Resolution on Water Resources Development Act (WRDA)

WHEREAS: Technical and policy experts concur that national flood protection policies are out of sync with tools, technologies, and desired governmental roles.

WHEREAS: The Clinton Administration as a result of the Great Midwest flood of 1993 has expended significant energy in the development of comprehensive floodplain management strategies and proposed policies, that have not yet been implemented.

WHEREAS: The Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) is a primary legislative tool that guides US Army Corps of Engineers programs and policy, and is a significant tool to be used in the implementation of national floodplain management policy.

WHEREAS: WRDA 96 proposals to date represent little or no response to the policy lessons learned from the 1993 flood and elsewhere.

WHEREAS: The proposed number of projects in WRDA 96 (House Version) would potentially obligate Corps funding for the next two decades, thus reducing the potential for implementation of necessary changes in floodplain policy, and diminishing the likelihood of WRDA updates in the near future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the ASFPM hereby expresses its opposition to version of WRDA 96 that do not include significant reforms to floodplain management policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the ASFPM stands ready to support those versions of WRDA 96 that provide meaningful inclusion of floodplain management policies as identified in the White House Interagency Task Force on Floodplain Management, The Unified National Program on Floodplain Management, and other initiatives consistent with the development of a modern floodplain management policy for the nation.

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