

**Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers  
General Meeting Minutes**

July 12, 2007 – Sandstone Ranch, Longmont, Colorado

**Meeting Attendees**

Name	Organization
Brad Anderson	Anderson Consulting Engineers
David Bennetts	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Joe Chaplin	City of Loveland
Susan Hayes	City of Fort Collins
Kevin Houck – Vice Chair	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Chris Huffer	City of Longmont
Robert Krehbiel	Matrix Design Group
Chad Kudym	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
David Mallory - Treasurer	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Will Meyer	AMEC
Ela Nelson	City of Longmont
Deb Ohlinger – Secretary	Olsson Associates
John Pflaum	ASCG Inc.
Francis Rengers	Engineering & Hydrosystems

The following is a summary of the interactions, comments and items discussed. While this summary is not intended to represent a complete or comprehensive account of the meeting, it is intended to reflect the salient points raised and issues for further consideration. Should the attendees believe that anything might be misrepresented or misleading, please bring this to the attention of Deb Ohlinger, CASFM Secretary.

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Secretary Report – Deb Ohlinger**

With Robert Krehbiel acting as Metro Regional Representative, a quorum was present. The minutes from the May 11, 2007 meeting were distributed. The minutes were approved by a motion and a vote.

**3. Treasurer Report – David Mallory**

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. CASFM received \$2,000 from UWRI for their scholarship. Sponsorship checks have been arriving for the Arid Regions Conference.

**4. Regional Representatives' Reports**

No regional representatives were present. Robert Krehbiel organized a metro social that was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Tom Black of Denver City Parks was an interesting speaker. The food and service were great at the location, but the room setup made it difficult to socialize. Only two people who went on the water quality field trip attended the social, perhaps due to the fact that the field trip ended around 2:00 pm. Robert was asked to organize another social in August. There could be one more toward the end of the year. It was suggested that Scott Franklin from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers be asked to discuss the Rapanos ruling and encroachment.

## 5. Committee Reports

- a) Floodplain/CFM – 10 people, all from Colorado, took and passed the CFM exam at the NFIP conference.
- b) Stormwater Quality – The annual field trip was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>. It was attended by 47 people and was very successful. Michelle DeLaria is interested in putting together a poster to advertise a Low Impact Development (LID) track at the 2008 CASFM conference.
- c) Scholarship – No report.
- d) Outreach – No report.
- e) Membership – No report.
- f) Training – No report.
- g) Website – Approximately 30 people have signed up for the conference so far.
- h) Conference – Discussed below.

A discussion was held regarding how best to obtain and share information about what has been going on with the committees.

## 6. 2007 Conference (CASFM/Arid Regions)

Many items were discussed. Following are key points:

- The brochures will be mailed tomorrow or Monday.
- Because people will be present for the tours that are being held on Tuesday, it was decided to add a Tuesday evening happy hour.
- The tours include a half-day boat tour of Lake Dillon. Since it will be held on September 11, the tour will not get close to the dam. The tour will be offered again on Thursday.
- There will be a casino event after the awards dinner on Thursday night. Participants will be given play money and nineteen dealers from Blackhawk will run blackjack, craps, Caribbean stud, and Texas Hold'em tables. Approximately 120 people will be able to play at one time. It was recommended that a cash bar be available.
- The plenary session is being finalized. Three speakers have been lined up, and one more is needed.
- Preparation of the conference notebooks are the next "big" conference item.
- There aren't many rooms available at the government rate because the reduction in cost must be made up by the room rates for the other attendees.
- 2008 CASFM dues can be paid at the time of conference registration.
- Sponsorship signs must be posted. Olsson Associates can print them if the information is provided.
- Four projects were submitted for awards. They represent a nice variety of projects.

**7. “Adopt a Community” Proposal**

The idea of providing assistance to communities that don't have the resources to address their floodplain issues was discussed. Different ideas on how something could be implemented was discussed. One thought was sponsor a person to attend the annual conference and/or become a Certified Floodplain Manager. This effort needs a champion.

**8. Officer Elections**

There are three outgoing officers – Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. An email will be sent to the membership announcing the officer positions that are up for re-election and asking for nominations. An email ballot will be used for the election and the winners will be presented at the conference.

**9. Other Business**

- a) The Fort Collins newspaper is looking for stories/recollections of the flood ten years ago.
- b) The CASFM conference will be held in Crested Butte the next two years.
- c) A discussion of who has signatory authority for the organization was discussed so that no individual is at risk. The bylaws state that the Chair or Vice Chair shall execute written documents.
- d) Will Meyer discussed an initiative that he is starting. It is aimed at helping children prepare for and recover from disasters. The objectives include conducting a literature review of existing studies/information and compiling it; developing a website that will open a dialogue on the topic; establishing a network of professionals and first responders to address children's needs; and developing deliverables. The first step would be to hire a research assistant to gather all available information. The cost would be approximately \$20,000. Will is seeking both support of the initiative concept and financial support.

The initiative will be an agenda item for the upcoming conference. Since the concept requires a fair amount of explanation, it was requested that a work plan be prepared and emailed prior to the conference.

On behalf of the organization, those present agreed that CASFM supports the concept of the initiative. Any financial support will be discussed after review of a work plan.