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# HIGH WATERS

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## 2013 Spring Workshop – April 17-19, 2013

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NMFMA will be in Los Lunas for the 2013 Spring Workshop. Hoss Foster is the Conference Director and Loretta Hatch is the Program Coordinator. The registration page will be set up on the NMFMA web page sometime in January 2013.

If you are interesting in making a presentation at the workshop please contact Loretta at [pzadmin@bosquefarmsnm.gov](mailto:pzadmin@bosquefarmsnm.gov). If your community has successful project you would like to share with the membership, here is a time to present the project. Your fellow members could learn from your success.

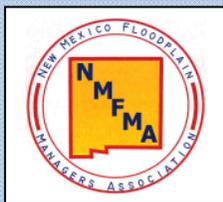
So save the date on your calendar and arrange your budget to ensure you will be able to attend this Workshop. So now that you have marked your calendar for the April 2013 Workshop, just go ahead and save the following dates:

Fall 2013 Workshop – Lea County, NM - October 16-18, 2013

Spring 2014 Workshop – Clovis, NM, April 16-18, 2014

Fall 2014 Workshop – Elephant Butt, NM – October 14 – 17, 2014

NOTE: If you would like to bring an NMFMA workshop to your community for the Spring of 2015 and beyond, or if your company is interested in providing a sponsorship for any of our workshops, please contact our Conference Committee Chair, Mike Czosnek, at [mczosnek@socorronm.gov](mailto:mczosnek@socorronm.gov)



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The first of the year is coming soon and it is time for NMFMA members to renew their membership. Each current member should have received an email from our web site around the first of December reminding them to renew their NMFMA Membership. There are also several NM CFMs who are due for their CFM Renewal on the first of January. They receive an email letter from me approximately 3 months prior to the renewal date reminding them to renew their CFM.

It's always confusing to get 2 reminders to renew at the same time. Just remember that NMFMA Membership dues are paid on January 1 every year. CFM renewal is a bi-annual occurrence. But also remember that you must be a sustaining member of NMFMA in order to get the member rate for CFM renewal. The CFM renewal fee for sustaining members is \$25. The CFM renewal fee for non-members is \$150. Don't forget to maintain your NMFMA membership.

NM gained 8 new CFMs at the NMFMA Fall Workshop in Las Cruces in October. Their names are posted on the web site. The total number of CFMs in the State of NM is currently 184. The next CFM exam will be proctored at the NMFMA Spring 2013 workshop in Los Lunas on April 17.

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*If you would like to join the list of CFMs, visit the NMFMA web site at [www.nmfma.org](http://www.nmfma.org) for details."*

## From the Editor

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I am so blessed to be working with an outstanding Association like NMFMA, but to be honored with the Grant Pinkerton Award is beyond belief. Honored to have been given this outstanding recognition, but to be in the elite group that have previously received this award is amazing. You are my heart and my friends. Thanks You

When I reviewed the agenda for the Fall Workshop I did wonder why we were having an award presentation in the Fall. Normally that is accomplished in the Spring. In addition Mike, JD and Grant made sure that I was making a presentation and that it had to be Thursday after lunch and the Business Meeting. Not asking any questions, which is unusual for me, I just said OK. I truly was surprised.

Again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

## News from the NMFMA Conference Chair and the Treasurer

**Mike Czosnek, CFM**  
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We are pleased to report record attendance at the 2012 Fall Workshop held in Las Cruces Workshop this past October. Kudos to JD Padilla and John Gwynne. The workshop came off without a hitch, good agenda, good food and good company. From the Conference Committee point of view it was also very productive with workshops now scheduled through 2014.

Those workshops will be:

- April 16-19, 2013, Los Lunas, Hoss Foster Conference Director, Loretta Hatch Program Director.
- October 15-18, 2013 Hobbs, Lorenzo Velasquez Conference Director Program Director Open,
- April 15-18, 2014 Clovis, Louis Gordon Conference Director Program Director Open
- October 14-17, 2014 Elephant Butte, Carlos Bustamante Conference Director, Program Director is Open. Anyone interested in taking on the Program Director for these workshops please contact the listed Conference Director and/or myself.

### **From Outgoing Treasurer Mike Czosnek**

The bank account is in good shape. The final accounting from Las Cruces has not been completed, but we anticipate a balance in the area of \$18,000. If you need a detailed financial statement please feel free to request one.

Special shout out to Diane Calhoun. Those of you in attendance at the Thursday lunch and business meeting on October 18, 2011 are aware that Diane was awarded the Grant Pinkerton Award for outstanding leadership and floodplain management. This award is the highest award given by NMFMA and since its inception and has only been awarded 4 times prior to Diane's award. Previous awards have been given to Grant Pinkerton, Les Bond, Mike Czosnek and Bet Lotosky. So Diane joins some special company, congrats Diane and thanks for your participation in NMFMA. (Footnote here, if Diane would have attended the spring workshop in Socorro she would have received her award there.)



**REPORT FROM NOMINATION COMMITTEE**

The Nomination Committee is proud to inform the membership that the following candidates have stepped forward and are running for election for the five open Officers positions.

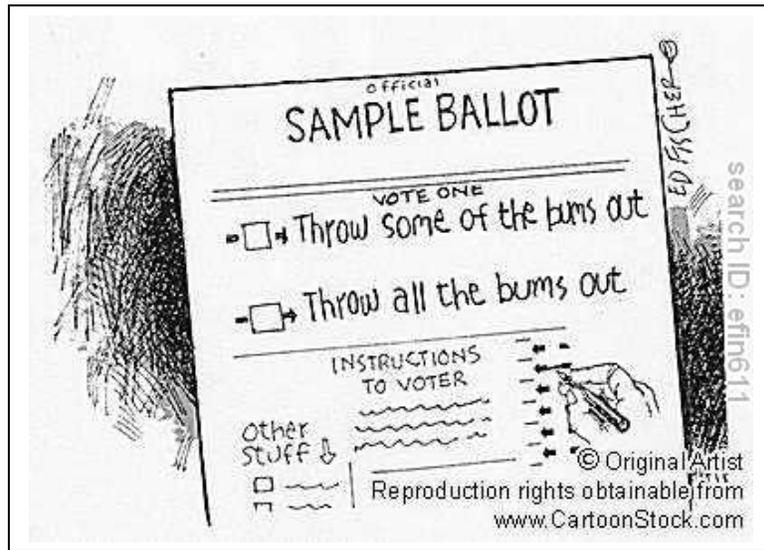
Chair .....	David Turk
2nd Vice-Chair .....	Curt Temple
Treasurer .....	Paul Dugie
Region 1 Director .....	Nicole Friedt
Region 3 Director .....	Joe Barela

You will be able to vote for these candidates on the NMFMA website starting January 2, 2012. Voting will also be available at the Spring Workshop April 17 – 19, 2013 in Los Lunas, New Mexico.

Thank you, The Nomination Committee.

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“As a NMFMA member you will be able to vote for new officers on the NMFMA web site and also at the 2013 Spring Workshop”



## From the Chair – Paul Dugie, CFM



Paul Dugie, CFM

NMFMA Chair

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Another rainy season has ended. We did not have a wet season this year. People's short term memory has set in or soon will. They put up a metal shed, flatten out a space to store the fifth wheel, reclaim that area that was washed out three years ago, they are only going to store those piles of dirt and concrete until next weekend or they were just playing with that new equipment from work.

I'm sure you can add some of your own to this list.

Now is the time to do some outreach. Remind our residents that it will rain again and their drainage/flooding problems will not solve themselves. This can be done through emails, flyer on local bulletin boards, a booth at your local home builders show ...

Because you and I know we will be hearing those familiar lines: it's never flooded like this before, it flooded in 2006 I still have 94 years before it floods again, that arroyo never flowed until my neighbor started moving dirt ...

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul Dugie, CFM

NMFMA Chair



Don't wait until the cows come home to worry about what to do!

## Risk Communications Guidebook for Local Officials

Each year the United States sustains natural and manmade disasters that cost hundreds of lives and average billions of dollars in losses. These disasters are caused by floods, wildfires, winter storms, tornadoes, landslides, earthquakes, hurricanes, and other natural events, as well as intentional and unintentional manmade hazard events. These circumstances require the attention of government at all levels, the private sector, and individuals, to take steps to decrease hazard risks.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) understands that government at all levels is being asked to do more without additional manpower or funding resources. In an effort to assist community officials in building a support base for hazard mitigation, sustainability and resiliency discussions within their communities, FEMA Region 6 developed the Risk Communication Guidebook and Toolkit to assist local officials in their natural hazard education and risk communication efforts. This Guidebook is available via the Region's website using the following link, <http://www.riskmap6.com/guidebook.aspx>.

The Guidebook identifies opportunities for a continual discussion of natural hazard risk and is broken into sections, which mimic the flood hazard update process in order to illustrate a consistent and increasing effort towards communication of flood risk. The information is presented as follows:

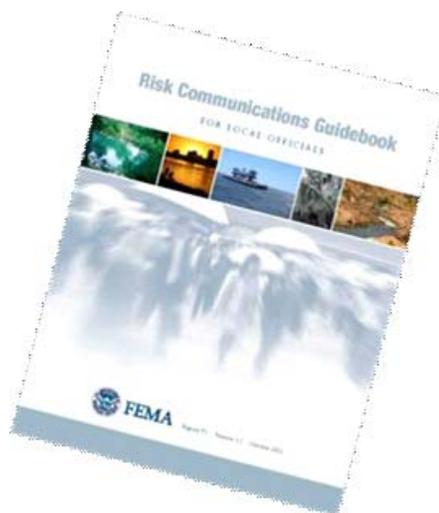
**Overview** – A description and purpose of each project phase, the need for outreach, and typical activities performed by FEMA, and identification of actions that may be taken by local government entities.

**Phase Activities** – Information is provided about FEMA's procedures and standing education and outreach efforts available to communities.

**Outreach Activities** – Information and outreach activities performed by FEMA, as well as suggested activities that could be performed by the local government

**Suggested Outreach Materials** – Templates and sample materials can be customized by local government entities. Generic language is included, but other elements such as timelines, contact information, logos, etc., are intended to be added by each county or community as appropriate.

We intend for this Guidebook to be maintained electronically and adapted based on feedback from communities. If you have questions, suggestions or concerns, please contact Diane Howe at [diane.howe@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:diane.howe@fema.dhs.gov) for more information on the Guidebook.



## In an Around New Mexico with the State NFIP Coordinator

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October 23-25, 2012 the State Floodplain Coordinators State Floodplain Manager Association met in Denton, Texas. Paul Dugie, P.E., CFM, New Mexico Floodplain Manager Association (NMFMA) Chair attended along with your State Coordinator. FEMA Region VI continues to operate under a Continuing Resolution (CR). The meeting known as the Community Assistance Program/State Support Services Element (CAP/SSSE) is critical to the State of New Mexico. This is where the five states in the region (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas) present a State Overview of their accomplishments in floodplain management in 2012. We also outline any problems/issues/challenges we States are having.

In addition, we provide a Summary of our FY 2012 Statement of Work (SOW). The States also schedule any floodplain management training activities for FY 2013. The NMFMA provides this training with FEMA Region VI Natural Hazard Program Specialists. Many of you have taken floodplain management courses with Dale Hoff, CFM, and Jack Graham, CFM.

The meeting is very important because this is when we find out about our source of funds to manage floodplain activities in New Mexico. The funds are called a CAP/SSSE Grant the federal share is \$75,000.00 with a 25% State Share. We hope to use these funds to provide training primarily at NMFMA Workshops in designated communities in the State.

I proposed that NMFMA consider a special project for FY 2013. Because of the wind, drought, fires and floods which occurred in New Mexico in FY 2012, the Association should take the lead in producing a fire flood video as a stakeholder in the Silver Jackets Program. We could use some of the grant CAP/SSSE money to support this activity. Silver Jacket members may be able to financially participate, to contribute and document these cascading disasters.



## In an Around New Mexico with the State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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Currently, the State of New Mexico has more than \$4,500,000 in FEMA funding in the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) that can be utilized by local jurisdictions and tribal entities for natural hazard mitigation. HMGP funding is available through Presidential Disaster Declarations #4047 and #4079. Although FEMA's Public Assistance Program applies only to communities declared in the disaster, HMGP is available State-wide.

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available for  
HMGP projects"*

The application period for both disaster declarations is currently open.

- The application period closes in February 2013 for Disaster Declaration #4047 and in August 2013 for Disaster Declaration #4079.
- We encourage any interested community to submit a Notice of Interest as soon as possible. This form can be found on the DHSEM web site (<http://www.nmdhsem.org/Grants.aspx>).
- Once the Notice of Interest is received, I will assist the entity to get a completed application to FEMA for approval.

A few reminders...

- Mitigation activities eligible for funding under this grant program must reduce loss of life, injuries and property damage that are due to natural disasters.
- Creation of a Mitigation Plan or up-dates to an existing Mitigation Plan can be funded with an HMGP grant.
- HMGP provides 75% federal funding for natural hazard mitigation.
- The local jurisdiction is required to provide a 25% match (which can be in-kind or "hard" match such as cash).
- One of the eligibility requirements for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Recently, a notification letter of this funding opportunity was sent to each community and tribe with an approved Mitigation Plan. Counties and tribes without an approved Mitigation Plan also received the notification letter. A copy of the letter was sent by email to the floodplain manager for the community or tribe based on the most recent contact information we have on file.

If you have questions about the available funding, eligibility requirements or any other aspect of the HMGP, please contact me. If your community or tribe has up-dated contact information, please provide that too.

We certainly look forward to distributing the available funding to New Mexico communities to implement high quality long term mitigation activities.

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**Highlights from Fall 2013**



***And a good time***

***was had by all!***



# NMFMA Application for Membership

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Affiliation:**

- Local Government
- State Government
- Federal Government
- Private
- Academic
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Nature of Duties**

- Administrative
- Engineering
- Planning
- Insurance
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues for one Calendar Year**

- Individual Membership \$35.00
  - New Member
  - Renewal

**MAKE CHECK OUT TO NMFMA**

**Send to: NMFMA Executive Office**  
**P.O. Box 3964**  
**Roswell, NM 88202**

**I am interested in the following:**

- Dam Safety
- Flood Data
- Structural Flood Control
- Litigation/Legal Issues
- Wetland Issues
- AO/AH Flooding
- Crawl Spaces
- Flood Warning & Responses
- GIS Issues
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in the following Committees:**

- Certification
- Conference
- Floodplain Management
- Legislative
- Membership
- Nomination
- Training/Education
- Technical

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1. To promote public awareness of proper floodplain management.
2. To promote the professional status of floodplain management and secure all benefits resulting there from;
3. To promote a liaison between individuals concerns with proper floodplain management and to encourage the exchange of ideas;
4. To keep individuals concerned with proper floodplain management well informed through education and professional seminars and to provide a method for dissemination of information, both general and technical;
5. To inform concerned individuals of pending floodplain legislation and other related management matters, and;
6. To study and support legislation pertinent and necessary to the effective implementation of floodplain management matters.

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