

Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call – May 12, 2025

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

CTP webinars

The US Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to put on a workshop on HECRAS 2025 on June 3, 2025. Kevin has indicated that the announcement should go out “soon”.

CTP conversation in New Orleans

Here are the questions for the group that Brooke provided after the last call:

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?

We discussed combining questions 3, 4 and 5. Joanna will take a shot at combining the questions. We would have a slide for each of the questions and open it up for discussion.

We would then have Bill Brown present on other funding options (e.g. stormwater utilities). Bill has asked for some more detail on this presentation. The subcommittee felt that the focus should be one how to get such a utility implemented - convince elected officials that this is a good idea. Alan mentioned that Bill is familiar with unsteady flow. The group felt that unsteady flow should not be included because it would take a significant amount of time to address the issue.

Before we go to breakout sessions we would have a slide that would have all the questions on one slide. When we go to the breakout sessions we would identify which of the questions should be selected and have each of the breakouts go into more detail on each question. We would have each group select someone to take notes on comments provided. Break-out sessions are good way to ensure multiple people have an opportunity to speak.

Joanna will set up a QR code so that people could respond to the questions and the responses would be recorded.

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. However, hopefully the questions would promote constructive discussion.

On a past call some options discussed were:

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

From the past call: *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.*

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.

We discussed the menu. Both Brooke and Alan are lactose and gluten intolerant. Others also may have these issues. Salad is an option – it was suggested that we request that no cheese or croutons be included on the salad option. We can also ask for gluten free options where possible. It was suggested that we plan for 100 people attending the social.

Other discussion

Dave is retiring in July. We should attempt to find a replacement at the conference. We can ask for volunteers. It would be good if the 2 CTP subcommittee co-chairs would be from different parts of the country.

Laura indicated that her last day at FEMA is May 23rd. She may reach out for an emergency call to introduce who will be the new FEMA CTP program manager.

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