

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

January 11, 2007 – Urban Drainage and Flood Control District, Denver, Colorado

Meeting Attendees

Name	Organization
Aaron Asquith	McLaughlin Rincon
David Bennetts	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Tom Browning – Chair	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Barbara Chongtona	CH2M Hill
Chuck Childs	Kimley-Horn
Kevin Doyle	Michael Baker
Jeremy Franz	Ayres Associates
Dawn Gladwell	Colorado Water Conservation Board
David Hollingsworth	City of Longmont
Kevin Houck – Vice Chair	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Robert Krehbiel	Matrix Design Group
Chad Kudym	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Lisa Lauver	Stantec Consulting
David Mallory - Treasurer	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District
Deb Ohlinger - Secretary	Olsson Associates
Thuy Patton	Colorado Water Conservation Board
Holly Piza	Sellards & Grigg/SHE
John Pflaum	ASCG Inc.
Rob Rahrs	HDR Inc.
Cindy Thrush	Urban Drainage and Flood Control District

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. Introduction and welcome

2. Secretary Report – Deb Ohlinger

A quorum was present. The minutes from the November 9, 2006 meeting were distributed. One correction was noted. The minutes were approved by a motion and a vote.

3. Treasurer Report – David Mallory

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. David noted that the report was essentially a year-end wrap-up. The 2007 proposed budget was presented, discussed, and approved by a motion and a vote.

4. Regional Representatives' Reports

No regional representatives were present.

5. Committee Reports

- a) Floodplain/CFM – No report was made.
- b) Stormwater Quality – No report was made.
- c) Scholarship – The CASFM scholarship was officially awarded to Rob Rahrs of HDR Inc., who was present.
- d) Outreach – Chuck Childs reported that he hopes to have a CASFM booth at the Colorado Municipal League (CML) conference in June. He would like volunteers at the conference to either man the booth or participate in roundtables. John Pflaum wondered if certain agencies had internal newsletters and suggested CASFM provide them with an article about CASFM to include in the newsletters. The ASCE water resources group meeting is on January 18th. Improved communication between the ASCE group and CASFM could be beneficial.

Inviting federal employees to take advantage of free memberships was discussed. Chuck said he would help coordinate contacting them if he was given names and contact information of people. A list of potential people was generated and included the following:

Tri-Lakes Corps of Engineers – Scott Franklin
Corps of Engineers Colorado Service Office – Sandy Rayl
USGS – John Elliott
USFWS – Tom Jackson, Steve Smith, Peter Plage
EPA – Sarah Fowler
FEMA – Nancy Steinberger
USFS – Stream Team in Fort Collins
NPS – ?
Bureau of Reclamation – ?
NRCS – ?
NWS – Trestle Hughes

- e) Membership/Training – No report was made.
- f) Training – No report was made.
- g) Website – No report was made.
- h) Conference – Robert Krehbiel reported that 40 of 200 attendees turned in 2006 conference evaluations. He would like to see more participation. Evaluation results were distributed and discussed.

6. 2007 Conference (CASFM/Arid Regions)

Considerable discussion about the conference plans took place. Following are the resulting key points:

The conference priority is the Arid Regions conference and then the CASFM conference. Therefore, the ASFPM logo should be more prominent in materials. John Pflaum noted that there will be a Colorado awards program that anyone can attend. Chad Kudym will coordinate a sponsorship program. Awards submittals will likely be moved to the end of May instead of the end of June. The notice for registration will likely take place at the end of May. The call for papers deadline will be at the end of March and the call for awards deadline will be the end of May.

Workshops that will help draw in people from other states were discussed. One workshop could be debris flow mitigation projects in Vail. The first day will be workshops, with the typical conference the remaining days. For the plenary session, it might be interesting to have a representative from each state discuss an event that has happened in the past and what has been learned from it (such as the Fort Collins flood).

The CFM review will be on Tuesday and the exam will be Wednesday morning. Internal meetings for conference organizers were recommended.

7. FEMA NFIP Conference

The conference will be held at the Adams Mark Hotel in Denver, April 29 through May 3, 2007. The conference targets the insurance industry and expanded to include mapping and flood insurance. There is an opportunity for CASFM to participate in the 2007 conference by proctoring the CFM exam, conducting field trips, organizing a 5K run, or hosting a vendor booth. People interested in helping with the conference should contact Kevin Houck. In Philadelphia, the conference was attended by approximately 800 people.

8. CASFM Magazine Update

The first publication for 2007 will be self-published. Kevin would like submissions before January 31st for the self-produced newsletter to be published in February. The second publication will be the Open Channel magazine.

9. Other Business

- a) Email distribution list – It was suggested that more than one person (Barb Meier currently has it now) have access to the list, perhaps the Chair.
- b) General meeting start time – It was agreed that 9:00 is a good time.
- c) Items not on the agenda – Kevin Doyle noted that he is trying to organize a workshop to follow the UDFCD workshop on February 20th. Ed Thomas will be the speaker and the workshop will be entitled, “Legal Issues in the Floodplain – Navigating the Confluence of Property Rights, Floodplain Management, Wetlands, Levees, and Dams.”