

Colorado Flood Technical Assistance Partnership



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Group Purpose:

To enhance collaboration between agencies responsible for comprehensive flood preparedness and floodplain management to improve customer service and help each other fulfill our common missions.



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Group Purpose (*continued*):

- To provide subject matter expertise state-wide
- To improve customer + stakeholder services
- Advisory and participatory roles:
 - Emergency management
 - Homeland security
 - Public health, safety and welfare



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Group Purpose (*continued*):

- Cross-agency coordination
 - Hazard mitigation
 - Community Rating System
 - Combined / regional hazard planning
- Combine resources and people
- Form a technical group – **CO Flood TAP**
 - Provide technical assistance
 - Forum to review plans and actions
 - Update the **CO State Hazard Mitigation Plan**



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Participating Agencies & Groups:

- **Federal:**
 - Federal Emergency Mgt. Agency (**FEMA**)
- **State:**
 - Colorado Dept. of Emergency Management (**CDEM**)
 - CO Water Conservation Board (**CWCB**)
 - CO Division of Water Resources; **Dam Safety**
- **Regional / Local;**
 - Urban Drainage & Flood Control Dist. (**UDFCD**)
 - CO Assoc. of Stormwater & FP Mangers (**CASFM**)
 - Fort Collins **Stormwater** Utility

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Focus Areas:

- Formalize agency partnerships
 - Especially Federal + State
 - i.e. Corps of Engineers *Silver Jackets* program
- Wildfire + flood planning + response + recovery
- Hazard mitigation planning
- Risk of terrorism (info-sharing)
- Public Outreach
 - i.e. sharing State Dam Safety inundation mapping
 - Providing standard materials for statewide distribution



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Proposed Activities:

- Create concept paper(s) + update CO Haz. Mit. Plan
- Develop disaster scenarios
 - Help regions + communities execute desktop ex's
 - Draw from Boulder, Fort Collins, others
- Summon professional resources in Colorado
 - CASFM members = vast pool of professionals
- Discuss + promote insurance (fire + flood)



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Fort Collins Expertise Sought:

- Recent disaster experience
 - 1997 storm, especially
 - High Park Fire recovery
 - On-Call desktop exercises
- Substantial Improvement / Damage policy (2012)
- CRS Rating (4 of 10)
- Public outreach strategies
 - Utilities' Flood Awareness Week
 - Kim Newcomer's social media expansion
 - LETA 911



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High Park Fire Request:

- Need FC experience
 - EM decision-making
 - Evacuation planning
 - Risk identification
 - Value of public information
 - Non-regulatory activities
- Share resources with El Paso Co.
 - Waldo Canyon research will be available
 - What works + what doesn't work
- Return info to **Kevin Houck**, CWCB



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CDEM Exercise Request:

- Statewide event = March 26, 2013
- Support for a flood exercise
 - Large-scale storm
 - Need real data
 - Need public outreach strategy
- Questions (**Tony Reidell**, SEOC Ex. Mgr.)
 - How are local resources managed?
 - How are local decisions being made?
 - Which policy decisions get bumped up to State?
 - What are critical at-risk populations?



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Action Items + Future Agenda:

- Post-wildfire flood activities
- SEOC exercise data
- Invite others, especially locals
- Determine Flood TAP functions
- **Next Forum:**
 - Urban Drainage & FCD
 - April 1, 2013, 10:00 AM
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Thanks for
Listening

Questions?

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