

Chapter District 5 Annual Status Report



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Introduction

Arizona Floodplain Management Association

Floodplain Management Association of California, Nevada & Hawaii

Northwestern Floodplain Management Association Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon & Washington

The Arizona FMA is the only single state chapter in District 5. The FMA is a multi-state chapter representing California, Hawaii and Nevada. NORFMA includes the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, and the Canadian Province of British Columbia. These chapters cover the Pacific Coast states and the western tier states, including the mountainous Sierra Nevada, Cascades, Great Basin and the volcanic plateaus in eastern Washington & Oregon.

Key Accomplishments

The biggest accomplishment and challenge faced by all three of the chapters in District 5 was the pandemic, and having to pivot quickly from in-person conferences and trainings to virtual. All three chapters were able to put on a full virtual conference schedule and offer virtual training for their members

- Arizona was able to provide several brownbag training sessions, their usual Fall conference in a virtual environment, and provide CFM testing through collaboration with state agencies.
- FMA offered a full virtual conference as well as virtual HEC_RAS and Post Fire Hydrology and Runoff Management training .
- NORFMA offered a virtual conference and HEC-RAS basic and 2-D modeling.

All three Chapters are planning more virtual events for 2021.

Challenges

Pivoting to a virtual environment, and dealing with postponing and or canceling planned conference venues was a big challenge for at least two of the chapters, although they were successful in the end. Maintaining baseline revenue without conducting in person meetings and courses was also mentioned as a challenge.

Priorities

The three chapters are focused on continuing to deliver conferences and training to their members, either virtually or in person, as soon as their states allow gatherings.

- Arizona is planning on providing brownbag training sessions and a 3-day virtual FLO-2D training, as well as CFM exam at three locations around the state. They are hoping to be able to offer an in person conference in the fall.
- FMA is planning on a virtual conference in September, as well as virtual multi-day courses.
- NORFMA has not yet decided about their conference, but they are planning on conducting it this fall. They are also planning on virtual Lunch & Learn events, and planning on conducting a virtual Meet the Board meeting this spring.

Recommendations

One of the chapters specifically mentioned legal support/advice for getting out of venue contracts due to the pandemic would have been very helpful at the time.

All the chapters appreciate the Quarterly Chapter Calls.