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Floodplain Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2025 12:00 to 1:00 PM

- 1) Intro
 - a) New members
 - i) Hamid – American Company, Senior Civil Eng, Hydraulics and FPM, Phd instructor in pas
- 2) Recent Federal News
 - a) FEMA Reform plan and committee – ASFPM letter in the chat
 - i) Comments submitted Aug 27th
 - ii) ASFPM wants FEMA to be its own entity
 - iii) CTP money is being held up. Immediate need for FY25/26 funds.
 - b) Atlas 15 is back in process
 - c) ASCE 24-24 – free digital access through ASFPM
 - i) Digital version with membership
 - ii) Recommend regulating to 0.2% (500yr)
 - d) CRS Redesign update
 - i) New CRS manual is available but was not available for Heather about a month ago. Now it is back up.
 - ii) Consolidated the last update into the new manual
 - iii) There are very minimal changes to reflect the Executive Orders. Edited for EO compliance.
 - iv) Recertification
 1. Melanie – still class 5
 - v) Otherwise no update on CRS redesign
 - e) Other Federal updates? – Caitlin CWCB
 - i) CAP – SSSE NOFO
 - ii) Awards going out in the next few weeks
 - iii) If the money is not awarded in the next month, then the money will go back to the federal government
 - iv) State has not obtained grants – hopeful, but nothing known right now. This effects:
 1. RISK MAP
 2. LOMR Review Partner program = CTP
- 3) State News – CWCB
 - a) CTP NOFO – Caitin CWCB – still hasn't been received
 - i) MHFD - Approval to temp fund LOMR program with State funds
 - ii) Jan 2026 – CWCB plans to fund through this date (LOMR program)
- 4) MHFD News

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- a) Strategic Foresight Initiative
 - i) Jeremy Hamer – looking at studying what this industry looks like the future (budgets, AI, politics) so that they can be more proactive.
 - ii) District has talked with stakeholders, looking for funds within MHFD to see if the study can be done.
 - iii) Developing a stakeholder group – workshop in October.
 - b) Current grant situation
 - i) From DHS there has been a pause on funding opportunities (Caitlin)
 - ii) State has natural disaster management enterprise fund (NDME) (Jeremy)
 - 1. Much smaller funds than BRIC
 - c) MHFD is actively managing their CTP budget, and have 2 or 3 LOMC cases going directly to FEMA for review, rather than through their CTP consultant
- 5) Other news –
- a) Texas Hill Country Floods - Flood Warning vs development discussion
 - i) Flood warning system – is that the answer?
 - ii) Will wait to see if TX decides to rebuild in the floodplain or if they will remove them from the floodplain
 - iii) Not as much discussion, in the news, regarding why the new camper buildings were located in the floodway/fringe in the first place.
 - iv) Pat OConnell –
 - 1. a large portion of the impact was outside of the floodway. The people there did not know how to react. How do we message that?
 - v) Melissa Bryant
 - 1. Retired from San Antonio River Authority
 - 2. They did have a warning system
 - 3. Many folks there were not familiar with the area. Not familiar with the flooding risk
 - 4. No cell service, were not getting the alerts as result
 - 5. Need to educate better and notify
 - vi) Monica Bortolini - Longmont
 - 1. really need to think about what buildings, if any, should be in the floodway.
 - 2. Longmont has proposed no camping in the floodway in their updated FPM ordinance
 - 3. Longmont has proposed no new buildings in the floodway in their updated FPM ordinance
 - 4. Monica has promised to provide the committee Crosswalk table of proposed ordinance changes once it is available
 - vii) Jeremy Hamer - Denver
 - 1. floodway is a proxy for hazard but not always hazardous.
 - 2. Floodways can be wide with CO State 0.5ft surcharge.
 - 3. Denver is considering a high hazard zone that informs the FW more.
 - 4. Denver uses regulatory products but in process of updating Floodplain Regulations Ordinance. Legal issues come up with new designations

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- viii) Heather – while people may not be at risk of having their home swept away, flooding is very damaging.
- b) First Street Flood Risk Model – Kim Pirri
 - i) Jeremy Hamer reviewed for Kim
 - ii) ASFPM First Street Talking Points (2020): https://asfpm-library.s3-us-west-2.amazonaws.com/ASFPM_Pubs/ASFPM_Talking_Points_First_Street_Found...
 - iii) Non-profit
 - iv) Nationwide flood mapping
 - v) Black box
 - vi) Publishing for free 2023, BLE, ASFPM published
 - vii) Not a replacement for FEMA data
 - viii) Issues with accuracy should not be used for regulatory purposes
 - ix) Still good info to have in case you don't have information
 - x) Can underrepresent in some cases and overrepresent in others. Okay for planning. There is a time and place for it.
 - xi) Now you need to pay for it.
 - xii) MHFD is comparing it to their data to see where they may prioritize studies.
 - xiii) Jeremy showed what the product looks like on Zillow.
 - xiv) Seeing less inquires and using Zillow or Redfin data, instead of reaching out to floodplain administrators or contacting communities for mapping information
- c) ASFPM Call for Abstracts – Conference in Milwaukee, WI – May 31 – June 4 2026
- 6) Future meetings, webinars, classes, or field trips – ALL
 - a) Recently became a ASCE Member - get daily articles/newsletters
 - b) EMI is also starting up again and finally has some FPM classes
 - c) September is National Preparedness Month! ASFPM has many resources.

Adjourned at approximately 12:56pm.

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