

## CASFM April 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to Spring! CASFM is in high gear getting ready for our Annual Conference, Regional Meetings and Seminars, Upcoming Training, and more. We could also use some help on a few of our committees! Please find below some useful notes for the upcoming months on meetings and committee happenings.

Thank you for being a member!

### Annual Conference

2023 CASFM Annual Conference is Sunday, September 17 - Wednesday, September 20 at the Keystone Conference Center. Mark your calendars.

Call For Presentations and Workshops and the Call For Project Awards is out with a **due date of April 7, 2023**. You can find the flyers and submittal forms on the [Annual Conference](#) page.

We are planning to Call for Sponsorships in May and have Open Registration for the Conference in Late June. Want to get on the list for possible sponsorships for the Conference?

Email Michelle @ [mdanaher@olsson.com](mailto:mdanaher@olsson.com)

We will try and keep the [Conference Webpage](#) updated with this and future info.

### Next CASFM General Membership Meetings

May 18th (hybrid and held in person in the Loveland Public Works Administration Building (2525 W. 1st Street, Conference Room 203, Loveland, CO 80537) at 9am

July 7th (hybrid and held in person at Conference location - this year at Keystone) at TBD.

September meeting will be during the conference, either Monday September 18th or Tuesday September 19th.

Please keep a look out for emails for links and we will try and keep the [calendar](#) updated. You can also find previous meeting minutes [here](#).

### Upcoming Regional Meetings

Metro - Working on events in April 2023. More to come.

Northeast - Social event and tour this summer.

Northwest - The Current Water Issues on the Western Slope CASFM Seminar is in Glenwood Springs on **Friday April 28th**. Registration is [here](#).

Southeast - Working on April/May social. Joint golf tournament end of July with ASCE, dates coming soon.

Southwest - Nothing planned in Q1 of 2023.

Please keep a look out for emails for links and we will try and keep the [calendar](#) updated.

Curious which region you are in or who your Regional Representative is? Check out the office list and map at the bottom of this [page](#). If you have a suggestion for an upcoming meeting, feel free to reach out to your Regional Representative.

### Outreach and Training

Upcoming Trainings:

Basic HEC-RAS 1D Training – May 8-10<sup>th</sup> **SOLD OUT**

HEC-RAS 2D Training – June 27-29th at Merrick in Greenwood Village. Registration will open in May. Keep your eyes open for an email.

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We will be giving one Research Grant (\$2,500) this year, more info to come in the fall.

The Outreach & Training Committee is looking for more volunteers! If you have an interest in social media, website design, or have ideas for training opportunities or lunch and learns please join our monthly committee meetings! Please contact Katie Kerstiens ([kkerstiens@mhfd.org](mailto:kkerstiens@mhfd.org)) to be added to the meeting invite. In addition, if you have any ideas for a lunch and learn, or a recent construction project for a field trip, or a new training CASFM should be looking into, please feel free to reach out.

### Other Opportunities for CASFM Members

The 2021-2022 ASFPM RISE Challenge was held in three states, including Colorado, with over 35 projects submitted and 475 students. You can find more information found [here](#).

The National Floodplain Function Alliance Wetland Mapping Consortium, sponsored by ASFPM and ASWM, has their Final Report available [here](#).

ASFPM Foundation's 2022 Annual Report is available on the [ASFPM Foundation website](#).

The ASFPM Conference will be Utah in late June 2024. More info [here](#).

CFM Exam - Want to become a Certified Floodplain Manager? Check out [this page](#) to see how you can register with ASFPM, find upcoming exam locations or take it digitally at a testing center, and useful study info to get ready.

Toastmasters - The club meets monthly at the MHFD Board Room with a virtual option, typically over lunch on the last Thursday of the month for 1.5 hours. Please email Dave Skuodas ([dskuodas@mhfd.org](mailto:dskuodas@mhfd.org)) or Jen Winters ([jwinters@mhfd.org](mailto:jwinters@mhfd.org)) if you're interested in participating, there's always an open door for new members. If you'd like to explore Toastmasters on your own, visit <https://www.toastmasters.org/>.

The Emerging Professionals Workshop Program, presented by the US Army Corps Colorado Silver Jackets, will focus on introductory level soft skills to be an effective steward of Colorado floodplains for professionals in their first ten years of floodplain management, water management, emergency management and related fields. If you are interested, claim your FREE ticket [here](#).

### Committee News

We are highlighting the [Stormwater Quality Committee](#) this month!

The Stormwater Quality Committee meets frequently to facilitate discussion, information exchange, and educational opportunities related to stormwater quality management techniques for the built environment with the goal to reduce surface runoff and improve receiving water quality. Group participation includes planning and facilitating stormwater quality field trips and other educational and networking opportunities. For 2023 the committee plans to host multiple half day field trips along with quarterly socials. Please reach out to Candice Owen ([owenc@boulder.colorado.gov](mailto:owenc@boulder.colorado.gov)) if you have any questions or would like to join our email list.

We want to thank Dan Hill for his service leading the [Scholarship Committee](#) and also thank Drew Roberts for volunteering to lead the committee moving forward with some help from Dan. Your support to this very valuable committee is much appreciated.

### Committee Help Needed

Our [Young Members Group](#) is a great way to get involved with CASFM and meet some colleagues in the field, especially if you are new to this field. The YMG could use some new volunteers to help continue this great program, especially some **new committee co-chairs**. If you are interested, please reach out to [elsner@dewberry.com](mailto:elsner@dewberry.com) to find out how to help.

The [Flood Technical Assistance Partnership \(FTAP\)](#) was founded in 2011 to meet the needs that exist between multiple organizations within Colorado that support floodplain management, like DHSEM, CDWR, CDOT, CDPHE, DOLA, MHFD, FEMA, City and County of Denver, Clear Creek, and CASFM. CASFM has supported this partnership since its inception and we are looking for help in **new committee co-chairs**. If you are interested, please reach out to [elsner@dewberry.com](mailto:elsner@dewberry.com) to find out how to help.

### Help Wanted Page

CASFM provides the Help Wanted page for public and private member entities to list any openings. CASFM cannot promote any specific opening through CASFM emails, websites, or any CASFM function like the Annual Conference. The job openings are self-uploaded and will stay on the web page for 3 months. You can find the latest opening [here](#).