Resolution on Dams

WHEREAS,

- Dams pose a threat of flooding to areas downstream; and

- There is a need to make the general public aware of the potential for loss of life and property which could result from dam failures; and

- State and local emergency management agencies are responsible for developing emergency action plans (EAPs); and

- FEMA is responsible for providing Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for local units of government; and

- The area that would be impacted by a dam failure can be determined; and

- Mapping the hydraulic shadow of dams would discourage downstream development, thereby helping prevent a LOW HAZARD DAM from becoming a HIGH HAZARD DAM; and

- The subcommittee on Federal and Non Federal Coordination of the Interagency Committee on Dam Safety has recommended that FEMA take certain actions;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- The Association of State Floodplain Managers, Inc. supports the recommendation outlined in the report of the Subcommittee on Federal and Non Federal Coordination of the Interagency Committee on Dam Safety, and

- All future FISs and restudies include dam failure analyses, and

- All Federal Agencies that have performed dam failure analyses should provide the profiles and maps to FEMA

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