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"Floodplain Management Crossroads:  
Where Route 66 Meets the Rio Grande"**

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*From the ASFPM Insider March 2006*

ASFPM will conduct our 30<sup>th</sup> annual national conference June 11 -16 in Albuquerque, NM. Join other government officials, planners, engineers, consultants, watershed managers, educators and others for the most comprehensive floodplain management conference. We will discuss the outcomes and lessons learned from last year's devastating hurricanes, and how they apply to everyone across the nation. This important event can be your opportunity to participate in national dialogue and work with other professionals to make sustainable floodplain management and disaster-resilient communities a reality.

A brochure and registration forms can be found on our website, [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org). Just click on the 2006 conference logo and follow the registration link.



**\*Hotels are filling up quickly so book your room soon!** The Hyatt is just about full. The following are our contracted hotels. Don't forget to mention "ASFPM" or "Flood Conference" to get the special rates!

Hyatt Regency: 505-842-1234  
Doubletree Hotel: 505-247-3344  
Plaza Inn: 505-243-5693

In addition to our contracted hotels, we have a list of other area hotels on our conference webpage. Go to [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org), click on the 2006 conference logo, and follow the link to additional Albuquerque hotels.

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**NEW MEXICO  
CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS**

One of the goals of the NMFMA Certification Board is to certify at least one floodplain manager in each NM community that has a floodplain map. When we accomplish this, we will be in compliance with State Statute.

There are 114 NM CFMs and one transfer from Texas as of January 31, 2006. If you are planning to take the CFM exam at the ASFPM Conference in June, please go to the ASFPM web site, [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org), and download the ASFPM Conference Brochure and complete the registration form. There is a place on the form to indicate if you wish to take the CFM Exam. You must also contact Grant Pinkerton, Certification Committee Chair, for an application. Application must be completed and approved prior to taking the CFM exam.

Grant Pinkerton, CFM  
(505) 624-6562

**ASFPM WELCOME FEST June 11, 2006  
SPONSORS NEEDED****Association of State Floodplain Managers**

On Sunday, June 11, 2006, ASFPM will hold the Annual Welcome Fest. This is a time that old friends meet and new friends are made that will last for a life time. This is also a time that sponsors can meet new clients and or make new connections. Mike Czosnek, Past Chair, and current Region IV Director is looking for those individuals and/or firms that would like to make a donation to this event. For more information please contact :

**Mike Czosnek**  
**City of Socorro**  
**(505) 835-0240**

**FROM THE EDITOR - EMAILS NEEDED****I NEED YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS - - - -**

Do you want to receive the New Mexico High Waters via email? Do you have an email address but are still receiving the New Mexico High Waters via snail mail? Do you have an email address that has changed in the past 3 months? Are you currently receiving the New Mexico High Waters via email?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, **I need your email address.** Please take a minute and send an email or call me with your name and email address. I need to update my listing, add new names, and would also like to stop mailing the NMFMA Newsletter via snail mail.

**Please email me: [dcalhoun@mbakercorp.com](mailto:dcalhoun@mbakercorp.com).**

**Diane Calhoun, CFM**  
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**Baker**

## ASFPM CONFERENCE IN LIEU OF NMFMA SPRING CONFERENCE

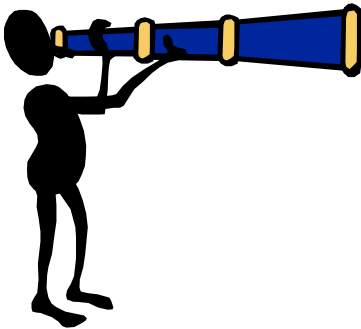
### Mike Ruloff, CFM NMFMA Chair

As you are aware, the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) selected Albuquerque as the location for their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference slated for June 11-16, 2006. This conference will take the place of NMFMA Spring Conference. Attendance to the workshops, educational tracks and technical tours offered during this national conference will provide an opportunity for each of you to experience and learn from floodplain managers all over the nation and the world.

To register for the conference, go to the ASFPM web site [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org), and download the Conference Brochure. Information on the conference, workshops, training, family tours, training sessions, and everything else you wanted to know about the conference but were afraid to ask can be found in the Brochure. Download the Brochure now and make your reservations.



## LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS



Mike Czosnek, is once again pleading, begging and otherwise groveling for money. The association needs to raise cash to help offset the expense of the upcoming ASFPM conference. All contributors will be acknowledged by this association ( NMFMA)at the Sunday night Welcome Fest event as well as in the NMFMA High Waters. Cash contributions in excess of \$1000 will receive a personal thank you from my emissary.

(Note from Editor - if you want to know about Mike's emissary, you need to contact Mike directly for complete details. )

**Mike Czosnek**  
City of Socorro  
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## MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

### Mike Czosnek, CFM Nomination Committee Chair

The NMFMA Annual Membership meeting, and election of Officers and Regional Directors will be held during the 2006 ASFPM conference in June. Anyone interested in running for any board position should contact Mike Czosnek by whatever means you are most comfortable with: phone, email, telegram, carrier pigeon, smoke signals or even a personal emissary. Mike can be reached by phone (505) 835-0240 or email: [mzosnek@socorronm.gov](mailto:mzosnek@socorronm.gov). All nominations or your interest in running for an office must be turned in to Mike by June 1, 2006.



## Golf Tournament Sponsorship



Dear Colleague / Friend / ASFPM / NMFMA Corporate partner:

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) is having its national conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 11-17 this year. The conference will be held at the Albuquerque Convention Center and it will showcase some of Albuquerque's rich heritage during the week. As the premiere floodplain management conference in the country, this annual event attracts a broad audience including local, state and federal government officials, engineers, consultants, planners, related non-profit organizations, researchers, educators, and involved citizens. It is anticipated that the conference registration will exceed 1,000!!

The New Mexico Association of Floodplain Managers is the local host for the event and is in charge of organizing / hosting the pre-conference golf tournament Sunday June 11. NMFMA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of public awareness of proper floodplain management in New Mexico. The tournament will be at Ladera Golf Course with a morning shotgun start and a catered lunch buffet/awards ceremony at the new conference center at Ladera.

The sale of exhibit space and sponsorships at NMFMA conferences has always provided a means for corporate supporters, colleagues, and friends to get their name in front of potential customers while providing needed financial support for NMFMA. Because we are not having a state conference this year, we have provided another means for corporate partners to show their support. The 17<sup>th</sup> annual ASFPM Golf Tournament is a great opportunity to get out, have fun, and show your support for a worthwhile cause here in the great State of New Mexico.

Sponsorships are available for individual holes or for one of the prize events (closest to pin, longest drive, etc). An individual hole sponsorship will include your company name and logo on a sign at the tee-box of the hole(s) you have agreed to sponsor. In addition, your company name will be listed as a sponsor in the conference program. A prize sponsorship will include a sign on the prize hole and a listing in the conference program. Cost of either type of sponsorship is \$150 per hole/prize. A golf sponsorship form can be found on page 5 of this newsletter. Please complete and return to Doug Wolf.

We appreciate your interest in NMFMA and ASFPM. The generous support of our friends, colleagues and corporate partners greatly enhances our capabilities to continue to protect the natural and beneficial functions of floodplains and mitigate the losses, costs and human suffering caused by flooding. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 505-259-8771 or Annette Wolf at 505-263-6459. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Douglas Wolf, P.E.

2006 NMFMA Golf Tournament Coordinator

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## 2006 ASFPM / NMFMA Golf Tournament Sponsor Form

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Hole Sponsorship: Number of holes \_\_\_\_ @ \$150.00 per hole \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Longest Drive Sponsorship @ \$150.00 per contest \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Straightest Drive Sponsorship @ \$150.00 per contest \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Closest to Pin Sponsorship @ \$150.00 per contest \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Golf Tournament Fee: Number of players \_\_\_\_ @ \$75 per player \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\$400 Team Sponsorship – 4 players + hole or contest sponsorship\*\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Included \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Player(s) Name(s):	Handicap or Avg. 18 Hole Score

**Make Checks Payable to “NMFMA 2006 Golf”**

Please mail or email a digital copy of company logo and other information you wish to have included on your sponsorship sign and return to:

Doug Wolf  
 2006 Golf Coordinator  
 8724 Ashton PL NE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87122  
 Phone: (505) 259-8771  
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## IN AND AROUND NEW MEXICO

### Bill Borthwick, CFM State NFIP Coordinator

The following communities have recently adopted FIRM revisions:

Espanola (Santa Fe County) effective 2/16/2006

Jal (Lea County) effective 12/16/2006

Silver City (Grant County) will have a map revision effective 5/16/2006

As a requirement of the FY 2006 Community Assistance Program/Services Element (CAP/SSSE) Guidance from FEMA, DPS is required to maintain a copy of each community's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. Upon adoption of any revisions and/or updates, in addition to sending a copy to the FEMA Region VI office, please provide a copy of

your floodplain management ordinance to the NFIP State Coordination Office.

### FloodSmart FY 2007 Calendars:

The deadline for all submittals for the FloodSmart Posters was March 18, 2006. I would like to thank Ms. Michele Truby-Tillen, CFM, for coordinating the effort. In addition I would like to thank the NMFMA Officers, Board Members, and membership, who participated in this State wide outreach program. Special recognition goes out to our FloodSmart Production Coordinator Dr. Deborah J. Bathke, PHD.

Our intent is to have available 3,000 calendars for the 30th Annual Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 11-16, 2006.

## FROM THE CHAIR

### Mike Rudloff, CFM NMFMA Chair

I realize we are well into the New Year, but I want to extend my best wishes to everyone for a safe, healthy and prosperous 2006. As many of us are well aware, 2006 is a big year for the NMFMA as we are the host Chapter for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual ASFPM Conference to be held June 11th-16th in Albuquerque. I applaud Grant Pinkerton and the many volunteers who have been working vigorously to assemble the best conference yet. The FloodSmart Calendar campaign is off and running under the direction of Michele Truby and Bill Borthwick. I cannot wait to see the 3 grand prize entries and the 15 selections for each calendar month.

The FEMA CAP-SSSE meeting was held February 22<sup>nd</sup> through February 24<sup>th</sup>, which I attended on behalf of NMFMA. The Association is requesting this year to fund the printing of the FloodSmart Calendars and to financially assist our members the cost of attend-

ing the ASFPM Conference in Albuquerque.

The Board voted to forego our Spring 2006 Conference in lieu of the ASFPM Conference so getting as many NMFMA members to attend the national conference is an ambition we need to accomplish in order for the association to conduct business and hold elections at our General Business Meeting during this conference.

Thank you for your support and confidence.

Visit [www.floods.org](http://www.floods.org) and download the ASFPM Brochure for information on registration, CFM, conference schedule, workshops, Silent Auction, and much more. You'll be sorry you didn't make it when you hear how much fun we had at the 30th ASFPM Annual Conference.



Association of State Floodplain Managers

## WE NEED FLOOD PICTURES FOR THE NMFMA DISPLAY

Georgia Goad, CFM  
Eddy County  
Email: [Georgia@co.eddy.nm.us](mailto:Georgia@co.eddy.nm.us)

We need flood pictures. Any kind of New Mexico flood pictures. We can even use flood protection pictures. We need to update our NMFMA display. The display will be on "display" during the ASFPM 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference in Albuquerque. There will be floodplain managers from all over the nation, members from other organizations, associations, ASFPM Executive Office and members within our own association that will be attending this conference and we need to show off what NMFMA is all about.

If you have pictures you would like to contribute and/or share or if you have questions or comments, please contact:

Georgia Goad @ (505) 887-9511 ext 112 or  
Kenny Rayroux @ (505) 887-9511 @ ext 114



## NFIP RATES CHANGE MAY 2006

### A Message from ASFPM's Flood Insurance Committee

The rate changes for both new and renewal business with effective dates on or after May 1, 2006, will increase the overall rate level by just over 4%. This consists of premium increases of 2.6% for actuarially-rated policies and 6.2% for Pre-FIRM policies. The largest increases, percentage wise, will be for Pre-FIRM properties in V and AE zones as well as A99, AR and X zone (Standard Risk). Unnumbered A zones will also see a modest increase. Properties in shallow flooding zones (e.g. AO, AH) and those that qualify for a Preferred Risk Policy (PRP) will see no change in premium.

The following is a summary of changes as presented in an NFIP Bulletin W-05083 that was sent to WYO companies and the NFIP Servicing Agent on November 29, 2005. To read the actual bulletin and see the new specific rate tables that will be effective May 1, 2006, go to: <http://bsa.nfipstat.com/wyobull/w-05083.pdf>.

#### V Zones (coastal high-velocity zones)

Larger rate increases are being implemented again this year as a result of the Heinz Center's Erosion Zone Study, which clearly indicates that current rates significantly underestimate the increasing hazard from steadily eroding coastlines.

- Post-FIRM V Zones: Premiums will increase 6%.
- Pre-FIRM V Zones: Premiums will increase 9%.

#### A Zones (non-velocity zones, which are primarily riverine zones)

There will be modest increases that will keep our Post-FIRM rates at actuarial levels and that will slightly decrease the amount of subsidy in our Pre-FIRM rates.

- Post-FIRM AE Zones: Premiums will increase about 2½% as indicated by our actuarial rate model.
- Pre-FIRM AE Zones: Premiums will increase about 6%.
- AO, AH, AOB and AHB Zones (shallow flooding zones): No change. Experience continues to be favorable in these zones.
- Unnumbered A Zones (remote A Zones where elevations have not been determined): Premiums will increase about 5%. These increases are designed to keep rates in line with Post-FIRM AE Zones.
- A99 Zones (approved flood mitigation projects, e.g., levees still in the course of construction): Premiums will increase about 6%.
- AR Zones: Premiums will increase about 7%.

#### X Zones (zones outside the Special Flood Hazard Area)

Moderate increases are being implemented.

- Standard Risk Policy: Premiums will increase about 6%.
- Preferred Risk Policy (PRP)\*: No changes.

#### Miscellaneous Items

- Optional Deductibles: Deductible relativities are unchanged.
- Emergency Program: No changes.
- Mortgage Portfolio Protection Program (MPPP): Revised to keep in line with increases to A and V Zone policies.
- Provisional Rating: No changes.

\*Committee note: With the heightened awareness for the need for flood insurance due to nationwide flooding and Map Modernization (i.e. "grandfathering"), the PRP still continues to provide easy, low-cost protection with premiums for building and contents as low as \$112 for home owners and \$39 for protecting a renter's contents!

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## ASFPM 2006 Board of Directors Election

*From the ASFPM Insider March 2006*

Recently, the ASFPM Board of Directors approved a change in the ASFPM By-laws, allowing ASFPM's nomination and election of Officers, Regional Directors, and Chapter Directors to be conducted through e-mail. This will enable all individual members, regardless of conference attendance, to take part in the elections.

ASFPM individual members are invited to submit nominations for the election of Officers and Regional Directors (even-numbered regions this year) for the July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007 ASFPM fiscal year. Individual members should have received an email with a nomination form. If you are an individual member and did not receive one, please contact ASFPM at memberhelp@floods.org or (608) 274-0123.

The four national officers are elected annually and serve a one-year term from the end of one annual conference to the end of the next annual conference. Officers of the ASFPM must be state-employed, individual ASFPM members. A person may serve two consecutive terms in the same office. Chair Pam Pogue, and Vice Chair Al Goodman are completing their first term, and are eligible to serve another term in their respective offices. Secretary Rhonda Montgomery and Treasurer Bill Nechamen are completing their second term and are not eligible to serve another term in those respective offices.

Regional Directors serve a two-year term on the Board of Directors, and can serve up to three consecutive terms. The Regional Director seats from even-numbered regions are up for election this year. Tom Blanchard, Region 2, Eugene Henry, Region 4, Diane Calhoun, Region 6, Kevin Houck, Region 8, and Debi Heiden, Region 10, are all eligible to serve another term. Any individual member in good standing from an even-numbered region may nominate any ASFPM individual member in good standing from your region for the Regional Director position. Federal employees are not eligible to serve as Regional Director, although they may submit nominations for Regional Director and Officers.

## Washington Legislative Report

**Meredith R. Inderfurth, Washington Liaison**  
**Rebecca C. Quinn, Legislative Officer**

### Setting the Scene

The President's budget requests for the departments and agencies are out. Appropriations hearings are underway with government officials defending their budget requests. Outside witness written testimony is due in mid-March in the House and on various dates in April in the Senate. Flood insurance reform legislation will probably be marked up mid-March in both the House and Senate. Levee safety legislation is under consideration in the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee. There may be movement on the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Considerable attention is being given to considering how FEMA is functioning within the Department of Homeland Security.

This is a quick overview of some of the Congressional activity related to FEMA, the NFIP and Corps of Engineers. There is other activity as well. This report will provide a look at the budget requests and a synopsis of legislative activity.

### Budget Requests

#### FEMA

The budget request for *Flood Map Modernization* is \$199 million. *HMGP* continues at \$7.5%. The request for *Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM)* is \$150 million. The two new programs under *Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA)* to mitigate repetitive loss properties are fully funded by transfer from the National Flood Insurance Fund with \$40 million for the Severe Repetitive Loss Pilot and \$10 million for the direct FEMA Individual Property Program. The request for regular FMA, however, is only \$31 million, rather than the authorized \$40 million. According to FEMA, this is the amount that will be generated by policy fees. FEMA's General Counsel has found that the two new programs may be funded from both fee and premium, the regular FMA must still be funded only from fees.

#### Army Corps of Engineers

The requested budget for the Corps in FY '07 is \$4.733 billion, a reduction of \$592 million from the FY'06 enacted level. The budget request gives priority to completing existing studies and projects. The overall *Investigations account* budget is \$1 million under the FY '06 request and is \$105.7 million less than the FY '06 enacted level. Of the \$94 million request, \$45 million goes to 2 studies: a national inventory of flood damage reduction projects and additional studies for the Louisiana coastal area – including studying potential projects on river and harbor navigation, flood control, shore protection, environmental restoration and other purposes. No new studies are funded. Apparently, this budget level could significantly affect staffing levels at Corps district offices.



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Department of Agriculture – National Resource Conservation Service

The *Watershed Surveys and Planning program* which funds studies needed for the Small Watershed Program was funded at about \$6 million in FY '06, but no funds are requested for FY '07. Apparently there is a backlog of about \$20.29 million in watershed planning projects.

The *Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Account* includes funds for the Small Watershed Program and the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. As was the case in FY '06, no funds are requested for this program in FY '07. For FY '06, the Congress did appropriate \$74.25 million for the Small Watershed Program and \$300 million was appropriated in an emergency supplemental appropriations bill for assistance to state and local governments through the Emergency Watershed Protection Program. Apparently, the backlog of authorized watershed projects amounts to \$1.85 billion.

The budget request for the *Watershed Rehabilitation Program* is \$15.3 million for technical assistance and financial help with upgrading or removing aging dams. The need for assistance through this program is estimated at \$565 million.

The budget requests full funding for the *Wetlands Reserve Program* and adds \$10 million to the *Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP)* for small dam removal. This is one of three components of a Presidential Initiative. Others are at NOAA and Fish and Wildlife Service.

NOAA

The budget request for NOAA is \$169 million less than requested last year and \$227 million less than the amount appropriated for FY '06. The budget does request \$6 million for the *Open Rivers Presidential Initiative* which supports voluntary, community-based removal of dams. The *National Ocean Service* is reduced by \$177 million. The *National Marine Fisheries Service* is cut by \$67 million. At a Senate Commerce Committee hearing on the NOAA budget, it was pointed out that the NOAA budget includes about \$500 million in earmarks.

USGS

*Water Resources* The budget request for the *National Streamflow Information Program (NSIP)* is increased by \$2.8 million, but the program has still only been able to fund about 15% of the intended federal "backbone" streamgauge network. The *Cooperative Streamgauge Program* request at \$62.17 million is essentially flat funding and is, therefore, not sufficient to help restore the federal/non-federal partnership ratio to 50/50 from what has become 30/70, often resulting in loss of non-federal partners.

EPA

Overall, the request for EPA is \$300 million less than the enacted level for FY '06. The *Clean Water State Revolving Fund* is reduced by \$199.2 million for a total of \$687.6 million. The *Targeted Watershed Grants* program is \$6.93 million, down \$9.6 million from the FY '06 enacted level.

National Park Service

Overall, the NPS is down \$66.4 million from the FY '06 enacted level of \$3.164 billion. The *Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance* program is reduced from \$7.5 million to \$7 million. This is a technical assistance program which has been very helpful in supporting floodplain management objectives.

**Emergency Supplemental Appropriations**

The latest emergency supplemental appropriations request for hurricane recovery totals \$19.8 billion. Approximately \$87 billion has already been appropriated for hurricane relief after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Of this amount, \$9.4 billion is for FEMA disaster relief. Additionally, \$4.2 billion is requested in Community Development Block Grant funds to address the "special need for future flood mitigation, including relocation or improvement of housing and infrastructure", \$1.3 billion for the SBA Disaster Loan Program and \$202 million for HUD's voucher assistance program. Further, funds are requested to support \$400 million in loan volume for Community Disaster Loans, \$10 million is requested for purchase of floodplain easements in disaster-prone areas and \$21 million is requested for restoration of fishery resources.

**Flood Insurance Reform**

Both the House Financial Services Committee and the Senate Banking Committee are planning to mark-up bills reforming the NFIP in mid-March. Both will include proposals to reduce pre-FIRM subsidies (likely for vacation homes), to step up lender compliance enforcement (through higher penalties) and to expand mandatory purchase requirements (probably to "residual risk" areas). The House Financial Services Committee had already reported out HR 4320 last November, but the bill was not brought to the House floor. The mid-March mark-up will probably be a revision of that bill. At present, that bill calls for a study of the feasibility and effects of expanding mandatory purchase requirements to the 500 year floodplain. The Senate Banking Committee has no available draft as yet.

Senator Reed (D-RI) has introduced S. 2005 providing for mapping of 500 year floodplain areas and residual risk areas and for incorporating available data including storm surge data from Corps of Engineers, NOAA, Fish and Wildlife and USGS data.

His bill would provide additional map funds for these tasks above and beyond the current map modernization initiative. It is possible that his bill or aspects of it will be incorporated in the Committee mark-up.

Related:

Representative Ginny Brown-Waite (R-FL) has introduced H.R. 846 making provision for a reinsurance mechanism for catastrophic losses to State natural catastrophe insurance funds.

**Levee Safety**

A bill providing for a national inventory of levees and for a National Levee Safety Program has been introduced in the House. The bill, H.R. 4650, was introduced by the Chairman of the Water Resources Subcommittee of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Rep. John J. Duncan, Jr. (R-TN). Action on the bill is likely this spring.

## Aging Viewed by George Carlin

Do you realize that the only time in our lives when we like to get old is when we're kids? If you're less than 10 years old, you're so excited about aging that you think in fractions.

"How old are you?" "I'm four and a half!" You're never thirty-six and a half. You're four and a half, going on five! That's the key.

You get into your teens, now they can't hold you back. You jump to the next number, or even a few ahead.

"How old are you?" "I'm gonna be 16!" You could be 13, but hey, you're gonna be 16! And then the greatest day of your life . . . you become 21. Even the words sound like a ceremony . . . YOU BECOME 21. YESSSS!!!

But then you turn 30. Oooohh, what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk! He TURNED; we had to throw him out. There's no fun now, you're Just a sour-dumpling. What's wrong? What's changed?

You BECOME 21, you TURN 30, then you're PUSHING 40. Whoa! Put on the brakes, it's all slipping away. Before you know it, you REACH 50 and your dreams are gone.

But wait!!! You MAKE it to 60. You didn't think you would!

So you BECOME 21, TURN 30, PUSH 40, REACH 50 and MAKE it to 60.

You've built up so much speed that you HIT 70! After that it's a day-by-day thing; you HIT Wednesday!

You get into your 80s and every day is a complete cycle; you HIT lunch; you TURN 4:30; you REACH bedtime. And it doesn't end there. Into the 90s, you start going backwards; "I Was JUST 92."

Then a strange thing happens. If you make it over 100, you become a little kid again. "I'm 100 and a half!" May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half!!

### HOW TO STAY YOUNG

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is why you pay "them "
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
- 9 Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county; to a foreign country but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

### AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:

**Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.**

**ESTA LLOVIENDO CULEBRAS Y CUBEROS**



## New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association Application for Membership

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Telephone:** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ **Fax** (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

- Affiliation:**
- Local Government
  - State Government
  - Federal Government
  - Private
  - Academic
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

**I am interested in the following areas of concern:**

**Dam Safety** \_\_\_\_\_

**Flood Data** \_\_\_\_\_

**Structural Flood Control** \_\_\_\_\_

**Litigation/Legal Issues** \_\_\_\_\_

**Wetlands Issues** \_\_\_\_\_

**AO/AH Flooding** \_\_\_\_\_

**Crawl Spaces** \_\_\_\_\_

**Flood Warning & Response** \_\_\_\_\_

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Nature of Duties**
- Administration
  - Engineering
  - Planning
  - Insurance
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Class Applied for & Dues**

- Individual                 \$ 35.00
- Agency                     \$100.00
- Corporate                 \$100.00
- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL

**I am interested in these Committees:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Conference**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Membership**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Legislative**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Training/Education**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Way and Means**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Nominating**

**DUES ARE FOR ONE CALENDAR YEAR.**

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## **Purpose of the New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association**

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 concerned with proper floodplain management and to encourage the exchange of ideas;
4. To keep individuals concerned with proper floodplain management well informed through educational 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.

**To accomplish the purpose of NMFMA, meetings and conferences are conducted, distribution of a quarterly newsletter. In addition, NMFMA also works with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, and the Department of Home Lane Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency and others.**

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