

Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call –July 14, 2021

Attendees: Alan Luloff, Brooke Seymour, Darryl Rockfield, Laura Algeo and Dave Knipe

Operating Partners Meeting

We discussed the Op Partners Meeting that was held last Thursday. These meetings are held 3 or 4 times a year with FEMA and National Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Management Agencies (NASFMA). Risk Rating 2.0 was on the agenda. It appears that flood insurance rates will increase nationwide but will be more closely related to actual risk. The tool for rating structures will be available to insurance agents but it is unclear if others (e.g. State NFIP coordinators) will have access to the tool. Dave indicated that it would be useful for state floodplain staff in order to quantify the flood insurance savings for mitigation options such as elevating structures.

Brooke indicated that MHPD uses SFHA mapping to identify areas where they should prioritize for mitigation projects. They are unsure how RR 2.0 will account for flood mitigation projects implemented.

FEMA also indicated that they are planning to use 2D BLE to develop mapping for unmapped streams. One issue is if the modeling developed will be deemed the authoritative models for LOMRs and other modeling. Laura indicated that it will be most useful in Zone A areas or areas presently with no mapping. It was suggested that if FEMA would certify certain state or regional mapping efforts that they could more quickly provide modeling and mapping for these areas.

Laura indicated that one of the issues is that states would need to ensure that the data is in the appropriate FEMA format and that there was adequate server redundancy so that the data would be available and accessible.

Laura indicated that one good example is COBRA where now the COBRA mapping is not directly on the FIRMs but linkages are provided to access the data via NOAA.

Webinars:

The webinar on CTP Business Plans was held on June 23rd. The attendance was a bit lower than normal but this was anticipated since the topic was more specifically targeted towards CTPs and since the ASFPM conference was held recently the need for CFM CECs would be reduced.

The next webinar will be on Transportation Sound Barriers. Sam Brody has agreed to present on the topic. In addition, we will have a specific case study provided by an engineering consultant in CA. We are targeting mid-August. It was suggested we move the date to September to avoid a high vacation period. [The webinar is now scheduled for September 2nd.]

We again discussed the potential of having a webinar on a new QR3 checklist. Laura indicated that she would check on the status of the checklist.

Status of the 2D case studies being developed by FEMA

Laura indicated that there were initially 8 case studies and 5 more are being added. Laura indicated that some information was provided at the ASFPM virtual conference by Andy Bonner and Isaac Allen. She plans to schedule a briefing for the 2D Floodway IPT.

Best Practices

Office of External Affairs had some comments on the Missouri Best Practice write-up. Darryl and Alan edited the document to incorporate some of the comments. (Note: The best practice has been posted without those comments being incorporated.)

The Mile High Flood District case study has been submitted and is going through the review process.

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