The primary mission of the Arid Regions Committee is to provide policy guidance and support of Arid Regions floodplain management issues to foster reduction of future losses, costs, and human suffering caused by flooding. Historically, this committee has influenced FEMA’s Flood Mapping Program through education and outreach in the arid areas. This has been accomplished through forwarding local Arid Regions floodplain concerns to ASFPM for actions, disseminating ASFPM policies and questions to local floodplain decision makers for action, and sharing information between communities in the Arid Regions.

Activities in 2009 - 2010

The primary goal of the committee in the last year was to get better organized, engage the membership and prepare for the triennial Arid Regions Conference, to be held in conjunction with the FMA 2010 annual conference. The committee has conducted regular monthly conference calls with interested committee members since the beginning of 2010. Committee members have provided information that has been posted to the Arid Regions page on the ASFPM website. The committee will also conduct an Early Bird session at the conference in May, discussing development on Alluvial Fans.

The planning for the Arid Regions symposium is taking place in conjunction with the planning for the FMA conference. The symposium will take place during the 4 day length of the conference, to be held in November in Henderson, Nevada.

Goals for Next Year

The committee will be working on development of one or more white papers on development in arid regions, and establishing regulations for channel migration zones.