

# COLORADO ASSOCIATION OF STORMWATER AND FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS

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**Date/Time:** July 10, 2026, 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
**Location:** Hybrid In-person/WebEx  
The Steamboat Grand - 2300 Mt Werner Cir., Steamboat Springs, CO)  
**Remote:** Join WebEx Meeting (see Events Calendar for link)

## GENERAL MEMBER MEETING AGENDA:

1. **Call to Order – Jen Winters, MHFD**
  - A. Elections in July - Treasurer and SE Representative
2. **Secretary – Katie Kerstiens, MHFD**
  - A. Check for quorum (if needed)
  - B. Approval of last meetings minutes
3. **Treasurer’s Report – Frans Lambrechtsen, Kimley-Horn**
  - A. 2026 Profit & Loss/Cash Flow Update
  - B. Colorado Gives Endowment Update
  - C. Final year of term as Treasurer - invitation to anyone interested to find out more about the role
4. **Vice Chair – Jeremy Deischer, ICON**
  - A. Highlight Regional Reports (see attached reports)
  - B. Highlight Committee Reports (see attached reports)
5. **Ascend Training Program Update - Shea Thomas, CASFM Executive Director**
  - A. 2027 Curriculum
  - B. Gates Family Foundation
  - C. Flyer
6. **Annual Conference - Jason Messamer, CSU**
  - A. Sponsorships
  - B. Registration open
  - C. Hotel block sold out
  - D. App is available: Eventify
  - E. Entertainment Plan? - CASFM’s Got Talent! (deadline 7/31)
  - F. Speaker training sessions - 7/9 and 7/22
  - G. Moderator training - 7/16
  - H. What to Expect at the Conference - 9/9
  - I. Meet Ups: Find Your Way; Find Your Peers; Find Your People
7. **ASFPM Update – Brooke Seymour, MHFD**
  - A. 2026 Conference Recap
  - B. Updates
    1. CTP NOFO announced
    2. CAP-SSSE NOFO announced
    3. Communication with FEMA is reopening
8. **Upcoming Meetings**
  - A. Board and Committee Meeting - 12:00 pm, September 16, 2026

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B. General Membership Meeting - 9:00 - 11:00 am, November 12, 2026 (TBD)

**9. Adjourn**

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**REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, COMMITTEE, AND MISC. REPORTS**

**July 10, 2026**

**REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS**

**Northeast Region: Caryn Nezat, Ayres ([NezatC@AyresAssociates.com](mailto:NezatC@AyresAssociates.com))**

- Forging Connections Event was held May 20th at the Forge Event Center
- Looking for partners or other recommendations for future events
- Planning to hold another 1 or 2 events this year

**Southwest Region: Melissa Bryant, RESPEC ([melissa.bryant@respec.com](mailto:melissa.bryant@respec.com))**

- Planning a tour of the Durango Botanic Gardens & Santa Rita Water Reclamation Facility late September. Will post dates soon.

**Northwest Region: Toby Thieman, Bohannon Huston ([Tthieman@bhinc.com](mailto:Tthieman@bhinc.com))**

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**Metro Region: Heather Ottstetter, Westminster ([hotterst@cityofwestminster.us](mailto:hotterst@cityofwestminster.us))**

- Sponsoring the Water Quality Committee's Summer Picnic. More info below from that committee.
- Planning a tour of Westminster's Big Dry Creek Streambank Restoration Project in late August/early September. Details coming soon.

**Southeast Region: Jordan Becker, Matrix Design Group ([jordan\\_becker@matrixdesigngroup.com](mailto:jordan_becker@matrixdesigngroup.com))**

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Annual Conference: Jason Messamer, CSU ([jmessamer@csu.org](mailto:jmessamer@csu.org))**

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**Floodplain Management: Monica Bortolini, City of Longmont ([Monica.Bortolini@longmontcolorado.gov](mailto:Monica.Bortolini@longmontcolorado.gov)) & Connor Johnson, AECOM ([Connor.Johnson@aecom.com](mailto:Connor.Johnson@aecom.com))**

- Latest meeting was held June 24th
- Open to ideas for future site visits

**Colorado Flood TAP: Brian Varrella, CDOT ([Brian.Varrella@state.co.us](mailto:Brian.Varrella@state.co.us))**

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**Outreach & Training: Andrew Kustus, RESPEC ([andrew.kustus@respec.com](mailto:andrew.kustus@respec.com)) and Lola Sanchez, Benesch ([msanchez@benesch.com](mailto:msanchez@benesch.com))**

- Volunteer event at Village Farms (Stanley Market Place) was held on May 2. Thanks to Erika Bowman for leading that event!
- Reynolds Landing tour was held on May 13 with a social immediately after. We decided to charge \$20 for attendance, and 38 people registered for the event. The small fee may be a good idea to continue forward for tours.
- HEC-RAS 1D training was held at MHFD on 6/29-7/1. 10 of the 20 spaces were filled. We will be re-assessing the types, lengths, and costs for any future training events this year.

**Stormwater Quality: Candice Owen, MHFD ([cowen@mhfd.org](mailto:cowen@mhfd.org))**

- Water Quality Field Trip to Boulder in June was a great success! Thanks to speakers and volunteers!
- Save the Date: Summer picnic Thurs. August 13th @ La Lomita Park
  - o DOTI will be speaking on their Green Infrastructure program

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### **Scholarship: Chair Ben Liu, Matrix ([ben\\_liu@matrixdesigngroup.com](mailto:ben_liu@matrixdesigngroup.com))**

- Golf Tournament: June 6 at Hyland Hills Golf Course
  - 120 golfers raised over \$7,000 for the scholarships fund: thank you to participants, sponsors, and volunteers for contributing to a great event!
- Raffle license in progress
- Committee working on soliciting items for the upcoming conference raffle/auction, if you (or someone you know) can donate a unique item or experience please reach out to [mstewart@olsson.com](mailto:mstewart@olsson.com)
- Met with with Colorado Gives on May 18
  - CASFM likely to pursue setting up a Family Scholarship Endowment

### **Younger Members Group: Josie Steffens, ICON Engineering ([jsteffens@iconeng.com](mailto:jsteffens@iconeng.com)) & Erika Bowman, HDR ([Erika.Bowman@hdrinc.com](mailto:Erika.Bowman@hdrinc.com)) & Luke McLean, Kimley-Horn ([Luke.McLean@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Luke.McLean@kimley-horn.com))**

- We had a good turn out for mini golf and our annual picnic in June!
- July 8: Supporting The Greenway Foundations YP stream clean up event at Confluence Park in Denver. Trash pick up starts at 6 pm with refreshments at 7:30 pm. It's okay to come even if you can only make a portion of it! Sign up here: [July 2026: Young Professionals Happy Hour Volunteer Project - The Greenway Foundation](#)
- Aug 4: Rockies vs. Rays game at 6:40 pm. ADS sponsored 30 tickets and we have 20 left, so be on the look out to RSVP. We will meet prior to the game for a happy hour and to distribute tickets.
- Sept 15: YMG dinner 5-6:30 pm at the CASFM conference, location TDB.

### **Mentor-Protege Program: Emily Villines, Calibre ([emurphy@calibre-engineering.com](mailto:emurphy@calibre-engineering.com)) & Claire Paschke, Kimley-Horn ([Claire.Paschke@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Claire.Paschke@kimley-horn.com))**

- We have hosted 3 out of our 4 group meetings. Our final meeting will be in August, and we'll wrap up with a social at the CASFM Annual Conference.
- Expect to see the applications open for 2027 at the beginning of the year. Encourage your friends and colleagues to apply!
- For next year's budget, **we would like to consider obtaining a sponsorship or formally-approved CASFM funding to cover costs** for our group meetings and materials. **Our ask would be: \$2000.**

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Costs were ~\$3200 in 2025 (which CASFM graciously covered) and costs are expected to be around \$3000 for 2026. The mentor/protege committee covers ~1500-1900 through participant registration, so we'd like to cover the offset.

**Toastmasters: Carter Strien, Kimley-Horn ([Carter.Strien@kimley-horn.com](mailto:Carter.Strien@kimley-horn.com))**

- CASFM Toastmasters Club will no longer be hosting meetings going forward. We will be organizing a "Farewell" Happy Hour in August. More details to follow!

**Book Club: Frans Lambrechsten and Brenna Wood, Kimley-Horn ([frans.lambrechsten@kimley-horn.com](mailto:frans.lambrechsten@kimley-horn.com) and [brenna.wood@kimley-horn.com](mailto:brenna.wood@kimley-horn.com))**

- **Current Book:** Supercommunicators - read through Chapter 4
- Meets the first Thursday of every month at 12p
  - Next Meeting is 7/9
- **Key Takeaways:** Supercommunicators ask a lot of questions and do less talking. They help bring others into sync and invite vulnerability. They can identify the type of conversation that is taking place (practical, social, or emotional) and quickly adapt, making others feel heard and promoting higher mutual understanding among all involved.
- **Upcoming Events:** Annual CASFM Conference in-person meet-up with CASFM Mentorship program, (hopefully) featuring CASFM speaker and author of a previous Book Club pick, Boyce Upholdt!

**Municipal Stormwater Partnership: Melanie Walter, Arvada ([mwalter@arvada.org](mailto:mwalter@arvada.org))**

Kickoff virtual meeting set for August 6th 3pm-4pm. Anyone who filled out the poll was automatically invited. Feel free to add yourself, or forward it to anyone else, via this [link](#). If the link doesn't work for you, email me and I will add you.

Goals of the kickoff meeting:

- Meeting topics - all disciplines together or separated (Capital, Dev Rev, MS4, Floodplain)
- Frequency of meetings (quarterly, monthly, etc)
- Knowledge sharing platforms
- Meeting locations/formats (virtual vs. in person or hybrid)

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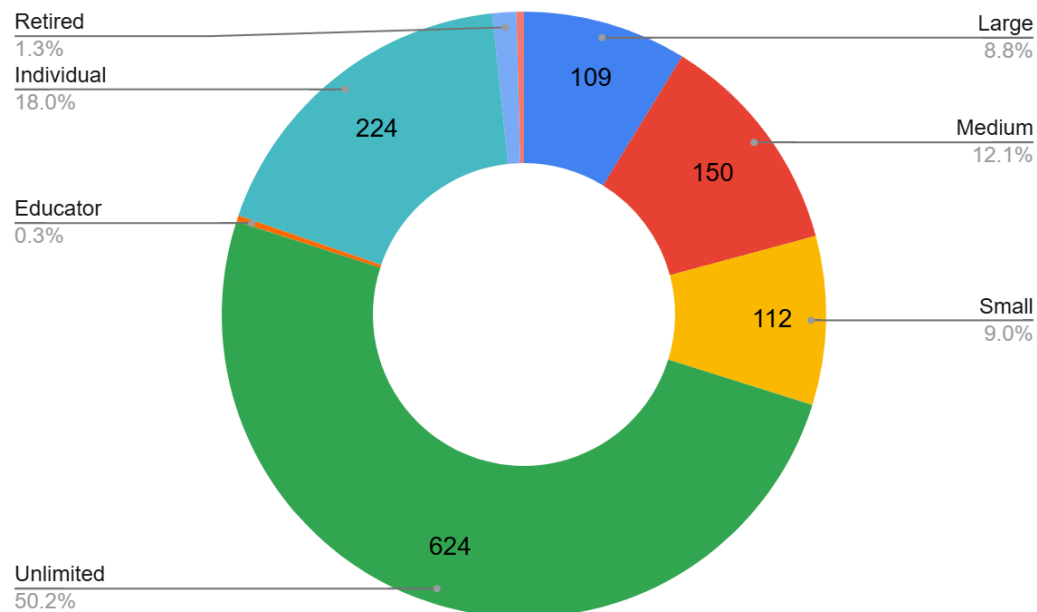


## MISC. REPORTS

**Membership: Dan Hill, MHFD ([dhill@mhfd.org](mailto:dhill@mhfd.org)) and Stuart Gardner**

- Membership info below as of 5/11.

| Level        | Total        | Bundle    | Active       | Renewal<br>overdue | Lapsed     | Pending  |          |          | New in last |          |
|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|----------|
|              |              |           |              |                    |            | New      | Renewal  | Change   | 7d          | 30d      |
| Large        | 109          | 6         | 109          |                    |            |          |          |          |             |          |
| Medium       | 150          | 11        | 150          |                    |            |          |          |          |             |          |
| Small        | 124          | 19        | 112          | 12                 | 12         |          |          |          |             |          |
| Unlimited    | 624          | 19        | 624          |                    |            |          |          |          | 1           | 3        |
| Educator     | 5            |           | 4            |                    |            | 1        |          |          | 1           |          |
| Individual   | 368          |           | 224          | 137                | 137        | 1        | 2        | 4        | 1           | 3        |
| Retired      | 19           |           | 16           | 3                  | 3          |          |          |          |             |          |
| Student      | 18           |           | 5            | 12                 | 12         | 1        |          |          |             |          |
| Temp         |              |           |              |                    |            |          |          |          |             |          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,417</b> | <b>55</b> | <b>1,244</b> | <b>164</b>         | <b>164</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>2</b>    | <b>7</b> |



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**Website: Katie Kerstiens, MHFD ([kkerstiens@mhfd.org](mailto:kkerstiens@mhfd.org))**

- Calendar Updates - reach out to Katie Kerstiens to add things to the calendar. If desired, all committee members and regional representatives can have access to add things to the calendar themselves and/or Katie can help!

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