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CTP subcommittee call

Attendees: Glenn Heistand, *Alan Lulloff, Joanna Rohlf*

Summary

Discussions covered grant application procedures, Flood Frequency for Risk Assessment and Data webinar logistics, and funding concerns.

FFRD webinar
The Flood Frequency for Risk Assessment and Data webinar speakers are confirmed for September.

Program Transition and Uncertainty
Transitioning from Risk Map to the new framework creates significant concerns regarding regulatory clarity. Stakeholders identified a pressing need for active Cooperating Technical Partners involvement.

Funding and Contract Continuity
Existing projects face stalls due to current funding limitations. The team noted that FEMA contract support to ASFPM concludes in September without new funding agreements.

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Decisions

- **September FFRD webinar speakers and focus** The September FFRD webinar will feature Andy Bonner and Corby Lewis as speakers to provide a foundational overview of FFRD rather than focusing on complex regulatory mechanics.
- **Follow-up webinar for pilot study research** A subsequent webinar could feature Steve Noe and potentially other researchers to discuss pilot projects and the use of probabilistic modeling in a regulatory context.

Next steps

[Alan Lulloff] Confirm Webinar Dates: Contact Brooke and Manny to confirm availability and finalize the September FFRD webinar dates.

[Alan Lulloff] Submit Webinar Announcement: Create the announcement for the FFRD webinar and send it to Kevin.

[Joanna] Submit Application: Route the grant application through the internal sponsor programs administration review process.

[Alan Lulloff] Contact Manny and Brooke: Coordinate with team members to avoid scheduling conflicts.

[Alan Lulloff] Issue Meeting Announcement: Distribute the scheduled event information once dates are finalized.

Details

- **Grant Application Review Processes**: Joanna and Glenn Heistand discussed their current work on wrapping up grant applications. Glenn Heistand noted that their internal process requires a minimum of four business days for review through their sponsor programs administration. Joanna mentioned preparing a budget narrative and highlighted the recurring challenges of managing spreadsheet rounding issues and significant figures to ensure numerical accuracy.
- **FFRD Webinar Speakers and Approval**: Alan Lulloff reported that David Bascom approved the selection of Andy Bonner and Corby Lewis as speakers for the upcoming Flood Frequency for Risk Assessment and Data (FFRD) webinar in September.
- **FFRD Pilot Studies**: Alan Lulloff and Glenn Heistand discussed pilot studies related to FFRD, noting projects in Kentucky, Washington, and a watershed spanning Indiana and Illinois. While they acknowledged these pilots exist, the participants noted uncertainty regarding how these specific projects are informing future steps in the FFRD development process.
- **FFRD Webinar Scope and Focus**: Joanna raised questions about the scope of the planned webinar, suggesting that while an FFRD overview is necessary, the audience is pressing for information on how this impacts regulatory mapping and the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Glenn Heistand agreed that while speakers might be limited

in discussing regulatory aspects, the webinar serves as a critical opportunity to reignite the conversation

- **Regulatory Uncertainty and Risk Map Transition**: The participants discussed the transition from the Risk Map program to FFRD. Glenn Heistand highlighted that progress has been made behind the scenes, though the lack of information flow to CTPs has created uncertainty. Joanna expressed frustration regarding the lack of clarity on how probabilistic modeling will function within a regulatory context,
- **CTP Engagement and Operating Partners Meeting**: Glenn Heistand emphasized the necessity for CTPs to advocate for their involvement in FFRD development, noting that they should be active players rather than passive observers. Alan Lulloff mentioned an upcoming Operating Partners meeting referenced in Chad's email to David Bascom, which is expected to serve as a forum for discussing these project details.
- **Potential Future Webinar Topics and Computing Costs**: The group discussed the logistical requirements of FFRD, specifically questioning the cost of cloud computing power needed to run these models. Alan Lulloff and Joanna discussed the possibility of inviting Steve Noe to a future webinar to discuss a pilot project in Missouri that explores the use of probabilistic modeling in flood plain management.
- **AI Presentation Request**: Alan Lulloff mentioned that Jeff Stone is interested in having Glenn Heistand present on AI-related work being performed in Illinois to the Flood Science Center staff, noting that AI is currently a significant topic of interest.
- **Scheduling the September Webinar**: The participants reviewed their availability for the FFRD webinar. The group generally favored the weeks of September 20th and 27th for the event.
- **Federal Shutdown Contingencies**: Glenn Heistand and Joanna discussed the possibility of a federal government shutdown in September and whether it might impact the availability of external speakers like Andy Bonner if they are tied to government contracts.
- **Post-September Webinar Continuity**: Alan Lulloff clarified that the current FEMA contract and the associated recurring meetings will conclude at the end of September, as no new contracts were provided for nonprofits in the recent Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). He noted that the training group intends to continue hosting webinars and that future organizers will be responsible for sourcing topics and speakers.

- **Basecamp and Flood Zone Platform Usage**: The participants discussed the transition between Basecamp and the Flood Zone platform. Alan Lulloff noted that Flood Zone currently lacks a critical notification feature, which has been promised for six months.
- **CTP Committee Call Debrief**: Alan Lulloff and Joanna reflected on a recent CTP committee call, noting that the attendees were highly engaged and vocal in asking questions, which they felt was a positive sign despite the lack of clear guidance from FEMA regions.
- **Funding Limitations and Project Concerns**: Joanna voiced concern over current funding levels, stating that she has 18 projects nearing completion that currently lack funding to proceed. She expressed that it is unacceptable to leave these projects in a stalled state. The group noted that the current grant NOFO is a 3-year term, which is shorter than previous expectations.
- **Budget Forecasting and Indirect Rates**: Glenn Heistand and Joanna discussed the challenges of forecasting long-term staffing and budgets. Glenn Heistand explained their standard practice of assuming a 3% annual salary increase and managing uncertainty by applying an 80% efficiency rate to weekly hours to account for non-deliverable tasks. Joanna noted that her organization's indirect rate has increased by 3% this year, adding complexity to budget preparations.

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