

## Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call – August 14, 2023

Attendees: Alan Lulloff, Dave Guignet, Brooke Seymour, Joanna Rohlf, Tara Lanzrath, and Shubha Shrivastava.

### Recent webinar

A webinar on the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) was held on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The follow-up email has gone out. Brooke was unable to attend the webinar and has been provided the link to the recording.

### ASFPM Project

ASFPM has been funded to interview communities that have received floodways developed with 2D modeling. The questions that will be asked relate to the information and training that they have received when they were provided the mapping. They will also be asked what additional training or information would be useful to improve their ability to use the mapping and associated models for managing development. ASFPM has identified four communities but is looking for an additional community. The four communities are the Cities of Yankton and Brookings in South Dakota, Weld County, CO and Henderson County, KY.

Brooke suggested talking to Terry Fead with the State of Colorado since she is familiar with some of the issues associated with using 2D modeling for floodplain management. She has indicated that there has not been enough training provided on the use of 2D modeling. Kevin Hough with the State of CO would also be a good resource. The City of Boulder has been using 2D modeling for floodplain management for over a decade and is a potential candidate. However, the person with the most experience no longer works for the city. There was a highway expansion that crosses Boulder Creek that prompted some revisions to the FEMA standards due to challenges with getting a no-rise due to the sensitivity of the 2D model.

FEMA recently provided a training session on the use of 2D modeling that was recorded. Joanna indicated that she would provide a link to the recording when she receives it. Joanna indicated that she has gotten a copy of an ordinance that Arkansas has developed.

For the 2D modeling that Kansas is developing, the state is planning on providing maps with base flood elevations (in some cases at intervals of less than one foot). While the 2D model data would be available the state does not plan on providing the grids from the models to communities.

Missouri is also developing 2D modeling and some may be at the preliminary map stage. Contacts in MO are Karen McHugh (the state NFIP Coordinator) and Sidney Roberts their CTP coordinator.

Maricopa County, AZ may also be a resource.

### Future CTP webinars

We had previously discussed options for future webinars.

2D modeling – Laura indicated that the January – March timeframe would be a good time to discuss 2D modeling results associated with the 2D modeling Integrated Planning Team.

Future Flood Risk Data – the people working on this have indicated that they will be getting some deliverables in September so the October – December would be a good time to present on this topic.

Webinar for the July to September timeframe

We had originally discussed that “Using Base Level Engineering as regulatory data” would be a good topic for the July – September quarter. These discussions in July highlighted that Region 6 has been developing a lot of BLE data and has a good viewer that could be highlighted. Diane Howe was identified as a good person in Region 6 to present on this topic. She could present on their viewer and how the region is working with states in adopting BLE data as regulatory. Joanna Rohlf indicated she could present on how KS is developing and using BLE data. Dianna Howe has not yet been contacted to discuss presenting on this topic. It had been hoped that Laura could introduce this potential topic to Diane but Alan indicated he could reach out to her.

Shubha Shrivastava, Mitigation Planner, in the Planning & Safety Branch of FEMA’s Risk Management reached out to Laura recently suggesting a potential webinar on “Integrating floodplain management planning and mitigation planning to maximize CRS participation and benefits”. There have been some changes made to the guidance to better align the two processes so that local communities can maximize their CRS points when they develop/update their mitigation plan.

It would be good to have a state or local person co-present on this topic. Joanna reached out to Tara Lanzrath (NFIP Coordinator for the State of Kansas) about providing a state perspective. Tara is presenting how new mapping being developed can be used by communities to improve their CRS points. She is presenting at their state conference the third week of September along with Todd Tucker the FEMA CRS person for FEMA Region VII and Eugene Cole (contractor support for the CRS program).

A draft announcement has been developed with a date of September 26<sup>th</sup> based upon the availability of Tara and Shubha.

Shubha indicated that she would like hold off a bit and have a webinar on this topic in late October or early November so that she and better prepare and coordinate with the CRS program. She indicated she could make the September date work if absolutely necessary, focusing mainly on the local policy updates made in 2022 (effective from April 2023) that help with the integration of the two planning processes. Tara indicated that she would not be available the week of the October 16<sup>th</sup> or the 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>.

Alan indicated that if ok with Laura we could skip this quarter and have 2 webinars in the next quarter but that would need Laura’s concurrence. Shubha indicated that she would have some off-line discussions and let us know what was decided by end of the week.

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