy and can break the budgets of local businesses, Cities, and Yakima County.

For these reasons, the FCZD covers the entire county, including all of the cities.



Toppenish Area, Feb. 1996

## Floodwaters do not respect governmental boundaries

Flood studies and projects are most successful when they are completed on a watershed basis rather than on a governmental boundary basis.

## Formation of the FCZD

After the devastating floods of 1996, Yakima County citizens, businesses, and local governments asked for something to be done to decrease current flooding problems and to prevent future problems. On January 13, 1998, the Board of County Commissioners signed the resolution establishing the County-wide Flood Control Zone District.

## Flood Factsoids

Between 1970 and 1997, Yakima County was declared a federal disaster area 7 times due to flooding. Four of those events happened since 1990!

Total damages to public and private property was in excess of \$34,000,000.

The most damaging floods in our area occur as a result of rapid spring snow melt, or rain falling on snow, especially in the winter.

The catastrophic 1933 flood occurred after all of the current dams had been built.



Lewis Road, Near Naches, Feb. 1996