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## **Flood Erosion Control Funding Approved for Diamond Valley**

Diamond Valley, AB -- The Town is celebrating a major advancement in its flood protection efforts. Following severe flooding in 2013, both the former Towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley received support through Alberta's Flood Recovery and Erosion Control (FREC) program.

As part of this program, post-flood berms were built based on the 1992 Provincial Flood Hazard Mapping, which reflected what was then defined as a 100-year flood level. In May 2025, this mapping was updated following the completion of the [Sheep River Flood Study](#). The study assessed over 60 km of the Sheep River and identified new [flood and river-related hazards](#) leading to more current and accurate flood risk information.

The study results indicate the possibility the existing berms may be overtopped more frequently than originally anticipated. In response, the Town requested — and received — approval to reallocate unused FREC funds to enhance the existing berm and ensure it meets the updated protection standards. The Ministry of Alberta Environment and Protected Areas approved the Town of Diamond Valley's request in the amount of \$2,606,319 specifically for use in this project.

"These projects will help the residents of Diamond Valley be confident that their neighborhoods will be better protected during a flood event, and that their wastewater services will safely and reliably function in both wet and dry years. By investing in the right infrastructure today, we're building a safer, stronger province for generations to come," said Rebecca Schulz, Minister of Environment and Protected Areas.

"Reliable water and waste infrastructure is essential for supporting our communities, our producers, and Alberta's long-term growth. By investing in projects like these, we're helping municipalities like Diamond Valley protect their residents, safeguard the environment and create the stability needed for local businesses and agriculture to thrive," said R.J. Sigurdson, MLA for Highwood, and Minister of Agriculture and Immigration.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to provide improved flood protection to our residents. These upgrades are a vital step in protecting homes, businesses, and infrastructure from future climate-related risks," said Mayor Barry Crane of Diamond Valley.

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