

CASFM June 2023 Newsletter

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Happy summer fellow CASFM members. We are emerging from our long Colorado winter to bursting streams and early season thunderstorms which remind us to stay vigilant in our advocacy for floodplains. We have lots of great information in this month's newsletter so please soak it in. Keep the information in mind the next time a friend or colleague asks you, "what is CASFM?"

We have officially adopted our Mission and Vision Statements:

Vision – Working to promote, enhance, and protect streams and floodplains for the benefit of all.

Mission – CASFM connects professionals who keep Colorado's watersheds resilient through opportunities to learn and give back.

At our May meeting we made two bylaw changes. The first adjusted the date of new officer induction, and the second revised duties of the Vice-Chair. The changes can be found in our meeting minutes attached [here](#).

Speaking of elections, joining the board is a great avenue for expanding your knowledge of our industry and industry colleagues. Call for nominations will occur later this summer, so now is the time to reach out to current board members if you want to learn more about any of the positions.

Annual Conference

2023 CASFM Annual Conference is Sunday, September 17 - Wednesday, September 20 at the Keystone Conference Center. IT'S ALMOST HERE!

We appreciate all of the Papers and Project Awards that were sent recently. A great collection of all the good work our members do within the state and beyond. Each year it is difficult to choose the collection of presentations and awards that will be given at the conference. If your item was not selected and you would like to disseminate the information, please feel to contact your local Regional Representative and see if we can set up presentation during a happy hour.

Sponsor Registration will be open on June 20, 2023. You can find all the information [here](#). We have tried to create more opportunities for sponsorship to allow for more flexibility. Contact Michelle Danaher @ mdanaher@olsson.com if you have any questions.

Conference Registration is in the works and we are hoping to have it open before the end of June. Keep your eyes open for that email. There are many activities being planned and it looks to be an awesome time.

NOTE - Due to recent changes in how ASFPM conducts the CFM exam on an individual basis, CASFM will not be hosting any CFM exams during the Conference. 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.

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

Next CASFM General Membership Meetings

July 7th (hybrid and held in person at Conference location - this year at Keystone) at 10am to 12pm.

September meeting will be during the conference, Monday September 18th at TBD.

November 9th at the Matrix office in Colorado Springs from 9am to 11am.

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 - Plans are in the works, please watch for an email soon.

Northeast - Social event and tour this summer.

Northwest - Nothing planned for the near future.

Southeast - Joint CASFM/ASCE Golf Tournament at Pine Creek on 7/27 (registration to open soon)

Southwest - Social get together in Durango in August. Dates and details coming soon!
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:

HEC-RAS 2D Training – June 27-29th at Merrick in Greenwood Village. SOLD OUT – due to the demand we are planning to hold a second training in the fall, more info to come.
Please keep a look out for emails for links and we will try and keep the [calendar](#) updated.

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! Next O&T meeting is June 21st (typically the third Wednesday of each month)

Please contact Katie Kerstiens (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

UWRI is hosting a two day course at the offices of the Mile High Flood District on August 24th and 25th. Registration is [here](#).

The New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association (<https://www.nmfma.org/>) has requested to see if any CASFM members would like to present at their annual conference November 8 & 9. You can find the Conference info at their website.

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 in 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) or Jen Winters (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](#). The Denver event has already occurred, but there are events in Colorado Springs (June 12th), Grand Junction (August 9th),

and Alamosa (August 24th).

The National Hydrologic Warning Council is having its biennial conference June 19-22 in Breckenridge. This conference is particularly useful to those interested in flood warning and hydrologic forecasting. See [here](#) for more info.

Committee News

We are highlighting the [Community Rating System Committee](#) this month!

The CRS committee is for new and experienced CRS communities. The committee shares the latest information from the ISO and FEMA regarding program updates. The committee also provides a platform for specific program questions and experiences through the CRS annual and cycle process. Committee members always learn so much from each other and nobody wants to recreate the wheel! This month the CRS Committee will be reviewing the upcoming revised Elevation and Floodproofing Certificates. In addition, any pertinent news for the CRS community from ASFPM will be shared. They will be having their next meeting June 13th from 10am to noon virtually. You can find the link on our [calendar](#).

Committee Help Needed

Our [Young Members Group](#) is a great way to get involved with CASFM and meet 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 Danny Elsner at eelsner@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 Danny Elsner at eelsner@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 openings [here](#).