

Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call – February 18, 2022

Attendees: Alan Lulloff, Brooke Seymour, Laura Algeo, Darryl Rockfield and Dave Guignet

Webinars

FEMA has completed the Applied Approaches document on non-levee embankments. Brian Koper is scheduled to present on the topic on March 16th. The announcement went out on Wednesday February 16th and so far 594 people have registered.

We discussed options for the next webinar (April – June timeframe). One option is a webinar on FEMA's mitigation grant programs as a follow-up to the FEMA workshop on mitigation grants at the ASFPM conference in May 2021. We discussed polling the attendees asking if the workshop provided enough clarity or do they like a deeper dive into particular components of the workshop.

We also discussed the option of a webinar on the National Water Model. NOAA will be contacted regarding providing speakers for the webinar. Rob Stead with NOAA is a potential speaker on the topic.

Missouri's 2D modeling efforts was discussed. Darryl indicated that 22 counties (1/5 of the state) would soon be going to preliminary mapping. The Resilience on Command initiative the state is implementing will be highlighted in the Wood showcase. This could still be option since the people attending the CTP webinars is a somewhat different audience.

CTP Conversation

The CTP conversation session is again scheduled for 3 pm on Monday afternoon at the conference at the ASFPM conference in Orlando. Necolle Maccherone in past years has helped with an ice breaker session for the group. However, it is unclear if she has been approved to attend the conference in Orlando.

For the agenda we discussed having Laura provide an update on the FEMA CTP program. Having an interactive portion of the agenda would be a good way to get attendees to actively participate. Having breakout sessions with flip charts on easels to record input would be a good way to get active involvement. Laura indicated that it would be useful to get input on the CTP performance measures.

In the past we have had a social on Tuesday evening off-site that has been supported by one or two CTP contractors. Alan will check with Sara on potential off-site locations. An outdoor patio location would be preferred to limit COVID exposure.

Scientific Review Panel

Darryl indicated that there is a community in the St. Louis area that is likely going to file an appeal that may end up being elevated to FEMA's Scientific Review Panel. The present flows are at 22,000 cfs. The state is proposing 18,000 while the community has had a CLOMR approved by FEMA at 10,000 cfs. The FEMA contractor was not aware of the restudy conducted by the state and therefore approved the much lower flows. This is a good example of the value of the state becoming a LOMR review partner. Darryl indicated it would not be possible for the state to hire the needed staff. Brooke indicated that they oversee contractors to complete the LOMC reviews.

Dave indicated Maryland went through the SRP process and felt it was useful in that it is the community's opportunity to voice their concerns.

The state is moving ahead with the other communities in the area and putting a pause on this community as they work through the process. Laura indicated that it is important to follow the proper appeal process. The SRP can only review what has officially been appealed.

2D Floodways

FEMA has reconvened the 2D Floodway IPT. The summary of the first meeting will be shared with the group when it is sent out by FEMA.

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