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2012 Fall Workshop – October 17-19, 2012

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The Fall Workshop will be held in Las Cruces, NM. This year the theme is “Are We Really The Experts?”

Conference Co-Chairs for Conference and Program Director are Orlando Fierro, CFM with the Doña Ana Flood Commission and J.D. Padilla, CFM with the City of Las Cruces.

If you are interested in giving a presentation, please contact Orlando at 575-525-5558 (email - orlandof@donaanacounty.org) or JD at 575-528-3131 (email - jdpadilla@las-cruces.org).

Conference Hotel is Mesilla Valley Days Inn & Suites, 901 Avenida de Mesilla, 575-524-8603, www.mesillavalleyinn.com

The rooms available at the Inn are either non-smoking Single King or Two Queen Sized Beds, and pets are allowed.

The room rate is \$47.50 per night plus taxes and other fees (such as pet fees).

Registration for the Workshop will be on the NMFMA web site.

More information will be available the closer we get to the Conference.



Training Conducted – June 4 – 8, 2012

FEMA E-273, “Managing Floodplain Management Through the National Flood Insurance Program,” was offered June 4-8, 2012 in Las Cruces.

The Course was held at the City Hall in Las Cruces at 700 N. Main St., Room 2007-B.

The CFM Exam was offered after the course.

Thanks to Dale Hoff, CFM, FEMA Region 6 who instructed the FEMA E-273 course. And a special thanks to NMFMA for allowing the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) to fill a few chairs for the training and CFM exam.



New Mexico Certified Floodplain Managers

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There is still some confusion among the membership about the difference between NMFMA annual membership dues which is \$35 and is due every January, and the CFM renewal which is \$25 and occurs every 2 years. The following was in the last newsletter and is being printed again to help clarify the CFM renewal process.

CFM renewal dates fall on January 1 and July 1 of each year. For those CFMs whose renewal date is in January, you get two reminders during the fall of each year; one to renew your CFM, and one to renew your membership in NMFMA. Be sure that you follow both requests through your Finance departments to make sure that BOTH have been taken care of. If you have not renewed your CFM by January 1, there is an additional \$25 fee you must pay to renew. And, if you have not renewed by January 31, you will be decertified. As always, you can contact Grant Pinkerton, Certification Board Chair, with any questions.

This is an excerpt from the NMFMA CFM Charter that explains the continuing education requirement of the NM CFM Program::

Certifications awarded by the NMFMA Board of Directors take effect immediately upon passing the exam. The two year renewal cycle will begin on the 1st of January or the 1st of July, whichever immediately follows the date of CFM award. Prior to the end of two years, each CFM must submit a renewal application to NMFMA and enclose the renewal fee. The application will be used to update the CFM's credentials and to document completion of the required Continuing Education Credits (CECs). When these conditions are met, a biennial renewal will be issued.

An initial CFM certification will be valid indefinitely, provided that the applicant complies with the biennial (every two years) renewal requirements, which are:

Submittal of renewal application;

Submittal of renewal fee;

Submittal of proof of 16 Continuing Education Credits (CECs) within the previous 24 months, with a maximum of 12 CECs earned in any one year.

The CFM Program is discussed in detail in the Charter, which can be viewed from the Certification page of the NMFMA web site.

NM gained 6 new CFMs at the Spring workshop in Socorro. Their names are posted on the web site. The exam was proctored at the FEMA E273 course in Las Cruces on June 8. New CFMs that passed the CFM Exam are posted on the web. The next CFM exam will be proctored at the Fall workshop in Las Cruces on October 17.

The CFM exam is proctored several times each year. If you are interested in taking the exam, please remember that no matter what paperwork or on-line registration you submit for any specific workshop, class, or other function, **YOU MUST SUBMIT A CFM EXAM APPLICATION PACKET** to the Certification Board before you can be scheduled to take the exam. The packet is downloadable from the Certification page of the NMFMA website, www.nmfma.org. The Application Packet should be mailed to the Roswell address noted in the packet. Any questions should be directed to Grant Pinkerton, Certification Board Chair, at nmcfm@cableone.net.

"The CFM Exam will be offered October 17, 2012 at the Fall Workshop in Las Cruces, NM."



Special Thanks to Spring Workshop Sponsors

NMFMA would like to thank the following sponsors of the Spring 2012 Workshop in Socorro, NM.

Sponsors assisted with the cost of breaks and the social events that we all enjoyed during the conference.

The City of Socorro donated the luncheon on Thursday which was catered by Sofia's Kitchen. If you have the opportunity, please show your gratitude to the sponsors listed for their generosity and continuing support of NMFMA.

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From the Chair – Paul Dugie, CFM

Paul Dugie, CFM
NMFMA Chair
575-525-5558

Time seems to be flying by lately. It seems like the Socorro Conference was just a couple of weeks ago. But when I stop and think about it, it couldn't be true. We have had the ASFPM Conference in San Antonio (Great Job TFMA) and the E-273 Training was in Las Cruces. I would like to say thanks to JD Padilla, City of Las Cruces, for setting up that E-273 Training and to Dale Hoff and Jack Graham, FEMA Region 6, for providing the training.

If you would like to have the FEMA E-273 or any other training in your home town let a NMFMA Board member know and we will see what can be done to get the necessary training for you.

I would like to encourage anyone who attended the ASFPM Conference to let as many people know what information you gained at the conference. This is a way to keep our membership informed as to what is happening in floodplain management. If you would like to do a presentation on that information, I'm sure JD Padilla (Region 2 Director, City of Las Cruces) or Orland Fierro (Doña Ana County Flood Commission) would like to hear from you for the fall workshop.

I hope you enjoy your summer.

Thanks, Paul.



From the Editor – Diane Calhoun, CFM

THANK YOU NMFMA FROM TFMA

If you are reading this article then you have noticed by now that there is a different look to the Newsletter. Change is good. Any suggestions or comments concerning the Newsletter, please let me know via email or phone. I would like to take a few lines of this publication to let the NMFMA Board and all the wonderful members of the Association know how much the Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) appreciates the contribution NMFMA made to TFMA for the Welcome Fest at the National ASFPM Conference held in San Antonio TX. May 20 – 25, 2012. It was an outstanding conference where records were set. Over 1400 people registered and each breakout session had standing room only. We had a great time.



“Don’t let the best you have done be the standard for the rest of your life.”

It was wonderful to see so many NMFMA Members able to make the conference.

Shelia Baker	City of Hobbs
Nancy Beshaler	City of Alamogordo
Bill Borthwick	NM DHSEM
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Do you know the Status of your Community's Mitigation Plan?

Is Your Community Eligible for a Mitigation Project Grant?

"The goal of implementing the mitigation projects is to reduce potential damages and injury caused by natural hazards.

Wendy Blackwell, CFM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
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As many of you know, in order for an "on the ground" mitigation project to be funded by a FEMA mitigation grant, the community must have an approved All Hazards Mitigation Plan. A planning mitigation grant can be used to create or up-date an All Hazards Mitigation Plan. The Plan can be developed by a single community or can be developed cooperatively as a multi-jurisdictional plan. The Plan is organized into the following sections; planning process, community participation, hazard identification, risk analysis, mitigation actions, evaluation, implementation, and adoption.

The Plan serves not only as a reference document for the community's natural hazard occurrence and likelihood, it also prioritizes mitigation actions for implementation so that all natural hazards and all potential projects are listed in order of importance. Once funding becomes available, each community then knows the highest priority mitigation projects for implementation because they are already identified in the Plan. The goal of implementing the mitigation projects is to reduce potential future damages and injury caused by natural hazards.

As part of the All Hazards Mitigation Plan development process, each community creates a planning team that is made up of staff representing topics related to managing and preparing for natural hazards. Examples of local community staff that often participate in the planning team are; emergency services, public works/utilities (stormwater, drainage, streets, capital improvements), public health and public outreach. If a Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazard Plan is being developed, representatives from each of the communities will serve on the planning team to present, explain and review the various subject areas. As part of the Plan up-date or creation each participating community will prioritize the mitigation actions identified during the planning process.

For Mitigation Plans currently being up-dated or created in our state, the lead community has hired a contractor (or is in the process of hiring a contractor) to facilitate the planning process and write the Plan. Below is a chart showing current approved Mitigation Plans. If your community's plan will expire within the next two years, please consider doing a Plan up-date as soon as possible, so that your community remains eligible for project funding. It usually takes between 18 months and two years to secure a grant (if funds are available), hire a contractor, up-date or write the Plan, get FEMA approval and adopt the Plan. So, each community needs to think ahead.

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Status of Mitigation Plans in New Mexico as of May 2012

Expires in 3 mths	Expires w/in 6 mths	Expires w/in 1 year	Expires w/in 2 yrs	Expires after June 2014
Chaves Co**	Bernalillo Co*	Colfax Co	Lea Co	Socorro Co
	Cibola Co **	De Baca Co**	Santa Fe, City of **	University of NM
	Eddy Co*	Grant Co		
	Espanola, City of *	Luna Co*		
	Rio Arriba Co*	Okey Owingeh		
	Quay Co	Pojoaque Pueblo		
		Torrance Co		
		Valencia Co*		

*=Application or planning grant under-way. Check with me or your Emergency Manager to learn more.

**=Planning grant awarded.

If your community doesn't currently have a Mitigation Plan, then please contact me so we can talk through the advantages of creating one. Your community will benefit from the coordinated effort of researching and preparing the Plan. Plus, your community would then be eligible for mitigation project funding.

If you are interested in more information about mitigation planning or the status of your community's All Hazards Mitigation Plan, please contact me. Happy Mitigating!

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“Are you interesting in learning more about mitigation planning?”



Highlights from the Spring Workshop - Socorro, NM – March 2012



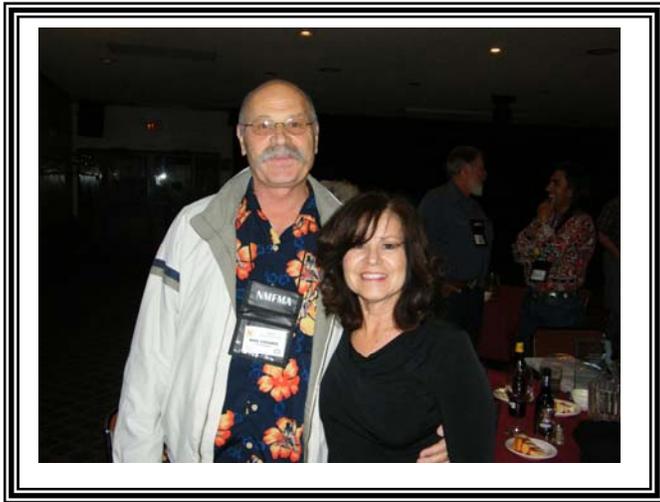
New Board of Directors (Carlos Bustamante is the only new member-yellow shirt, third from right) Members are, from left to right, Curtis Cherne (Reg I), Kelly Romero (V-Chair), Mike Czosnek (Treas), Paul Dugie (Chair), Rigel Rucker (2nd V-Chair), Carlos Bustamante (Reg IV), Joe Romero (Reg III), Michele Truby-Tillen (Sec). JD Padilla (Reg II) is not in the photo.



Les & Estelle Bond

Les received a Lifetime Achievement Award. Estelle was presented a Certificate for all her hard work for NMFMA. Les and Estelle have provided guidance and leadership to NMFMA for many years and all members of NMFMA applaud their dedication.

THANK YOU



Mike & Dolores Czosnek –
Conference Director and Caterer for
the social.

Workshop Presentations



Business Meeting



Awards Dinner



NMFMA Application for Membership

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City: _____ State: _____ zip: _____

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Affiliation:

- Local Government
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- Federal Government
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- Other _____

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- 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
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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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