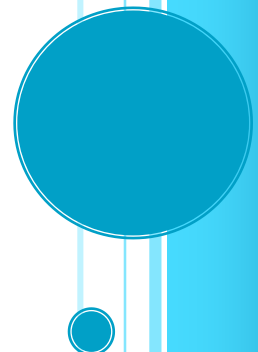


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*Annual Conference—Grand Rapids, Michigan (2016)*



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**California, Nevada, and Hawaii**

**Floodplain Management Association (FMA)**

**2016 Annual Report to ASFPM**



**Chair:** Mark Seits, [mark.seits@hdrinc.com](mailto:mark.seits@hdrinc.com)

**Executive Director:** Curt Robinson through May 8, 2015; Mary Seits May 8, 2015 to present

**Website:** [www.floodplain.org](http://www.floodplain.org)

In 2015, FMA outreach, education and engagement efforts continued to expand while the association embarked on new opportunities to pursue its mission. The annual conference in Palm Springs, California brought together more than 450 participants and 25 exhibitors. The workshops, luncheons and tour of the Palm Springs Air Museum provided excellent networking and educational opportunities. The association participated again in state-level flood risk planning and outreach efforts.

### **PRIORITIES and ACTIVITIES**

#### **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

In August 2014, Curt Robinson was hired by the Board of Directors as the new executive director due to Iovanka Todt's resignation. Robinson was released from his contract on May 8, 2015 when Mary Seits was hired as the new ED. She remains ED.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Elections for the board are held in August, and seats change at the end of our conference (usually in September).

See table on the next two pages.

<b>Voting Positions</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>
Chair	Thomas Plummer	Mark Seits
Vice Chair	Mark Seits	Maria Lorenzo-Lee
Treasurer	Andrew Trelease	George Booth
Secretary	George Booth	John Powderley
Immediate Past Chair	Marty Teal	Thomas Plummer
At Large 1 (North)	Vacant	Mike Nowlan
Northern Public	John Powderly	Connie Perkins
Northern Private	John Moynier	John Moynier
At Large 2 (South)	Brian Trushinski	Brian Trushinski
Southern Public	Stuart McKibbin	Vacant
Southern Private	Dennis Bowling	Alex Yescas
At Large 3 (Elected Official)		Darren Suen
At Large 4 (NV)		Andrew Trelease
<b>Non-Voting Positions</b>	<b>2014/2015</b>	<b>2015/2016</b>
Executive Director	Vacant/Curt Robinson	Curt Robinson/ Mary Seits
California Rep.	Maria Lorenzo-Lee	Maria Lorenzo-Lee
Nevada Rep.	Robin Palmer	David Willard
Hawaii Rep.	Carol Tyau-Beam	Carol Tyau-Beam
FEMA Advisor	Eric Simmons	Eric Simmons
USACE Advisor	Melissa Hallas	Melissa Hallas

ASFPM Advisor	Eric Simmons	Dianna Woods
CALEMA Advisor	Jami Childress-Byers	Jami Childress-Byers
Past Chair Advisors	All of Our Past Chairs	All of Our Past Chairs

## CONSULTANT

Our contract with Smith Moore and Associates continues to provide conference planning and coordination services along with membership and training registrations.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2015 annual conference focused on risk. It was rich in technical and policy discussions, drawing attendees from throughout the United States and other countries. The Palm Springs based conference hosted more than 450 attendees featuring 9 concurrent tracks with over 90 presentations, professional workshops and policy panels. The conference included a premier exhibit hall providing invaluable networking opportunities with several events located within the exhibit hall. The conference was titled "RISK: Resiliency, Integration, Sustainability and Knowledge in a Climate of Extremes."

Conference topics included:

- Alluvial Fan Symposium
- Drought/Flood Cycles of Extremes
- Flood Issues of the Drought
- Collaborative Approaches
- Conservation of Flood Waters
- New Software Demonstrations
- New requirements in FEMA's Community Rating System program
- Coastal flood risk, flood mapping and coastal zone management practices in the West
- Flood Insurance Legislative Reform
- The FEMA CRS Program and local floodplain management ordinances
- CFM Review Course and Test.
- Collaborative with ASFPM's Arid Regions Conference
- And many other topics

The 2015 conference also featured a HEC-RAS workshop, providing the most recent updates in floodplain studies. This event was chaired by Thomas Plummer and had high attendance.

## **WORKSHOPS**

FMA offered several well-attended professional workshops including two HEC-RAS classes and two webinars on hydrology and hydraulics.

## **REGIONAL LUNCHEONS**

Regular luncheons in Sacramento, San Diego and the Bay Area continued to grow. Sacramento luncheon topics included 2D Modeling and Mapping with HEC-RAS 5.0, Opportunities for Flood Risk Reduction and Habitat Enhancement in the Lower Sacramento/North Delta Region and International Levee Handbook Operations and Maintenance Chapter. In San Diego, topics included Creating a Flood Forecasting System for the San Diego River Watershed, El Nino Update and Outlook on Impacts, and Water Quality Equivalency. Bay Area luncheons grew considerably in 2015 with higher attendance and a wider range of topics which included Funding Stormwater Services, Sustainable Funding for Stormwater Services and the San Francisco Bay Area Study.

## **INCORPORATION**

The FMA Board of Directors voted to incorporate as a 501c3 in 2015. This process included a legal review of our by-laws and updates to accommodate the new status. Our insurance status was reviewed to ensure appropriate coverage. The process incorporated Floodplain Management Association as of June 2015 and the tax exempt status was finalized in April, 2016.

## **FINANCIAL AUDIT**

2015 included the initial stages of an independent financial review. FMA has hired an audit accountant to review and reconcile our books as well as to make suggestions for improved record keeping processes. This will be a year-long review taking place through the year 2016.

## **EXPANDED BOARD**

In 2015, FMA expanded its Board of Directors to add two new positions. These are at-large positions; elected officials representative and NV representative.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Executive Order 13690/11988 and its applicability to post office, highway bridges, fire stations, hospitals, airports, federal flood control projects, Clean Water Act permits.
2. Dam safety and floodplain management in Hawaii are intertwined.
3. Outreach to other associations. APA and AEP discussed. Silver Jackets is making a video with interagency collaboration.
4. FMA to take on California Extreme Precipitation Symposium, Gary Estes's project, moving forward.

## **RECOMMENDED ACTIONS**

1. EO update follow up to include posting to website and panel presentation at 2015 annual conference.
2. Dam safety and floodplain management in Hawaii will be followed up with the consideration of our Chair Thomas Plummer's attendance at the Hawaii Floodplain Management conference.
3. Regarding outreach, FMA will collaborate with Silver Jackets in the making of their video and participation in Silver Jackets meeting at the 2015 annual conference. FMA will sponsor an AEP meeting.
4. CEPSYM – Symposium will be held Tuesday of our 2016 conference. Future dates and locations to be decided after the conference.
5. Increase attendance and sponsorship of annual conference in 2016.
6. Expand attendance, variety and number of offerings in our training courses, webinars and workshops.
7. Grow attendance at our regional luncheons and expand into new regions.

## **2015 Floodplain Management Association Awards**

### **Communication and Outreach Award**

*Santa Clara Valley Water District*

San Jose, CA

### **Award for Excellence**

*Leo Kreymborg, PE, CFM Senior Engineer Water Resources West*

Atkins North America, Inc. **San Diego, CA**

**Award for Excellence**

*Central Valley Floodplain Evaluation and Delineation Program*

FloodSAFE California CA Department of Water Resources Sacramento, CA

**Karl Mohr Distinguished Service Award for National Activities**

*David T. Williams, PhD, PE, PH, CFM, CPESC, F.ASCE, F.EWRI, D.WRE*

President

DTW & Associates, Engineering, LLC

Ft. Collins, CO

**Andy Lee Award for Extraordinary Public Service for State Activities**

*Jeremy Lancaster, PG, CEG*

Engineering Geologist

California Geological Survey

CA Department of Land Conservation, Sacramento, CA

**Andy Lee Award for Extraordinary Public Service for State Activities**

*Rick Wilson, PG, CEG*

Senior Engineering Geologist

California Geological Survey

CA Department of Land Conservation, Sacramento, CA

**Mentorship Award**

*Richard (Dick) French, PhD (in memory)*

AAWRE founding Diplomate ASCE EWRI

**Floodplain Manager of the Year**

*Frank DeMarco, PE, CFM (retired)*

County of Hawaii Department of Public Works Engineering Division, Hilo, HI

**Chair's Recognition Award**

*Judy Soutiere, PMP, CFM*

Chief, Civil Works Project Management, Section B, Sacramento District