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INTRODUCTION and REGIONAL OVERVIEW:

Region 4 consists of the following eight states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee.

Within the region, all of the states have official ASFPM chapters:

- **Alabama** Association of Floodplain Managers
- **Florida** Floodplain Managers Association
- **Georgia** Association of Floodplain Management
- **Kentucky** Association of Mitigation Managers
- Association of Floodplain Managers of **Mississippi**
- **North Carolina** Association of Floodplain Managers
- **South Carolina** Association of Hazard Mitigation
- **Tennessee** Association of Floodplain Managers

CHAPTER CONFERENCES WITHIN THE REGION:

Each of these organizations has held at least one annual meeting / conference in the past year and has provided CFM training, and general floodplain training and seminars to include, or in addition to, their annual event, as listed below:

- **Alabama** Association of Floodplain Managers
[\(http://www.aafmfloods.org/\)](http://www.aafmfloods.org/)
 2014: May 28, 2014 (Cancelled) Montgomery, AL
 October 14-16, 2014- Auburn, AL
 2015: TBD TBD
- **Florida** Floodplain Managers Association
[\(https://ffma.pbsjteamaccess.com/\)](https://ffma.pbsjteamaccess.com/)
 2014: Mar 26-28, 2014 Stuart, FL
 2015: Apr 15-17, 2015 Orlando, FL
- **Georgia** Association of Floodplain Management
[\(http://www.gafloods.org/\)](http://www.gafloods.org/)
 2014: March 25-27, 2014 Atlanta, GA
 2015: May 31-June 5, 2015 Hyatt Regency
 Downtown; Atlanta, GA
 2015 ASFPM Annual Conference Local Host
- **Kentucky** Association of Mitigation Managers

(<http://www.kymitigation.org/>)

2014: September 9-11, 2014-Lake Barkley State Resort;
Cadiz, KY

2015: August 24-27, 2015-Lake Cumberland State Resort
Park, KY

- Association of Floodplain Managers of **Mississippi**

(<http://www.kymitigation.org/>)

2014: April 29-May 2, 2014 Biloxi, MS
No Fall Conference

2015: May 4 – May 7, 2015 Natchez, MS
Fall Conference TBD TBD

- **North Carolina** Association of Floodplain Managers

(<http://www.ncafpm.org/>)

2014: April 27- 30, 2014 Atlantic Beach, NC

2015: April 26-29, 2014 New Bern, NC

- **South Carolina** Association of Hazard Mitigation

(<http://www.scahm.org/>)

2014: March 11-14, 2014 Myrtle Beach, SC

2015: March 11-13, 2015 Myrtle Beach, SC

- **Tennessee** Association of Floodplain Managers

(<http://www.tnafpm.com/>)

2014: August 5-8, 2014 Murfreesboro, TN

2015: August 11-14, 2015 Murfreesboro, TN

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS WITHIN THE REGION:

In conjunction with the Texas Floodplain Managers Association and the ASFPF Foundation, Georgia Association of Floodplain Management has developed a peer-to-peer mentoring group, titled, “State Symposia Working Group” for past ASFPF Foundation Symposium states. Led by Jessica Baker for TFMA, Terri Turner for GAFM and Matt Koch as a facilitator for the ASFPF Foundation, the group had their first meeting in early May 2014 that included a presentation by Brian Varrella of the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers on an overview of the recently held Colorado Flood Forum and his experiences with the 2013 Colorado flood event.

Members also discussed:

- Short- and long-term goals of the group
- Ideas for moving forward
- Sharing successes and lessons learned

Work of this group is ongoing.....

THE REGION:

Our region involves topography that ranges from “the mountains to the sea” and is impacted from sources of flooding that include: inland, riverine and coastal flooding.

THE REGION’S DISASTERS:

(Report covers April 1, 2014 to April 1, 2015)

There have been no Emergency Declarations, but quite a large number of Presidential Declarations issued during the past year within Region IV:

Emergency Declarations (2014):

None in the reporting period of April 1, 2014 – April 1, 2015

Emergency Declarations (2015):

None in the reporting period of April 1, 2014 – April 1, 2015

Major Disaster Declarations (2014):

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| ➤ 4165 | Georgia | Severe Winter Storm |
| ➤ 4166 | South Carolina | Severe Winter Storm |
| ➤ 4167 | North Carolina | Severe Winter Storm |
| ➤ 4171 | Tennessee | Severe Winter Storm |
| ➤ 4175 | Mississippi | Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding |
| ➤ 4176 | Alabama | Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding |
| ➤ 4177 | Florida | Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding |
| ➤ 4189 | Tennessee | Severe Storms, Tornadoes, Straight-Line Winds & Flooding |
| ➤ 4196 | Kentucky | Severe Storms, Flooding, Landslides and Mudslides |

Please note that although they were slightly outside of the reporting period (April 1, 2014 – April 1, 2015), **in the calendar year of 2014 EVERY STATE IN REGION 4 HAD A DISASTER DECLARATION WITH TENNESSEE HAVING HAD TWO DISASTER DECLARATIONS!!**

Major Disaster Declarations (2015):

- 4205 Mississippi Severe Storms and Tornadoes
- 4211 Tennessee Severe Winter Storm and Flooding 4/2/2015
- 4215 Georgia Severe Winter Storm 4/20/2015

Note: This does not account for localized events, which did not meet the threshold of a “declared disaster,” but which are equally as devastating to local communities.

THE REGION’S CFM PROGRAM:

To work with these disaster events, and to take care of local/state/regional/tribal floodplain management needs, our region has greater than 2,000 Certified Floodplain Managers; with more to come as Region 4 chapters aggressively provide training and certification opportunities as part of our mission.

Alabama	132 CFMs Total	(Up from 108 in 2014)
Florida	724 CFMs Total	(Up from 648 in 2014)
Georgia	269 CFMs Total	(Up from 249 in 2014)
Kentucky	79 CFMs Total	(Up from 65 in 2014)
Mississippi	141 CFMs Total	(Up from 139 in 2014)
North Carolina *	428 CFMs Total	(Up from 401 in 2014)
South Carolina	175 CFMs Total	(Same as 175 in 2014)
Tennessee	84 CFMs Total	(Up from 71 in 2014)

Total: 2032 CFMs Total (Up from 1856 in 2014)

(Current CFM numbers are as reported on the CFM page of the ASFPM Website 4/27/2015)

(*current CFM numbers for NC are as reported by Anita Larson for the NC CFM Program May 2015)

(last year’s CFM numbers are as reported by Anita Larson - ASFPM EO 4/11/2014)

(*last year’s CFM numbers for NC are as reported by Bill Tingle for the NC CFM Program Apr 2014)

* Note: NCAFPM had an ASFPM accredited CFM Program

**** This is a 9.5% increase in CFMs in Region IV Chapters overall (Up from last year’s 2.7% increase) ****

It should be noted that the Georgia Association of Floodplain Management started a CFM Mentor Program in 2008. The CFM Mentor Program is still

active today and provides mentors for those wishing to take the CFM exam and also for new CFMs for the first two years (or longer, if desired) after CFM certification.

The number of CFMs in Region 4 should continue to grow as ASFPM and the chapters continue to provide CFM training and other CFM certification opportunities.

REPORTS FROM THE STATES WITHIN REGION IV:

Alabama

As reported by the State NFIP Coordinator Corey Garyotis:

State NFIP Coordinator Highlights

- CAP-SSSE Activities:
 - CAVs – 11 communities
 - CACs – 3 community visits and 115 communities were sent surveys
 - GTAs – 350+
- Publications:
 - Published and distributed electronically two issues of the Alabama NFIP Newsletter “Alabama Flood Advisory & NFIP Plain Talk”.
 - Completed preparation of the Alabama Post-Flood Recovery Guidebook. It covers preparedness planning, response responsibilities, recovery roles, and identification and implementation of mitigation strategies.
- Workshops:
 - Conducted two CRS Workshops in September 2014 to provide introductory information along with specific guidance on several CRS activities that many current communities get considerable amount of points from.
 - Conducted two L-273 courses in June 2014 and March 2015.
- Presentations to key stakeholder groups:
 - Presentation at the South Alabama Regional Planning Commission Symposium in October 2014 on “Economic Benefits of the CRS Program”.
 - Two presentations given at the Alabama Association of Floodplain Managers Fall Conference (October 2014) on “NFIP Requirements for Manufactured Housing” and “Status of the Community Rating System in Alabama”.
- CRS Program:

- Hired a new CRS Coordinator in June 2014 that is available on a 50 percent basis to support and promote CRS Program with Alabama communities.
- CRS Coordinator developed an Alabama CRS Toolkit that is available on the Alabama Floodplain Management website for all communities to use. The toolkit provides guidance and templates for applying to become a CRS community.
- Developed promotional material for newsletter articles, outreach emails to NFIP communities, and website and Facebook updates.
- Provided support for preparing the CRS Quick Check to four communities applying to enroll in CRS.
- NFIP Enrollment:
 - One community joined NFIP in November 2014.
- Alabama CTP Program:
 - Two watershed studies had maps become effective (Upper Alabama River and Chipola-Upper Choctowhatchee-Lower Chattahoochee Watersheds).
 - Conducted two PDCC meetings for Preliminary FIRMs (Middle Coosa River and Upper Choctawhatchee River Watersheds).
 - Discovery phase and report completed for three watershed studies (Upper Black Warrior River, Cahaba River, and Locust Fork Watersheds).
 - Coastal study for Mobile and Baldwin Counties had engineering and mapping submitted to FEMA for final review. Anticipate preliminary FIRMs for Baldwin County in fall 2015 and for Mobile County in Summer 2016.
 - Risk MAP Outreach activities included:
 - ✓ participation in the Alabama Better Living Expo in Montgomery;
 - ✓ assisting Town of New Hope with a post-effective FIRM date townhall meeting by providing informational documents and presentation;
 - ✓ coordinating and participating in Middle Coosa Watershed open house in Gadsden, AL; and
 - ✓ assisted St. Clair County officials with use of Risk MAP products.
 - Silver Jackets meeting with USACE, City of Birmingham, and USGS regarding flood warning project on Village Creek.

As reported by AL SHMO Kelli B Alexander (a very brief synopsis):

- We are currently working 13 open disasters and several PDM and FMA sub-grants.
- The local mitigation plan update cycle began last year and we are currently reviewing and working with our locals to get these plans updated and approved.
- The majority of our sub-grants are for residential and community safe rooms (275+ community safe rooms and 4,100+ residential safe rooms are currently being installed).
- We did receive some flood mitigation projects for our most recent disaster funding and those applications are currently being reviewed and processed to submit to FEMA.
- We have implemented a new online HMGP application submittal system in our state. We no longer accept paper applications from HMGP.

Florida**As reported by FL State NFIP Coordinator Steve Martin:**

The Florida State Floodplain Management Office has been extremely active in a variety of important ways since the last annual ASFPM meeting.

- Participated in FFMA, ASFPM and USF sponsored Flood Risk Symposium in a new format with excellent and comprehensive results on: Certified Floodplain Manager certifications, Future Funding Sources for Flood Mitigation Projects, Current and Future Impacts to Florida's Coastlines, Natural and Beneficial Functions of Floodplains, Flood Risk-Insurance vs. Regulation,
- Florida and FEMA HQ have committed to forming a Policy Advisory Group to develop policies that may give local governments flexibility to design and construct public-use restrooms below the BFE only when certain design standards have been met,
- Florida's CRS coordinator has hired three additional staff to help communities in Florida join CRS, help them retain CRS points with the new manual and help communities to enhance their existing rating,
- Launched a CRS initiative, supported by FEMA HQ, that will provide a means for many communities to join CRS after adopting a resolution to implement additional performance measures in lieu of resolving compliance issues older than five years,
- Exceeding its scope of work for number of CAVs conducted during the period of performance.
- Worked in close coordination with FFMA to sponsor 20 floodplain management training programs statewide.

No report from the FL SHMO

Georgia

As reported from Tom Shillock, the GA State Floodplain Coordinator and Alan Giles, GA DNR / EPD / Water Protection Branch:

Overview

The Georgia Floodplain Management Team has leveraged our resources through expanding our partnerships with federal, state, and local officials, to augment a wide variety of expertise and skills to decrease flood risk vulnerability, improve community communication, and identify / prioritize areas of mitigation interests.

The most effective means of reducing or avoiding flood losses and human suffering from flooding is to avoid new or remove existing development in flood prone areas--it's all about location, location, location. With “Georgia on Your Mind,” attending the 2015 ASFPM annual conference in Atlanta; you most certainly are at the right location.

Multi-state Concerns

FEMA Partners in Mitigation Workshop

Overall, this was a good opportunity to develop a sense of where we are and where we are headed in terms of flood risk management on national, regional, state, and local levels.

Tri-State Water Wars

Governor establishes office for interagency coordination and management for water resources

Georgia Gov. Nathan Deal announced the establishment of an office for interagency coordination and management of water resources. Gov. Deal has appointed Judson H. Turner, Director of the state’s Environmental Protection Division, to head the new office. Turner will also remain the EPD Director.

“The U.S. Supreme Court case filed by Florida against Georgia over the Apalachicola-Chattahoochee-Flint (ACF) Basin has placed significant new demands on state agencies involved in these matters,” said Deal. “Add to this the renewed litigation against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers over additional water supply from Lake Allatoona, and the workload requires the state to take additional steps to assure we have the right staff in place. Jud is a subject matter expert with years of experience in the water wars; he is the right person to lead this effort, a task incredibly important to the well-being of our state’s people and its economy.”

Turner will work closely with Georgia Attorney General Sam Olens, his legal team and multiple Special Assistant Attorneys General on matters related to case management of this complex litigation. John Allen, of Kazmarek, Mowery, Cloud & Laseter LLP, will join Turner as the deputy for the new office. Allen has long served the state as counsel in the tri-state litigation. Turner and Allen will hold appointments as Special Executive Counsels for water and Allen will maintain his appointment from the Attorney General as Special Assistant Attorney General.

In addition to litigation coordination and support, Turner will be responsible for the oversight and management of the state's multipronged efforts to increase water supply while also developing and implementing policies for sustainable and reasonable use of water resources. This effort will involve multiple state agencies, state and regional authorities and local governments, and it will require coordination among various local stakeholders and constituencies. In support of this effort, Russ Pennington, Director of Policy and Public Affairs at EPD, will serve as director of the Governor's Water Supply Program. Pennington will work with Turner and the director of the Environmental Finance Authority, Kevin Clark, to implement and manage critical state-funded water supply projects and to assist in the coordination of select water supply initiatives of state and regional importance.

In-state concerns

During this time frame we have strengthened inter-agency relations and cooperation on projects to: identify flood hazards, reduce vulnerability to flood damage, use greenspace design in storm water management / floodplain preservation and restoration, and increase awareness of local flood hazards and how they can be reduced, particularly with FEMA Region IV, Georgia Emergency Management Agency, Silver Jackets (Georgia chapter, the umbrella entity hosted by the US Army Corps of Engineers), Georgia Department of Transportation, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Environmental Protection Agency Georgia Regional Commissions, Natural Resource Conservation Services, and other programs within the Georgia Department of Natural Resources such as Non-Point Source Program, Rivers Alive, Wetlands Program, and Safe Dams Program.

Achievements and activities (highlights)

Risk M.A.P.

Mapping:

- 1) Finalized riverine component (more detailed topography) of nine-county coastal Georgia flood risk study. Preliminaries for adjacent coastal areas subject to storm surge (more detailed topography, bathymetry, and updated storm surge modeling) are scheduled for

presentation early summer 2015 with associated meetings with local officials and flood risk open houses soon to follow.

- 2) Pending riverine flood risk mapping currently in production, Risk MAP projects are concentrated in Upper Ocmulgee River Watershed, Headwaters and Middle Chattahoochee Watershed, the Etowah Watershed, and Georgia CTP has just completing the “kick-off” meeting for the Middle Savannah Watershed

Technical Assistance

- 1) Local government [priority for Community Assisted Visits went to communities seeking to join the Community Rating System.
- 2) Responded to hundreds of flood issue inquiries from general public.
- 3) Reviewed proposed state and federally funded utility, transportation, waste water projects, providing assessment comments pertaining to encroachment concerns into special flood hazard areas.

Publications and Internet:

- 1) Revised Floodplain Management in Georgia, Quick Guide 2015, scheduled to be posted online.
- 2) Started a Best Practices series with Best Practices: Greenspace and Flood Protection Guidebook 2014 (19 p, Georgia EPD and AMEC Environment and Infrastructure) and Best Practices Guidebook: Community Disaster Resilience 2014 (17 p, Georgia DCA, GEMA, and AMEC). Both of these resources are posted on the Georgia Flood M.A.P site, <http://www.georgiadfirm.com/>, in the “For Community Officials” section of “Outreach”.
- 3) Flood inundation mapping – added Ocmulgee River at Macon to the Georgia sites. Access from the National Weather Service, advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service site, <http://water.weather.gov/ahps/inundation.php> (look under Peachtree City/Atlanta, GA) or the USGS Georgia Water Science Center, <http://ga.water.usgs.gov/fim/>. These have proven to be useful tools for emergency planning and increasing flood hazard awareness.
- 4) Revised Georgia Flood M.A.P. site to improve ease of use and reliability. Also established links from that site to promote Georgia flood risk awareness on You Tube, RSS, and Facebook.
- 5) GEMA completed a major revision of their Georgia Mitigation Information System aimed at emergency responders/planners and updated the State Hazard Mitigation Plan to reflect completed activities and new 5-year renewal cycle. Following a DCA pilot program, starting to develop HAZUS level 2 databases for communities using parcel specific details such as building footprints to generate more accurate values for potential flood loss as well as savings from mitigation proposals.

Activities (representative sampling)

- 1) Workshop series concerning Greenspace and Flood Protection Guidebook along with CRS held in Decatur, Macon, Columbus, and Valdosta, GA. This was also included in a fall 2014 GAFM Metro District workshop in Douglasville and in presentation to the American Planning Association in Athens, GA.
- 2) With FEMA, facilitated an in-state presentation of the four-day, FEMA course L-273, Managing Floodplain development in Accordance with NFIP and proctored a ASFPM CFM exam, at the Georgia Public Safety Training Center, in Forsyth in February 2015. At that same location in fall 2014, presented in the Flood Fight, flood response and planning course, hosted by GEMA and NWS.
- 3) Promoted acquisition of LiDAR leading towards improved flood risk maps in Valdosta, Lowndes County and nearby south Georgia counties.
- 4) Presented in a multi-agency conference, "Beyond the why, getting to the how," on flooding and CRS outreach activities, aimed at local governments, sponsored by the Carl Vinson Institute in Savannah.

Federal disaster aid was made available to the State of Georgia to supplement state and local recovery efforts in those communities affected by a severe winter storm during the period of February 15-17, 2015.

The President Disaster Declaration makes federal funding available to Georgia and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work and the repair or replacement of facilities damaged by the severe winter storm in Banks, Barrow, Dawson, Elbert, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Oglethorpe, Pickens, Stephens and White counties.

The Flood Mitigation Assistance program provides funding to assist Georgia communities in implementing measures to reduce or eliminate the long-term risk of flood damage to buildings, manufactured homes, and other structures insurable under the National Flood Insurance Program. In that only NFIP-participating communities with approved Hazard Mitigation Plans can apply for FMA Project Grants, Georgia Floodplain Management is reaching out to those non-participating communities within the ice storm effective areas to persuade municipalities to join the NFIP.

Training

Several staff participated in courses offered by the FEMA Emergency Management Institute and we were represented at the Silver Jackets Interagency Flood Risk Management Project Workshop at Southbridge, MA. We also regularly participated in webinars hosted by FEMA, GAFM, NFFA,

and ASFPM. When particularly challenging situations arise, in-the-unit brainstorming sessions where multiple perspectives are focused on the same situation are used to develop an in-house consensus and share the combined experience.

Kudos to ASFPM

President Obama issued a new Executive Order establishing a new flood risk management standard for federal investments and programs. The new standard amends the previous floodplain management Executive Order (EO 11988) issued by President Carter in 1977.

ASFPM has long been concerned that federal agencies must demonstrate responsible floodplain management and responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds through leading by example, or their actions can lead to risky decisions, inducing riskier development and ultimately wasting taxpayer funds.

With ongoing changes to the NFIP, Risk M.A.P. mapping, project tracking standards, and funding protocols, E.O.13690 and pending agency guidelines, ASFPM has been a real oasis of good information and useful references. Persevere at maintaining the high standards already established and don't waiver in your commitment for better floodplain resources, flood risk awareness and management.

PS: Welcome to Atlanta!

No report from the GA SHMO

Kentucky

No report from the KY State NFIP Coordinator

No report from the KY SHMO

Mississippi

As reported by Jana Henderson, MS's State Hazard Mitigation Officer and Stacey Ricks, MS's State NFIP Coordinator:

- CAV's: 46
- CAC's: 20
- GTA's 48
- L273 Class: 2

- CFM Exams: 2 (Largest number of students for CFM Exam 21)
- CRS: 2 entered or lowered classification
- Elevation Certificate classes: 2 per the communities request
- CTP State Workshop: 1
- Floodplain Management staff attend quarterly MS Building Officials Meetings
- MapMod: All MapMod activities are complete with the exception of those counties with levee certifications issues. One LAMP pilot project begun in Monroe and Itawamba Counties. Two counties in which MapMod has not been completed.
- RiskMAP: Three to four scheduled for this year. Funding being increased and move to coastal mapping is hindering the progress of RiskMAP for the State.

Hazard Mitigation:

- The State is currently working to finalize mitigation project applications for two (2) open disaster application periods. State Hazard Mitigation plan has been approved by FEMA. Mitigation planners are working with two state districts and contractors on developing and updating local regional plans.
- Deployed the Mississippi Kid's Disaster and Mitigation preparedness campaign "Disaster Preparedness: A Child's Journey in Mississippi". This campaign is built around Delta the Disaster Dog, Pearl the Preparedness Pup and Jake the Mitigation Wizard. Delta and Pearl embark on a journey across Mississippi to learn about all the hazards we face and how to prepare for them. At the end of each trip Jake offers advice on mitigation, which is techniques to reduce the impact of a particular disaster, on people and property.
- Deployed the Mississippi Adult Disaster Management Campaign "Don't Wait-Mitigate". The campaign focuses on developing, promoting, and presenting programs and materials that increase awareness of Mitigation programs and best practices. The project centers on educating members of the public and private sectors regarding mitigation activities needed to make communities more resilient when confronting future disaster damage.

North Carolina

No report from the NC State NFIP Coordinator

No report from the NC SHMO

South Carolina

As reported by Maria Cox Lamm, SC State NFIP Coordinator:

- Disaster Status – Received first Disaster Declaration since 2005.
- CAP-SSSE:
 - CAV's: 9
 - Ordinance Reviews for all communities receiving new maps and general request for review (outside of the ones done for CAV/CACs).
 - Offered one L273 Course
 - CFM Exam held three times
- Outreach
 - Developed two training classes under the CAP-SSSE grant that address gaps between the Risk MAP program and floodplain management. The first course developed was how to obtain a BFE from an A zone model. In SC, all A zone have a model and this information is available and is considered best available data. However, there was no training for floodplain manager to learn how to utilize this information. Therefore, this class was developed and has been a success with local floodplain managers and surveyors. The second course developed was How to use Non-Regulatory Products for floodplain management. All of these wonderful non-regulatory products are being developed, but no training had been developed on how the local floodplain manager would use this information in their day to day jobs. So we developed a class that covers some basic GIS database manipulation and how to use the products as a floodplain manager. It has also been a success. This class has now morphed into a user's guide which was presented on at the 2015 Region IV Partners in Mitigation workshop.
 - Presented at the SCAHM conference
 - Presented at ASFPM
- Mitigation (HMA Grants – just FMA/SRL/RFC):
 - Two FMA planning grants are active along with one FMA project grant (acquisition of a commercial property)
 - No FMA grant applications were received
 - Active member of the SC Safe Home committee
 - Continuing great coordination with SCEMD
- CTP:
 - Two counties maps went effective
- Actively participate in Silver Jackets

No report from the SC SHMO

Tennessee

As reported by Amy Miller, TN State NFIP Coordinator:

Amy Miller became the new state NFIP coordinator in June 2014 after Stan Harrison's June 2014 retirement.

This is a summary of accomplishments of the Tennessee state NFIP coordinator's office over the past year:

- Conducted two state-led CAVs and assisted FEMA in conducting four other CAVs;
- Conducted three (four-hour) Floodplain Management Workshop training to the Tennessee Development District staff;
- Provided support to the Tennessee Cooperating Technical Partner Program at Risk MAP meetings (Discovery and PDCC);
- Provided flood insurance and repetitive loss data to Tennessee CTP for development of Discovery Reports;
- Enrolled three new NFIP communities;
- Provided 13 communities with supporting documentation for re-certification and assistance for evaluating participation in NFIP Community Rating System (CRS);
- Conducting two L-273 course training to 40 floodplain managers (local floodplain administrators and engineers);
- Assisted and participated in the Tennessee Association of Floodplain Manager's conference;
- Provided General Technical Assistance contacts (email and phone) to over 300 local officials, home and business owners, developers, real estate agents, engineers, and state agency officials;
- Revised the state of TN NFIP website;
- Began new partnership with the University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service to develop outreach and online training to various stakeholders;
- Actively participate in Silver Jackets
- Risk Map Activities: the state of Tennessee is working with CTP on Claiborne County, Harpeth River Watershed, Davidson County, Hamilton County, Wheeler Lake Watershed and Lake Guntersville Watershed.
- Conducted two Open House meetings on new DFIRMs for the Harpeth River Watershed and Hamilton County.

As reported by Doug Worden, TN SHMO:

- Disaster #4211 – New Active Presidential Disaster – Hazard Mitigation staff attended each Applicant Briefing and emphasized the

406 Mitigation opportunities. Will work closely with FEMA and the State NFIP Coordinator on mitigation / flood insurance issues.

- Working to close many projects in the 2010 and 2011 disasters.
- Will work closely with our local jurisdictions on “Repetitive Loss” properties on possible up-coming Flood Mitigation Grant in 2015 (hopefully funded well!!)
- Presently working projects on last year’s Presidential Disasters #4171 and #4189.
- Involved in our new Chartered Silver Jackets program in the State.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOALS (carried over from 2012/2013 and 2013/2014):

Based on input from the NFIP Coordinators and SHMOs within Region IV, and various other floodplain management professionals within the Region IV states, the following goals and recommendations are made for the upcoming year:

- Provide outreach / assistance, as practicable, to state NFIP coordinators and SHMOs.
- Distribute relevant and important information regarding floodplain management and regulatory changes to State NFIP Coordinators and SHMOs (and to membership) within each state within the region.
- Champion the effort to coordinate with FEMA to provide consistent regulatory guidance between the Regions and between HQs and the regions. (There are numerous inconsistencies between FEMA HQ’s guidance and Region IV’s guidance).
- Provide frequent updates on NFIP Reform progress, congressional initiatives, and pending legislation, especially those matters that directly affect the States
- Continue to push FEMA on timely distribution of CAP funds
- Continue to push for increased funding for floodplain management, flood programs, and flood mapping; Push to keep PDM as a grant source
- Provide timely information on federal budget cutbacks affecting State programs
- Continue to push FEMA to do restudies, where needed, to map behind levees, and to map un-numbered A Zones; If FEMA cannot accomplish this on their own, then a Mapping Grant Program should be created (with a 75/25 match) for communities to update their own maps, thus creating more local involvement in floodplain mapping
- Continue outreach on PRP, LOMA “Out as Shown” and other flood insurance topics

- Continue efforts to standardize plan formats and risk assessments in FEMA-approved State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Update the Higher Standards Guide
- Continue to provide more levee information / outreach in States where this is applicable
- Provide more focus on floodplain management at the State and Local levels
- Provide more outreach at the State and Local levels – perhaps a mechanism for doing this would be a monthly webinar that all ASFPM members could call into – ASFPM Committees could be responsible for these webinars on a rotating basis
- Promote ASFPM membership and update Region 4 members on the activities of ASFPM.
- ASFPM should attend, when invited and when possible, the NFIP Coordinators meetings for the Region
- ASFPM should attend, when invited and when possible, the annual meetings for each state within the region.
- ASFPM should provide, when invited and when possible, NAI training for each state within the Region
- ASFPM / the ASFPM Foundation should (continue to) work with the State of Georgia (and Region 4) to implement the action items outlined in the 2013 GA Flood Risk Symposium
- The affordability issue of implementing GW-14 should be explored – especially for low income, elderly, needs-based
- The length of time to implement (and the funding for implementation of) MapMod should be explored. Many think it was not successful or beneficial. Numerous communities are in desperate need of updated maps. Timely roll-out of Risk MAP should be a priority with mapping of ALL areas in a community, not just remapping of previously studied AE zones.
- The nexus between GW-14 and BW-12 should be clearly defined by ASFPM and made available to all members, all state NFIP coordinators and all SHMOs

NEW RECOMMENDATIONS AND GOALS (2015):

- **Mapping:**
Continue to push for FEMA funding for map updates along with a faster deployment (mapping is NOT keeping up with development and certainly not getting ahead of it!)
 - Do we need to update the Mapping of the Nation report?

- Convert unstudied A Zones to Detailed Studied A Zones as each community is remapped (don't leave any unstudied A zones for a future date!)
- Prioritize funding by need (age of maps, age of last update) and not only for high population centers
- Coordinate across state boundaries to get rivers (and their watersheds) mapped
- **CRS:**
Facilitate more CRS training at the state (state NFIP coordinator and SHMO levels) and at the local level
 - Aide in establishing more CRS User groups
- **Training:**
Provide more training on issues such as water quality, climate, endangered species.....

Provide training across other disciplines (for more than just floodplain managers!)

- Work to provide CECs for non floodplain management disciplines (ex AICP)

Spend more money, time and effort promoting the degree programs at the University of Kentucky and the University of Washington

- Either through ASFPM or the ASFPM Foundation provide a scholarship for each program, each year

Provide more regionally based conferences such as a Western States Conference, Arid Regions Conference, Great Lakes Conference, Coastal States Conference (East Coast, West Coast and Gulf Coast)

- Have one regionally based conference in addition to the ASFPM conference each year

- Promote these events better – many people say that they have never heard of some of the Conferences ASFPM has given in the past!

- Partner with like-minded organizations to provide regional conferences (ex GeoTools)

Have the ASFPM Foundation do a follow-up event to the GA Flood Symposium

- **Leadership:**
Adopt a new format for the ASFPM directors' reports – as evidenced by my report, it is very hard to get “statistics” from the states (and quite frankly even “issues” have to be discussed in person or on a phone call

because no one wants to “go on the record” and that is understandable since their job may be on the line for “speaking out”). The Georgia State NFIP Office report came as close as possible to being in the new direction the board, and this region director, feels that these regional reports should be heading and we thank them for their efforts.

Allow ASFPM members who are local officials in good standing to be able to run for officers of the ASFPM board; Combine this with a requirement that any local official running for an officer position must have served at least one full two-year term on the ASFPM board within the past 10 years prior to running for an officer position AND be actively working on a minimum of one ASFPM committee as verified by the co-chairs of that ASFPM committee

- Relative “newcomers” to ASFPM are running for and obtaining an officer position while seasoned “locals” are not allowed to run at all
- This will require that the ASFPM Constitution be modified
 - Suggest that an Ad-Hoc Committee be developed to study the issue and bring recommendations back to the ASFPM Board with implementation by the 2016 voting cycle