

Floodplain Management Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2024 9:30 am to 10:30 am

1. Introduction of combined Committee—The CRS Committee and Floodplain Management Committee have combined. The role of the Floodplain Management Committee became uncertain once the CFM exam became entirely digital. The CRS Committee historically covered floodplain management-related topics in addition to CRS to support local floodplain administrators. The new Floodplain Management Committee will provide the umbrella for all floodplain management topics.
 - a. Introduction of Committee Co-chairs—Connor Johnson, AECOM, Leylin Marroquin, AECOM, Monica Bortolini, City of Longmont, and Stacey Thompson, Unaffiliated; roles to be determined/refined.
2. CRS news—
 - a. Pat O’Connell, Jefferson County shared Cycle Verification Visit scheduled in April;
 - b. Colorado Springs Cycle to be scheduled this year.
 - c. The City of Colorado Springs Stormwater Enterprise is looking for help with their CRS Cycle verification. Please send info and quals to timothy.biolchini@coloradosprings.gov
3. CFM exam news—Danny Elsner provided an ASFPF update.
 - a. ASFPF still encourages local chapters to host and facilitate the CFM exam at our conferences to promote CFMs and provide education.
 - b. Logistics to host digital exam are complicated and expensive.
 - c. There was discussion that the committee could promote the exam:
 - i. Not this year
 - ii. Could provide information and training resources
 - iii. help with registration at the conference
 - iv. potential TED Talk,
 - v. committee meeting
 - vi. Have a Q&A table during socials
 - d. Floodplain 101 Class at CASFM – not encouraged by ASFPF
 - e. ASFPF Website for CFM exam
4. Floodplain Management news—none discussed.

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5. Stormwater/Water Quality—the new committee will not cover stormwater and water quality topics.
6. News from CWCB (Doug Mahan)—Doug was not able to attend due to a schedule conflict.
7. News from MHFD—Christin Shepard introduced herself as the District’s Floodplain Manager with a video.



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- a. She provided a brief update on the schedule for the CRS Program reform
 - i. Revised CRS Program Implementation - December 31, 2027
 - ii. Final Actuarial Report published September 30, 2025.
 - 1. Loss levels – spending v payments
 - 2. How much are the policy amounts effecting the program
 - iii. The new program will only credit activities that reduce flood risk.
 - b. CRS 450 – Watershed Master Plans – MHFD is looking at these again for CRS credit
8. News from ISO (Kerry Redente)—
- a. ISO/FEMA coordination meeting in April, Kerry will have more to report afterwards.
 - a. Online submittal tool—she requires all communities to use and pointed out the uploaded documents remain in the system for future reference.
 - b. Freeboard reminder—floodplain management regulations need to require machinery and equipment to be elevated in addition to the structure; issue ISO is finding in other states; not typically a CO issue..
 - c. CRS – not much to report at this moment.
 - i. New year, schedule 2024 cycle verification visits
 - ii. Reach out to request dates if needed.
 - d. Q: are communities trending up or down?
 - i. Most are staying in class or improving. Few retrogrades. Colorado communities are good.
 - e. Q: What if scenarios, policies?

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- I. Kerry said that they have been advised to not share the “what ifs.” Numbers might not be current. Contact her though if want them.
- II. (Pat) Jefferson County – couple hundred reduction in policies
- III. Kim Pirri – we are seeing policies going down too.
- IV. Jennifer Waters – Estes Park down to 150 policies from 200 two years ago.
- V. Jeremy – FEMA says that they are seeing reductions nationwide
- VI. FEMA publishes the data online “FEMA insurance policies in force” April and Oct is the published dates for that information
<https://nfipservices.floodsmart.gov/reports-flood-insurance-data>
- VII. Jeremy says that the state has access to a specific system

9. Discussion Items/Future plans:

- a. Community Assistance Visit (CAV)
 - i. Not the same as a CRS Cycle verification visit
 - ii. Region 8 Team—Marijo Brady, FEMA CRS Regional Coordinator, explained CAVs are a review of the implementation and administration of community’s floodplain management program.
 - iii. CAVs are conducted by the CWCB or FEMA—one agency takes the lead.
 - iv. The Community Assistance Program—State Support Services Element (CAP-SSSE) is a State grant to help deliver the NFIP at the local level.
 - v. Marijo described the Community Assistance Contact (CAC) as a screening conversation, a tool to identify community training needs or CAV, etc.
 - vi. July 1st 2025 – new process called an “audit.” Supposed to be a faster process. Similar to current process. More definitive results.
 1. Trainings will be offered
 - vii. No anticipated CAVs in FY 2024 or 2025, Want to close old CAVs during that time and get the audit process introduced
 - viii. Examples: Denver is still awaiting their 2023 CAV results, but willing to share experience. Mesa County also had a CAV in 2023.
- b. MT-2 Forms—
 - i. Denver identified the forms expired on 1/1/24
 - ii. Marijo recommended use of the old forms, and to check FEMA website regularly for updates.
 - iii. No updates on the FEMA website yet
 - iv. Don’t know when the new form will come out

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