

Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call – April 14, 2025

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

CTP webinars

Webinar options for the April – June time frame

The US Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to put on a workshop on HECRAS 2025 on June 3, 2025.

Mark Forest is still willing to put on a workshop on hydrology indicated that he could present in the July – September timeframe. We discussed how the workshop should provide some basic information on hydrology and include some information on unsteady flow.

CTP social

Joanna sent out an email to the people that have indicated they are CTPs on the past 5 webinars and are also registered for the conference. The email highlighted the CTP conversation and the CTP social.

The following was in the email that went out regarding the CTP Social

CTP Social – Tuesday, May 20 | 7:30–9:30 PM | Avenue Pub, 1732 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70130

Come unwind and network at the CTP Social! Sponsorship for food and some drinks provided. If you prefer to purchase your own beverages, that option is available as well.

CTP conversation in New Orleans

The recent events regarding CTP funding will be a major topic at the ASFPM conference. We want to provide people an opportunity to indicate what they are struggling with and provide a venting opportunity. Some CTPs indicate that they have received payments on their invoices to FEMA related to existing grants. The big question will be the funding for future years.

One of the topics for the agenda could be other funding sources (e.g. a stormwater utility). Bill Brown is an option as a speaker on the topic. He has worked for DuPage County, Illinois and Arlington, Texas.

On a past call some options discussed were:

- What people are seeing.
- What opportunities are out there. What are the positive views.

The CTP Conversation is from 3-5 pm on Monday. From 4 to 5 it conflicts with the ASFPM general meeting. Brooke is now on the ASFPM board of directors so she will be attending the general meeting. Alan has to attend the first part of the general meeting for staff introductions so Joanna will be in charge for portion of the CTP conversation.

Break-out sessions are good way to ensure multiple people have an opportunity to speak. We could have a list of session options and let the group choose which are selected or there could just be four separate breakouts with no specific topic selected.

We could have the focus on what improvements could be made to improve the mapping process. It used to take 2 or 3 years to get a map out and now it takes 4 to 5 years.

We discussed having some questions that could be posed to the group related to improvements to the CTP program and/or mapping process. After the call Brooke sent out some suggested questions that are listed here:

1. What aspects of the CTP program are working well for your organization?
2. What changes would you like to see to improve the CTP program?
3. Are there specific FEMA processes (e.g., project scoping, reviews, grant reporting) that could be streamlined or simplified?
4. What tools or resources would help you more efficiently complete your CTP projects?
5. What training or guidance from FEMA would help build your team's technical or project management capacity?
6. How can the CTP program better support innovation in flood risk analysis, communication, or mitigation planning?
7. What's one idea you'd love to see piloted or tested in the CTP program?

She has asked for comments on the questions.

Seems that one way to review the questions is to attempt to answer each of the questions ourselves.

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