



## Speaker Biographies

### NAI-CHARM Resiliency Workshop

*Applications of No Adverse Impact  
for the Lower Rio Grande Valley*

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#### **Terri Turner, AICP, CFM**

##### **Development Services Administrator, Planning & Development Dept., City of Augusta, Georgia**

Ms. Turner has worked for City and County government for over 25 years. Terri serves as the No Adverse Impact (NAI) Committee Co-Chair for the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Terri spends countless hours writing for national publications and touring the nation speaking as a local government expert on community planning initiatives such as green infrastructure, sound floodplain management, the need for hazard mitigation, and promoting community sustainability and resiliency.

#### **Jerry Murphy, JD, AICP, CFM**

##### **Faculty Consultant, Program for Resource Efficient Communities, University of Florida**

Mr. Murphy is a certified floodplain manager, certified urban and regional planner, and legal scholar. His work and research involve land use planning and control law, community based planning, code and regulation drafting, floodplain management, growth and infrastructure finance, post disaster redevelopment planning, community resiliency/sustainability. He currently works with local governments through UF to assemble teams of expert faculty, researchers, and student assistants to craft planning approaches and strategies to climate change, extreme weather, sea level rise and the other challenges facing local governments in the 21st Century.

#### **Thomas Ruppert, Esquire**

##### **Coastal Planning Specialist, Florida Sea Grant**

Mr. Ruppert is a licensed attorney focused on developing legal and policy analysis for local governments on aspects of adaptive planning for sea level rise and community resilience. Some areas of expertise include beach and coastal policy in Florida, Florida's coastal construction control line, comprehensive planning law, Florida's statutory property protections, and U.S. Constitutional property protections. Mr. Ruppert has authored and co-authored numerous legal articles and frequently serves as an invited presenter at events in Florida and in other coastal states. Mr. Ruppert is currently involved with initiatives within Florida communities planning for sea level rise and maintains a website of original resources at [www.flseagrant.org/climatechange/coastalplanning](http://www.flseagrant.org/climatechange/coastalplanning)

#### **Lawrence G. Dunbar, P.E.**

##### **Water Resources & Environmental Engineer / Consultant**

Mr. Dunbar is a licensed professional engineer and a licensed attorney in Texas. He has been practicing as a Water Resources & Environmental Engineer for over 30 years, and as a Water and Drainage attorney for over 20 years. Mr. Dunbar has been a consultant to both the public and private sector, such as drainage districts, counties, water authorities, developers, engineers, landowners and lawyers. He has served as an expert witness in various administrative proceedings, as well as in both state and federal litigation matters. He has also been a frequent speaker at numerous legal and engineering seminars, and has taught college engineering students as a part-time teacher and lecturer.

### **Ataul Hannan, P.E., CFM**

#### **Director of Planning, Harris County Flood Control District**

Mr. Hannan is the Planning Division Director for Harris County Flood Control District, with more than 25 years of experience in watershed management and water resources engineering. He was appointed as Director of Planning Division on April 7, 2015. As Director, Hannan is District's top planning official. The Planning Division devises the plans that guide the District's CIP and identifies the projects that the District designs and constructs. Once risk areas are identified, this Division produces project-specific and/or watershed-based studies that recommend flood damage reduction strategies. The Planning Division also provides critical support for new projects and other District responsibilities by managing right-of-way acquisition, Buyout Program, environmental regulatory support, storm water quality, and coordination with FEMA. HCFCD's Model and Map Management Program, near real time inundation mapping tool and buyout program policies were developed under Mr. Hannan's leadership. Prior to joining the District, he provided technical support to FEMA's NFIP and Disaster Relief Program. He was the lead project engineer for Tropical Storm Allison Recovery Project (Harris County) and North Carolina state wide mapping project. He managed numerous Flood Insurance Studies in many states. Mr. Hannan is the author of more than 100 papers and abstracts on variety of topics. He has extensive experience in modeling as well as advanced 1D/2D software. He is registered as a Professional Engineer in Texas and Virginia. He is also a Certified Flood Plain Manager.

### **Steven Mikulencak, AICP**

#### **Planning Program Director, Texas Community Watershed Partners**

Mr. Mikulencak is an AICP certified planner and Planning Program Director for the Texas Community Watershed Partners planning team. He works from Houston, TX and specializes in stakeholder participation and planning tools for local decision-makers. Before joining A&M, he was a consultant working on comprehensive plans, zoning, design guidelines, and GIS analyses for local governments. He now leads AgriLife's FEMA CTP program, the CHARM program, and develops planning and outreach programs for TX communities, with a focus on risk mitigation through effective long-term planning.

### **John Ryan-Henry, JD**

#### **Resilience Specialist and Legal Advisor, Coastal State Organization**

Mr. Ryan-Henry supports CSO's mission through legal and policy analysis of coastal issues including hazard resilience, climate adaptation, flood risk management, beneficial use of dredged materials, maritime commerce, and offshore development. He joined CSO in 2018 after working jointly with CSO and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Institute for Water Resources as a 2017 Knauss Coastal Policy Fellow. A Rhode Island native, John has a J.D. from the Roger Williams University School of Law and a Master of Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island. As a law student, he worked on coastal zone management issues with the NOAA General Counsel's office and the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council, and on regional ocean planning with SeaPlan in Boston. He is admitted to the bar in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

### **Jeff Stone, GISP, CFM**

#### **Research Manager, Association of State Floodplain Managers**

Mr. Stone is a Research Manager with the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). As part ASFPM's Flood Science Program, he manages research and outreach projects that focus on informing flood policy through science. Projects include, but are not limited to developing and evaluating tools, websites and software; researching the legal, practical and technological issues related to flood management policy and practices; and communicating effective use of GIS tools and applications aimed at floodplain management through webinars and workshops.