

# **ASSOCIATION OF STATE FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS**

## **Region VI Report 2012-2013**

Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Texas

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### **Regional Coordination:**

Over the past year, FEMA Region VI hosted two Community Assistance Program (CAP) Coordinators Meetings in Denton, TX. The State NFIP Coordinator's from each of the Region's states, as well as representatives from the State Floodplain Management Associations, were invited to participate in a multi-day coordination meeting. The meetings provide an excellent opportunity for the key stakeholders from each state in Region VI to coordinate with each other, sharing successes, lessons learned, and tools and strategies to assist each other. Agenda items and topics for each meeting are summarized below.

- May 1 – 2, 2013:
  - State NFIP Coordinator and State Association Updates
  - BW 12 – NFIP Reform Act Implementation Update
  - Changes to FEMA's Grant Programs
  - Community Rating System (CRS) 2013 Update
  - Oklahoma's Disaster Response Team Approach
  - Regional Training Update
- October 23 – 25, 2012:
  - State NFIP Coordinator and State Association Updates
  - NFIP State Participation
  - Oklahoma's Water Resources Board – Floodplain Viewer Tool
  - Community Assistance Visit (CAV) / Community Assistance Contact (CAC) Tool
  - FY2013 Region VI Risk MAP Project Update
  - Region VI Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) Program Update
  - Risk Communication Guidebook for Local Officials
  - LOMA – "Out as Shown" Overview
  - Hurricane Isaac Overview
  - Future of FEMA Disaster Operations

### **Arkansas Update:**

State of Arkansas NFIP Program is in the Arkansas Department of Natural Resources Commission. Michael Borengasser, CFM, serves as the State NFIP Coordinator.

FY12 – FY13 Updates:

- 15 CAVs scheduled – 1 completed
- 68 CACs scheduled – 13 completed
- 10 one-day accreditation workshops – 6 completed
- NFIP 273 class – March 2013

- One Advanced Module: to be scheduled
- Two (2) Substantial Damage Workshops – to be scheduled
- Attendance and Participation in State Agency and Private Organizations – Association of Arkansas Counties, Association of Professional Surveyors
- Promote flood mitigation grants
- Silver Jackets projects: flood mitigation in Shannon Hills, post-disaster guidance for local floodplain administrators
- Promotion of CRS
- Contract to collect DFIRM data and models/profiles for Zone A areas
- Contract to have paper maps georectified and develop a website to post DFIRM and georectified data

## **New Mexico Update:**

State of New Mexico NFIP Program is in the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. Bill Borthwick, CFM serves as the State NFIP Coordinator.

FY12 – FY13 Updates:

- CAVs: Bernalillo County, City of Clovis, City of Tucumcari, Grant County, Luna County
- CACs: City of Bayard, City of Carlsbad, City of Elephant Butte, City of Rio Rancho, City of Santa Fe, City of Socorro, Los Alamos County, San Juan County, San Miguel County, Village of Angle Fire
- Coordinating Contractor Officer (CCO) Meetings: Bernalillo County, Santa Fe County, Curry County, Lincoln County
- New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (NMDHSEM) has set up a website portal called ***Preparing New Mexico***. Website tracks Floodplain Managers including - Floodplain Curriculum, Workshop Attendance, Reimbursements
- Training:
  - Non Structural Measurements For Flood Risk Management Workshop - Albuquerque, New Mexico
  - E.O. Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) Special Topics Non Regulatory Mapping Products - Emmitsburg, Maryland
  - Cooperating Technical Partner CTP Workshop Risk Map Tools - Denton, Texas
  - New Mexico Seasonal Hazardous Outlook (Wildfire/Monsoon) Workshop Santa Fe, New Mexico
- Levees are a Hot Item right now in New Mexico:
  - Doña Ana County, New Mexico Levee - Levee certification holding up the Flood Maps going effective.
  - Socorro County, New Mexico Levee - Socorro Channel Levee sponsor in process to get flood control structure compliant with CFR 65.10.
- Silver Jackets New Mexico:
  - Stakeholders: FEMA Region VI (Jim Orwat, Dale Hoff, Taran Roddy); U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Albuquerque District (Stephen Scissions); NMDHSEM (Bill Borthwick & Wendy Blackwell)
  - Silver Jackets Tasks:
    - Officially investiture other agencies in the Charter: USGS, Forest Service, National Weather Service, USDA, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

- Nambe Pueblo request debris removal at Nambe Reservoir
- Little Bear Fire (Lincoln County) debris removal at Bonito Lake

## **Oklahoma Update:**

State of Oklahoma NFIP Program is in the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB). Gavin Brady, CFM serves as the State NFIP Coordinator.

FY12 – FY13 Updates:

- OWRB CAP tasks include: Map Adoption, Ordinance Assistance, Training/Outreach, General Technical Assistance, Enrollment of Communities in NFIP, Assistance to Communities Responding to Disasters, GIS Implementation
- CAVs:
  - 2012 CAVs completed (15)
  - 2013 CAVs proposed (15) – Lindsay, Ardmore, Blackwell, Wagoner, Mustang, Broken Arrow, Coweta, Tulsa, McAlester, Del City, Jones, Seminole, Ottawa Co., Comanche Co., Rogers Co.
- OWRB now utilizes iPads to assist with the completion of CAVs. Documenting notes, photos, and the location of the property assists with the efficiency of the State's CAV process.
- Map Modernization concluded with Garfield County... effective January 2013.
  - 144 Map Adoptions in 2012
  - 71 Ordinance Assistance
- CRS Support:
  - OWRB involvement with CRS decreased with the creation of the CRS Users Group
  - OWRB is required to conduct a CAV before a community can be rated.
  - Anticipated number of CRS communities will grow with creation of NFIP Reform Act.
  - Oklahoma CRS Ratings:
    - No Counties currently participate.
    - CRS 9: Dewey
    - CRS 8: Enid, Blackwell and Chickasha
    - CRS 7: Bartlesville, Edmond
    - CRS 6: Lawton, Ponca City, Sand Springs and Stillwater
    - CRS 5: Broken Arrow, Norman
    - CRS 2: Tulsa
  - Janine Ellington presentation on CRS Program Changes and discussion about CRS workshop April 29- May 3.
- Training/Outreach:
  - L-273 January 7-11, 2013
  - 18 training opportunities...FPM 101 and Advanced Training (OFMA)
  - March Flood Insurance Month on the road...Bartlesville, Clinton, and McAlester
  - Agent/Lender Training on Request with Carl Watts/OST
- OWRB Website includes a number of floodplain management resources, NFIP information, and common NFIP forms. (OWRB.OK.GOV)
- Risk MAP Discovery: OWRB serves as a CTP and have worked to complete numerous Discovery Projects in HUC-8 watersheds over the past year. In addition to Discovery, OWRB developed short term and long term goals as part of the State's Business Plan.

- Oklahoma Discovery Watersheds:
  - RAMPP:
    - Grand Lake O’ The Cherokees – September 2011
    - Lower North Canadian – August 2011
    - Lower Cimarron-Skeleton – May 2013
  - City of Tulsa:
    - Lower Verdigris – June 2012
  - OWRB:
    - Middle North Canadian – February 2012
    - Polecat-Snake – February 2012
    - Lower Canadian-Walnut – February 2013
- Oklahoma State Plan Priorities:
  - Reduce number of repetitive loss properties
  - Assist homeowners with floodplain related insurance issues
  - Provide depth grids for better risk mitigation & planning

## **Louisiana Update:**

State of Louisiana NFIP Program is in the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Cindy O’Neal, CFM, serves as the State NFIP Coordinator.

FY12 – FY13 Updates:

- CAVs – 11
- CACs – 5
- CRS Class – (Field deployed E-278)
- General Technical Assistance – 3
- CRS Visits – 6
- CRS Users’ Group Meetings – 7
  - Louisiana now has 3 CRS Users’ Groups
- Attended the CRS Task Force Meeting
- CCO Map Meetings – 5
- Participated in GNO Open Houses – 6
- Solicitation of Views – 40
- NFIP Agent Training
- LFMA Board Meetings – 3
- LFMA Workshops – 2
- LFMA Conference
- Post Disaster CACs, Council Meetings Town Hall Meetings, MAT Team Meetings, Loss Avoidance Study Briefing, Housing Recovery Meeting all as a result of Hurricane Isaac
- Phase 2 Discovery Meetings
- HSDRSS Meetings – 4
- State Hazard Mitigation Plan Meetings – 3
- ASFPM Conference Calls – 3
- CPRA – Coastal Community Resiliency Advisory Group Meetings – 2

- Troop A Day
- Attended 2 CAP Meetings
- Entered into Agreement with LSU to maintain Web Portal for FIRMs
- Completed 2013 CAP-SSSE Grant Application

## **Texas Update:**

State of Texas NFIP Program is in the Texas Water Development Board. Michael Segner, CFM, serves as the State NFIP Coordinator.

FY12 – FY13 Updates:

- FY 12 Activities:
  - CAVs:
    - CAP Statement of Work – 15
    - Actual number CAVs completed – 15
  - CACs:
    - CAP Statement of Work – 75
    - Actual number CACs completed – 354
  - Training Courses – CAP Statement of Work included
    - CAP Statement of Work – 6
    - Actual number Training courses completed – 10
  - General Technical Assistance: 340 assistance items documented.
  - 1,232 communities out of 1,460 Texas communities participate in NFIP
- FY 13 (as of May 1, 2013) Activities:
  - CAVs:
    - CAP Statement of Work – 15
    - Actual number CAVs completed to date – 5
  - CACs:
    - CAP Statement of Work – 75
    - Actual number CACs completed to date – 175
  - Training Courses – CAP Statement of Work included
    - CAP Statement of Work – 6
    - Actual number Training courses completed to date – 2
  - General Technical Assistance: 64 assistance items documented.
  - 1,235 communities out of 1,460 Texas communities participate in NFIP
- FY 13 TWDB Training Activities:
  - E273 Classes:
    - San Antonio on April 22-25, 2013
    - Waco on June 24-27, 2013
    - Galveston on August 26-29, 2013
  - Basic Floodplain Management ‘101’
    - TFMA in Sugarland May 21, 2013
    - TFMA in Austin in Sept 10, 2013
    - Brownwood, TX – pending scheduling

- Floodplain Management Overviews provided quarterly for Texas Dept. of Emergency Management
- CRS Program in Texas – 53 Communities:
  - CRS 9: 6
  - CRS 8: 14
  - CRS 7: 21
  - CRS 6: 6
  - CRS 5: 6
- Recently completed updated of the TWDB Basic Floodplain Management Course
- Two people from Texas NFIP – CAP attended TFMA 2012 Fall Conference and three scheduled for TFMA 2013 Spring Conference
- Attend Quarterly Coordination Meetings with TFMA to focus on Training opportunities
- Attended or will attend\* CCO Meetings and Open Houses in the following communities: Jefferson, Orange, Calhoun, Refugio, Jackson, Harris\*, Chambers\*, Ft Worth\*, Weatherford\*, Frisco\*