# Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers General Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2008 – Crested Butte Mountain Resort, Crested Butte, Colorado

### **Meeting Attendees**

Name	Organization
David Bennetts	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Chris Butler	CH2M Hill
Barbara Chongtoua	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Charlie Curtis	Hinsdale County
Stuart Gardner	Colorado Department of Transportation
Kevin Houck – Chair	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Robert Krehbiel – Denver RR	Matrix Design Group
Matt Lindburg	Brown and Caldwell
Dennis Maroney – Southeast RR	City of Pueblo
Brian Murphy	CDM
Deb Ohlinger – Secretary	Olsson Associates
John Pflaum	WHPacific

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. Secretary Report – Deb Ohlinger

A quorum was present with David Bennetts serving as proxy for Chad Kudym. Minutes from the May 8, 2008 meeting were distributed. One correction was noted. The minutes were approved by a motion and a vote.

#### 2. Treasurer Report – David Bennetts

The treasurer's report was distributed. There was a question as to whether the training budget had been reduced. It seemed there was likely a miscommunication since it had not been reduced. The report was approved by a motion and a vote.

## 3. Regional Representatives' Reports

Denver Metro – Robert Krehbiel reported that a social was held in Aurora on June 16, 2008. The topic was the Prairie Waters project. The next social will be August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Millennium House in Boulder. It will be on a Friday and they will have free live music. The social area will be separate from the performance area. The speaker will be Dr. Larry Roesner and he will talk about Low Impact Development.

Southeast – Dennis Maroney reported that the last social was held in Colorado Springs and that it was not heavily attended. The next event will be in Pueblo, perhaps at one of the new restaurants along the river. There is a new LID expert at CSU-Pueblo and hopefully he will be willing to do a presentation.

# 4. Committee Reports

- a) Floodplain/CFM Craig Jacobson will help with the all-day CFM review class on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Chris Tagert will proctor the exam. It should be emphasized, as usual, that anyone wanting to take the exam must register separately with ASFPM at least two weeks prior to the exam. The conference is pre-approved for 12 professional development hours. Approximately 24 people are signed up to take the exam.
- b) Stormwater Quality The annual field trip was a great success, with 50 people in attendance. The trip filled in one week. Michelle DeLaria sent a summary to David Mallory for inclusion in the newsletter. In it's *National Flood Programs and Policies in Review 2007*, available on <a href="https://www.floods.org">www.floods.org</a>, ASFPM commented on good practices and how they are on the land and not just in the channels. This topic could be a good discussion item for the conference.
- c) Scholarship No report.
- d) Outreach No report.
- e) Membership/Training There are 707 active members. Kevin Gingery will retire as committee chair at the end of the conference. The two committees will separate and Kevin will remain involved with the membership committee. There has been some interest expressed in chairing the training committee. A discussion about the poor results of the training survey and the cancellation of training sessions due to poor attendance was held. Brian Murphy reported that the question of whether the membership was even interested in training was discussed at the last committee meeting. It was suggested that the survey be placed at the registration table and that a drawing be held for those submitting the survey as an incentive.
- f) Website The website is running fine and registration is proceeding smoothly. Stuart is looking into a third party vendor for some improved aspects of registration for next year. There were 129 people signed up, which puts us two weeks ahead of last year.
- g) Conference See item 9.

## 5. Newsletter Update

David Mallory sent in the newsletter information for production. It should be distributed next week. It will only be issued electronically. David would appreciate feedback after it is distributed.

#### 6. Banner Update

After a decent photo of people at a CASFM function is obtained, one banner will be ordered.

#### 7. CASFM Election

Elections will be held in accordance with the bylaws. Nominations will be solicited for the officers and regional representatives. Officers may reside in any region, but the regional representatives must reside in their respective region. Elections will be held online. A two-

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week nomination period, with one-week turnaround for the ballot, and a two-week voting period was recommended. People can nominate themselves or be nominated by others. The elections will be completed prior to the conference. Deb Ohlinger has been in the secretary position for the maximum two years. The other three officers have served in their positions one year.

## 8. FEMA Mitigation Grants Available

Kevin Houck distributed information about the FEMA grant programs. A unified application can be made for each of the programs – Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program, Flood Mitigation Assistance Program, Repetitive Flood Claims Program, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The first interest letter deadline is August 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 9. 2008 Conference Items

The conference brochure was distributed this week. Approximately half of the people registered have signed up for a Friday morning activity. There was concern that people were not aware that there are no technical sessions on Friday, so it was added to the registration page. The bus might be cancelled for the Taylor Dam tour. Other specifics regarding the tours and the conference were discussed.

The question of where to hold the conference in 2010 was raised. No plans have been made.

## 10. Flood Season Review and Discussion

Not discussed.

#### 11. Other Business

None.