

## Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call – September 11, 2023

Attendees: Alan Lulloff, Dave Guignet, Brooke Seymour, Joanna Rohlf, and Laura Algeo.

### Upcoming webinar

A webinar on Using BLE data for Floodplain Management is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup>. FEMA Region 6 is presenting on a website (link: <https://webapps.usgs.gov/infrm/estbfe/>) they have worked with USGS to host. Joanna Rohlf is presenting on what Kansas is doing and planning to do with BLEs developed using 2D modeling. Arkansas is presenting how some communities have adopted BLE and using it for managing development.

### ASFPM Project

ASFPM has been funded to interview communities that have received floodways developed with 2D modeling. The areas where communities have been identified are South Dakota, Kentucky and Colorado. We want to make sure the state coordinator and FEMA region staff are aware of the project and the communities that will be interviewed. Upon Brooke's suggestion Terry Fead with the State of Colorado has been contacted and she has provided some suggestions.

The NFIP coordinator for Kentucky has been contacted and has provided a listing of community floodplain administrators.

An ASFPM contractor was at the Floodplain Management Association conference in CA and talked with Eric Simmons who said there were some 2D floodways in Regions ix. He indicated that Debbie Neddenriep with Carson City, NV would be a good person to contact/interview.

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.

On a related note, ASFPM has included a short 3 hour training session in a contract for a project. The training is not imminent but the subcommittee will be informed and invited to participate. Joanna Rohlf indicated Kansas has conducted two 3 day training sessions in February and July. They are willing to share the materials developed for that training to this group. Mile High has contracted with West Consultants to conduct a 2 day training session in October and can provide the materials developed.

### Floodway Surcharge

Floodway surcharge was implemented as a tool that makes it easier for local government to manage development. We discussed an example in Maryland where a community (Howard County) had maps with no floodway and was managing the entire SFHA as floodway. Region 3 however had an instance wherein a community in Virginia had requested a more restrictive floodway but when the maps came out indicated that they wanted a floodway with a one-foot surcharge. Since that instance FEMA Region III will only produce FIRMS with floodways with a one-foot surcharge. The state is working to complete the mapping and then plans to work with the community to add additional language to their ordinance to help address this issue.

### Future CTP webinars

Shubha Shrivastava, Mitigation Planner, in the Planning & Safety Branch of FEMA's Risk Management has suggested a 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.

Shubha has provided an email summary of a meeting she has had with Bill Lesser. He suggested contacting ISO. She also indicated she may have a local community that could participate. She suggested a November timeframe but indicated that if there was a more pressing topic this topic could be moved down the list.

The subcommittee suggested to we pursue the Future Flood Risk Data topic for the Oct – Dec quarter. Laura had indicated a while back that FFRD could be an option for after October 1. The FEMA staff person that is leading the FFRD effort will be unavailable for the next several weeks but Laura indicated could work with her supervisor to discuss timing.

2D modeling – The 2D Integrated Planning Team effort has been suggested for the January-March timeframe. Laura indicated that there are a lot of issues still up in the air. If the FFRD topic works for the Oct – Dec timeframe the "Integrating floodplain management planning and mitigation planning to maximize CRS participation and benefits" could be the topic for the January – March timeframe.

The 2D modeling efforts associated with the 2D IPT could then be the topic for the April – May timeframe. It was stated that some information on options for moving forward with floodways using 2D modeling was presented at the Kansas state conference. Laura indicated that she and Floodplain Management are being briefed in September. She would know more after that briefing. In addition, FEMA Hqrs is having an information meeting with the FEMA Regions at the end of November.

On the August call Joanna indicated that 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.

### Highlights

Joanna will provide the training materials that were used for the Feb and July training sessions to the group.

Joanna will provide the link the recording of the training that FEMA recently provided on 2D modeling when she receives it.

Alan will provide a link to the FEMA Region VI web viewer for BLE modeling results (included in the first paragraph).

Laura will contact the appropriate FEMA staff regarding putting on a webinar on FFRD in the October to November timeframe.

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