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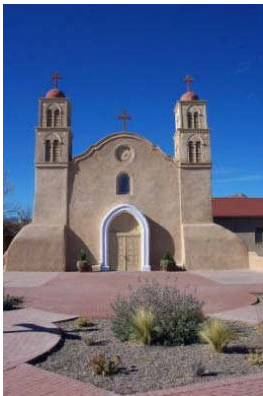
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NMFMA 2007 Spring Conference

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SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO

The 2007 Spring Conference will be held in Socorro, New Mexico. A pre Conference Floodplain Management Refresher Session will be held on April 10, 2007, see Pg 5 for information. Conference opening will be Wednesday April 11, 2007 at 1:00 pm. See agenda topics on Page 3.

Conference Hotel

The Best Western, formerly the Holiday Inn Express (where previous Socorro conferences have been held).
1100 N. California St.
Phone: 505.838.0556.

20 rooms have been blocked for April 10 and 80 rooms for April 11 & 12. These will be at government rate for government employees. **Any rooms not reserved before March 27 will be released back to the hotel.**

Other Hotels Available

Comfort Inn
259 NE Frontage Rd.
Phone: 505.838.4400 or 800.4choice
(approx. 3/4 mile from conference site)

Econo Lodge
400 N. California St.
Phone: 505.835.4666
(approx. 4 blocks from conference site)

Holiday Inn Express
Phone: 505.838.4600
(Immediately south of the Best Western)

Super 8 Motel

1121 NE Frontage Rd.
Phone: 505.835.4626
(approx. 1/2 mile from conference site)

Motel 6

807 S. Hwy 85 (S. California St.)
Phone: 505.835.4300
(South end of town, approx. 2.5 miles from conference site)

The above hotels will vary in room rates for non government employees beginning around \$40/nite on up.

EXHIBITORS: NMFMA is pleased to announce that there is limited space for exhibitors at our Spring Conference. See Page 4 for more detailed information and Exhibitors Registration Form.

Wednesday Social/Cocktail Party, April

11: Social/cocktail party will be held amongst the exhibits, Munchies will be provided by the lovely and talented Dolores Czosnek.

Thursday, April 12: Mike Czosnek will attempt to top previous Socorro award banquets with smoked, free range chicken. Refreshments provided by Socorro Spring Brewery at an off site venue that will include 2 of their award winning beers, their "home made root beer," and other soft drinks. All served by hearty wenches and 1 ugly guy. (No, Mike is not that ugly guy.)

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New Mexico communities with mapped flood hazard areas are required by New Mexico State Statute to join the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), adopt a local flood damage prevention ordinance, and have a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) to administer the ordinance. There are still many communities not yet fully compliant with State Statute 3-18-7.

NMFMA continues to assist communities in meeting the State requirements. At all NMFMA conferences, a one-day refresher course and the CFM exam are offered. The refresher course is held on Tuesday, the day prior to the conference. The CFM exam is given on Wednesday morning from 09:00 to 12:00. The conference begins at 1:00 on Wednesday. Register for our 2007 Spring conference in Socorro, NM, April 11 through 13.

The NMFMA web site, www.nmfma.org, has several publications that are excellent study material for the exam. Click on Publications on the home page. The Ready Reference for New Mexico Floodplain Managers and the Quick Guide are two easy to understand documents that can be downloaded from the web. The ASFPM web site, www.floods.org, also has a link to the FEMA 480 Study Guide and Desk Reference. Click on Certification, then on Exam Info, then click FEMA 480. It is a large document that can be downloaded chapter by chapter.

Remember: In order to take the CFM exam, an application and fee must be submitted and approved prior to the date of the exam. The application package is available on the NMFMA website. Click on Certification, then Read, Print, or Download the Application Package for the NMFMA CFM Exam. You can also follow the following link to the Application Package: <http://www.nmfma.org/certapp2004.PDF>.

January 1, 2007 was the due date for several CFM renewals. Unfortunately, we lost 10 CFMs during the last period because of a change of job status or for other reasons. We enjoyed working with those individuals and wish them luck in their new positions.

No CFM exams have been proctored since the Carlsbad conference, but we do have two new CFMs who have transferred their certification. Welcome to New Mexico: David Turk, CFM with URS Corporation in Albuquerque who transferred from the National CFM Program; and Lynne Krueger, CFM with the City of Aztec who transferred from Texas.

There are currently 119 New Mexico Certified Floodplain Managers (CFMs).



2007 SPRING CONFERENCE AGENDA TOPICS

TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2007

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Workshop - Floodplain Management Refresher Session
Lunch on your own

WEDNESDAY APRIL 11, 2007

1:00 pm to 1:15 pm

1:15 pm to 2:30 pm

Conference Welcome
 Summary of 2006 Floods: The Flood Events (FEMA, Corps, USGS, NWS)

3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Summary of 2006 Floods: Flood Damage (DPS, FEMA)

THURSDAY APRIL 12, 2007

8:00 am to 9:30 am

10:00am to 11:30 am

11:30 am to 3:00 pm

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Communities' Immediate Response to Floods (community floodplain managers, emergency managers)
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Lunch, business meeting and committee meetings

State and Federal Flood Recovery Efforts (DPS, FEMA, NMDOT, NMDA, etc.)

FRIDAY APRIL 13, 2007

8:00 am to 9:30 am

10:00 am to 11:30 am

11:30 am to 12:00 noon

Lessons Learned: Floodplain Management (Community floodplain managers, DPS)

Lessons Learned: Summary of Conference Presentations. (Panel discussion with DPS and community floodplain managers)

Door prize drawings

NOMINATIONS FOR NMFMA OFFICERS

The following individuals have been nominated and have accepted the nomination for preparation of election of new NMFMA Officers. Election will be held during the Spring Conference.

Chair: Kyle Zimmerman (accepted)

Vice Chair: Mike Czosnek (accepted)

2nd Vice-Chair: Grant Pinkerton (accepted) / Robert Perry (trying to confirm his acceptance)

Secretary: Kathy Rogers (accepted)

Treasurer: John Rhoderick (accepted)

Region I Director: Georgia Goad (accepted)

Region II Director: Michelle Truby-Tillen (accepted)

Region III Director: Yvette Fazekas (accepted)

Region IV Director: Eloy Armijo (accepted) / Mike Rudloff (accepted)

NMFMA SPRING CONFERENCE EXHIBITORS REGISTRATION FORM

**NMFMA SPRING CONFERENCE
APRIL 11—13, 2007
SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO
BEST WESTERN HOTEL (Formerly the Holiday Inn Express)
EXHIBITORS REGISTRATION FORM**

You are invited to exhibit during the NMFMA Spring Conference in Socorro, NM April 11 thru 13, 2007. Attendance is expected to top 140 floodplain managers, consultants and engineers. Also expected are representatives from FEMA, NFIP, state and local municipalities. See more information about the conference at www/nmfma.org/CONF.HTM.

We will have only 9 exhibit spaces available so you are urged to register ASAP. Spaces will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Spaces will measure approximately 6' X 8'. Each space will be provided a 6' table, 2 chairs and electricity if required.

All breaks and Wednesday evening social will be held in the break area. Conference director will assign spaces.

Registration fee of \$495 will include 2 conference registrations (a \$190 value) and corporate membership dues for 2007 (a \$100 value).

Exhibits may be shipped directly to the Best Western Conference Center @ 1100 N. California Street, Socorro, New Mexico 87801. The hotel will not accept shipments before Monday April 9, 2007. Exhibits must be set up between 8:00 am and noon Wednesday, April 11, ready for Conference open at 1:00 pm. Exhibits may be removed at any time after 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 12 and must be removed before noon Friday April 13, 2007.

NMFMA and the Best Western Hotel assume no liability for damage, loss or destruction to exhibitors property or injury to exhibitor's employees or representatives.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Czosnek at 505-838-7514 or email at mczosnek@socorronm.gov.

I would like to register as an Exhibitor at the 2007 NMFMA Spring Conference. I have read the information above and agree to abide by the requirements stated.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Need electricity: Yes: _____ No: _____

Enclose a check payable to NMFMA for \$495 for each exhibit space

Mail to: NMFMA, P.O. Box 531, High Rolls, New Mexico 88325



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

SPRING 2007 NMFMA CONFERENCE SOCORRO, NM April 11 – 13, 2007

INSTRUCTIONS: Please fill out form completely and send with payment to the NMFMA Executive Office (address below). All fees are payable in U.S. dollars. Make check payable to New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association, or NMFMA. (Federal ID # is 85-0433576). Please call the Executive Office at (505) 862-1359 with any questions.

NAME: _____ BADGE NAME _____ --- _____
 POSITION/TITLE _____
 ORGANIZATION _____
 OFFICE ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 DAY TIME PHONE () _____ FAX () _____
 EMAIL _____

REGISTRATION FEES (NOTE: Speakers are expected to pay the registration fee)

Conference Registration	By 3/27/07	After 3/27/07	
NMFMA Member	\$ 95.00	\$ 105.00	_____
Non_NMFMA Member	\$ 115.00	\$100.00	_____
Full-Time Student	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	_____

PLEASE INDICATE IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND THE THURSDAY NIGHT AWARDS BANQUET Yes ___ No ___
ARE YOU BRINGING A QUEST Yes ___ No ___

Optional Training and Events

Pre-Conference Training 8-Hour Workshop NFIP Refresher Workshop, April 10, 2007: \$ 45.00 _____

NOTE: If you are planning to take the CFM Exam, you must register via instructions from the NMFMA web site: <http://www.nmfma.org/CERTMENU.HTM>

You may register by emailing, mailing or faxing this form without payment. If you register without payment and do not attend, you will be billed for the amount due according to your registration, subject to the cancellation policy printed on this form. Early registration must be faxed or postmarked by March 27, 2007.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellations received by March 27, 2007, will receive a full refund. Cancellations received after March 27, 2007, will receive 50% refund. You may fax your cancellation to (505) 682-1369, or call (505) 682-1359.

Email Registration Form: lbond@labond.com

Mailing Registration Form: Mail completed form and payment to:

NMFMA
P. O. Box 531
High Rolls, New Mexico 88325

Faxing Registration Form: (505) 682-1369

AMOUNT PAID: \$ _____

FLOOD MAP MODERNIZATION AFFECTS EVERYONE

KNOW THE FACTS

PROTECT AGAINST THE HIGH COSTS OF FLOODING

Flooding is the number one natural disaster in the United States. While flooding due to hurricanes receives regular media coverage, it is important to understand that flooding is also caused by slow moving storms, quickly melting snow, water backup due to inadequate or overloaded drainage systems, and dam or levee failure.

About one out of four claims filed with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) occurs in the low- and moderate risk areas. Everyone is potentially at risk and you should know that financial protection through the purchase of flood insurance is easily available through local insurance agents for properties located in high, moderate or low risk areas. Homeowner's insurance policies do not provide coverage for flooding damage. The average NFIP premium is about \$500 per year and there are currently 5.3 million NFIP flood insurance policies in force.

FLOOD MAP MODERNIZATION and FLOOD INSURANCE

Flood insurance is required at a closing for all federally-regulated loans when flood zone determination results indicate that the building is in a high-risk zone (known as a Special Flood Hazard Area). An insurance agent or lender (or their servicer) utilizes one of FEMA's (Federal Emergency Management Agency's) flood hazard maps to identify flood risk associated with a given property.

Flood hazard maps, known as Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), indicate areas at risk of flooding and are important tools in the effort to protect lives and properties across the United States. Many of these maps currently in use were developed in the early days of the NFIP and require updating. Due to land changes over time, a community's FIRM may not accurately portray the current flood risks.

Congress approved the multi-year Flood Map Modernization ("Map Mod") effort to update FIRMs and transform them into more reliable, easy-to-use, and readily available digital products.

Flood designations will change with the new flood maps and this affects flood insurance requirements. It is important for community residents and business owners to stay informed throughout the mapping process.

STAYING INFORMED THROUGH THE MAPPING PROCESS

Public meetings provide an opportunity for citizens to learn about proposed changes to a flood hazard map, or FIRM. FEMA has provided community officials and residents with a period of time to allow for due process before and after Preliminary versions of new or revised FIRMs are issued. This period for "due process" includes the statutorily required 90-day appeal period and a compliance period. The compliance period, which is generally 6 months in duration, ends on the FIRM effective date. Once the new flood maps become effective, so do new flood insurance requirements. Citizens can stay informed by contacting community officials to learn of potential flood map changes in their area.

KNOWING YOUR FLOOD RISK

Property located in a high-risk area due to flood map changes may have lower-cost options available through the NFIP's "Grandfathering" rule which recognizes policyholders who built in compliance with the flood map in place at the time of construction or who have maintained continuous coverage.

A building on a property remapped from a high-risk zone to low- or moderate-risk zone -noted as "X" on the flood maps-, means flood risk is reduced **but not removed**. Property owners may qualify for lower-cost flood insurance policies, known as Preferred Risk Policies, with premiums starting at \$112 a year for building and contents coverage.

Residents and business owners should contact their insurance agents to view their insurance options.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information about Flood Map Modernization and flood insurance:

- FEMA Web site on Mapping: www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/mm_main.shtm
 - For general information about flood insurance: www.FloodSmart.gov
 - Specific mapping questions: FEMA Mapping Assistance Center 1-877-FEMA-MAP
- Visit FEMA's Map Service Center's website – at www.msc.fema.gov or call 1-800-358-9616.

FROM THE CHAIR

It is hard to believe that this newsletter article will be my last as NMFMA Chair. The past two years have taken me on a roller coaster ride, some good and some not so good. The position of Chair not only takes someone who is willing to obligate himself or herself to carry out the responsibilities associated with the position but also keeping the ship upright when it gets awry. I value the confidence bestowed me by the NMFMA membership and hope I somewhat satisfied your expectations.

We had some really good NMFMA fall conferences and workshops in Tucumcari (2005) and Carlsbad (2006). Hosting the 30th Annual ASFPM Conference in Albuquerque was a huge success after many months of planning. It took a lot of dedication and teamwork from everyone involved. The NMFMA membership will be treading new water as we voted in June 2006 to allow early nominations and voting. I'm certain this approach will prove successful for years to come. The redesigned NMFMA website is slated to be up and running in May 2007. Innovative Touch, Inc., located in Las Cruces, has been contracted to redesign and maintain the website for one year. Eventually down the road, we hope to accept conference registration fees, workshop fees, membership fees, donations to my bank account, etc. on-line via Pay Pal or Credit Cards.

It was a great pleasure working with the NMFMA Board of Directors...Bob Perry, Phil Butz, Grant Pinkerton, Paul Dugie, Cyndie Tidwell, Mike Czosnek, Yvette Fazekas, Kenney Rayroux, Georgia Goad, Kyle Zimmerman... Executive Director Les Bond and our State Floodplain Coordinator, Mr. Bill Borthwick, during my two-year tenure.

I also acknowledge my all important committee chairs...Pat Stovall-Training and Education; Rae Van Hoven-Ways & Means; Les Bond-Floodplain Management; Lynne Krueger-Nominating; Elvidio Deniz-Technical; Ellery Biathrow-Membership; Grant Pinkerton-Legislative...for their work to strengthen the NMFMA and improve floodplain management in New Mexico.

Last, but certainly not least, I owe a vast amount of gratitude to Diane Calhoun for her taking over as newsletter editor for a second time in October 2005. With a little persuasion and lunching with a good-looking guy, how could she resist? Thanks Diane!

I hope to see everyone April 11-13, 2007 in Socorro for a great Spring Conference.

Yours in Floodplain Management,



eLOMA Receives Positive Feedback and Increased Popularity

In June of 2006 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released its electronic Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) determination tool on the Mapping Information Platform (MIP), known as eLOMA. Since its release, more than 500 licensed land surveyors and professional engineers (Licensed Professionals) from around the country have registered to use the new tool.

eLOMA is a web-based application that provides Licensed Professionals with a system to submit simple LOMA requests to FEMA. This tool is designed to make a determination based on the information submitted by the Licensed Professional. Through the use of eLOMA, Licensed Professionals could receive a determination in the time that it takes to enter the required information online. Approximately half of the LOMAs processed annually (about 10,000 cases) meet the requirements of eLOMA.

The initial release of eLOMA enables Licensed Professionals to make requests for existing single residential structures or entire legally recorded parcels of land located in detailed areas (no approximate Zone A areas) on the Flood Insurance Rate Map, provided no fill has been placed to raise the elevations of the structure or property.

The number of submitted eLOMAs continues to increase as more Licensed Professionals gain access to the tool. Well over 100 eLOMAs have been issued since its release. Also, more of the eLOMAs that are selected to be audited by FEMA are being approved which is most likely a result of repeat users becoming more comfortable with the tool and the audit process.

Currently no future expansion or major enhancements to eLOMA have been planned, though, the MIP team continues to invite suggestions via MIPHelp (miphelp@mapmodteam.com or 1-877 FEMA MAP).

To register for an account for the eLOMA tool, please visit the MIP at hazards.fema.gov. Click on the 'Learn about eLOMA' link under the Tools for Professionals heading for more information on eLOMA. On the 'Learn about eLOMA' screen you can view the eLOMA demonstration video or access the recently updated eLOMA FAQs.

In and Around the State

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FEMA - 1659-DR New Mexico Disaster Declaration as of 1/11/2007 shows seventeen (17) New Mexico Counties designated for disaster funds. The grants were broken down into two categories:

Individual Assistance (IA)

Dona Ana County, New Mexico*
Otero County, New Mexico*

* Counties qualified for Public Assistance (PA) Grants

Public Assistance (PA)

Cibola County	Mora County
Dona Ana County*	Otero County*
Grant County	Rio Arriba County
Guadalupe County	San Miguel County
Harding County	Sandoval County
Hidalgo County	Sierra County
Lincoln County	Socorro County
Luna County	Taos County
McKinley County	Torrance County

* Counties qualified for Individual Assistance (IA)

Your State Floodplain Coordinator in conjunction with FEMA Recovery Mitigation teams met with local floodplain administrators and community officials. The purpose of the visit was to offer communities not in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) to join the NFIP. Applications, Resolutions and Ordinances were provided. Furthermore, mitigation grant opportunities were described. This represented the largest effort to get communities to join the NFIP. In addition the New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association (NMFMA) is playing a large part in follow-up with community's progress to join the NFIP.

We recognize that some communities do not have the manpower to administer this process; in order to be effective we requested that the new NFIP Community set-up a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to have a much stronger and a more experienced floodplain administrator represent the new community. An example is Torrance County, Estancia, or Moriarty could have an MOU with the Village of Encino or the Village of Willard.

This is a golden opportunity for communities to get into the ballgame. The following communities were visited:

Harding County, New Mexico	Town of Mosquero, New Mexico
McKinley County, New Mexico	Village of Capitan, New Mexico
Pueblo of Acoma, New Mexico	Village of Cloudcroft, New Mexico
Socorro County, New Mexico	Village of Cuba, New Mexico
Taos Pueblo, New Mexico	Village of Encino, New Mexico
Town of Cochiti, New Mexico	Village of Magdalena, New Mexico
Town of Hurley, New Mexico	Village of Willard, New Mexico
Town of Mountainair, New Mexico	

From the Executive Director

In 1998, I offered to serve as Executive Director of the NMFMA. The Board favored the idea, and the membership amended the NMFMA By-Laws to allow the Board to appoint an Executive Director.

I announced my resignation to the Board in February effective April 1, 2007. After nine years, I am going to step aside and take a little more time for myself and for Estelle. Sometime soon, a contractor will also take over the NMFMA web site, giving a new look and new capabilities.

I intend to stay very active in the NMFMA. Last July, I volunteered to chair a new committee, the Floodplain Management Committee. This Committee has been very active in its first few months, addressing some long-term issues of the NMFMA and identifying some new ones. I will also be more active on the Conference Committee. I think it will be fun to focus my energy on a few issues rather than the overall welfare of the Association. We have had perhaps the best Board ever for the past two years, and judging from the nominations, this will continue.

Many of the duties of the Executive Director have actually been done by my wonderful wife Estelle for the last nine years. She maintains the membership lists and does the membership invoices; she keeps the financial records for the Association; she does special mailings at the request of the Board; and, of course, she does our conference registration from start to finish.

Estelle has agreed to continue to perform these duties as directed by the Board, but she will bill for her hours. She has been paid a flat fee for conference registrations for several years, and she has billed for hours she has spent on some projects. The new arrangement will pay a somewhat larger portion of her value to the Association. The members should see no difference in the services she has provided.

From time to time, I receive phone calls from visitors to www.nmfma.org. I answer general questions, but refer most of the callers to community floodplain managers, the State Coordinator or FEMA Region VI. This will continue.

In other words, everything will continue as in the past, except that I will not be directly advising the Board of Directors. It has been a tremendous pleasure to see the Association grow in size and in its influence in the State, in Region VI and in the nation. Remembering where we were in 1997, it is still hard to believe that we hosted the most successful ASFPM conference ever. You have deserved the ASFPM awards you have received. I have been honored to serve as your Executive Director.

Thank you.
Leslie A. Bond, CFM

Sunland Park, New Mexico Joins the NFIP

NMFMA Members welcome the City of Sunland Park as our newest community to join the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). FEMA approved their application with an effective date November 8, 2006. The community will participate in the Regular Phase. The Regular Phase insurance limits for single-family dwellings building coverage is \$250,000 and the contents is \$100,000. For commercial properties the building and contents coverage is \$500,000.

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Flood Insurance Outreach Tools to Address Map Changes and Levees

As FEMA updates and modernizes the nation's flood maps, particular attention is being paid to areas protected by levees. The new maps will reflect the current status of the levee, as documented by the levee owner or sponsor. Changes in levee status can have a significant impact on flood insurance requirements for residents in your area. Of course, even if flood insurance is not *required* for property owners near levees, it is still *strongly recommended*. Although a properly designed and maintained levee reduces flood risk, no levee provides full protection from flooding.

Both before and after maps are issued, the public needs to be keenly aware of the risks associated with living and working behind levees. In order to help you reach out to and educate individuals in your area, FEMA and its FloodSmart Campaign have developed a range of outreach materials that clearly explain the various ways in which levees may be identified on local flood maps as well as the insurance requirements, options and savings that will apply for residents. Importantly, the materials all establish that, while levees can serve as valuable flood protection structures, they also pose unique risks.

Different Levees, Different Risk Levels

As the Corps re-examines levees, and as levee owners review their levees' compliance with federal standards, the new flood maps will reflect a variety of risk levels, and residents should understand their insurance requirements and options in each of these situations. For example, levees that can be shown to provide protection from the 100 year flood will be accredited and the areas behind them will be mapped as low-to-moderate risk zones. Flood insurance cost savings will be available in these areas – including eligibility for Preferred Risk Policies, which offer substantial savings.

When levees do not provide protection from the 100 year flood, they will not be accredited by FEMA, and flood insurance will be required for most mortgage holders. However, residents should know that if the levee is shown as accredited on the current flood map, but will be non-accredited on when a new flood map is issued, their policy may be “grandfathered-in” at the lower rate, provided the policy is purchased prior to the adoption of the new map, and maintained once the new map takes effect.

In between levees that provide 100 year flood protection and levees that do not, lies a world of uncertainty. These levees need to be evaluated by a professional engineer or federal agency such as the Army Corps of Engineers to determine their status. In some cases, a levee may be “provisionally accredited” if it can be reasonably assumed to provide 100 year flood protection. The area behind the levee will be mapped as a low-to-moderate risk zone, and the same cost savings that apply to accredited levees are available, for the two-year provisional period.

Recently, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers published a list of 122 communities across the United States whose levees are at risk due to improper maintenance, operational or structural deficiencies. The actual number of levees at risk of failure is likely to be significantly higher, because the Corps only monitors levees in its programs. In certain cases where a levee is known to have maintenance issues, the levee owner or sponsor may be granted a one year “grace period” to address problems with the levee. During this time FEMA will delay the release of the final map and the flood insurance rates will be based on the existing (and still effective) map.

Available Resources

Tools and information are available – and more are in development – to help educate the public about the flood risks associated with levees. The most current levee, mapping and insurance information from FEMA is available at www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/ly_intro.shtm. The FloodSmart Campaign is also working in partnership with the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) to develop an outreach toolkit of easily-adaptable materials that will be available nationwide later this year. This toolkit will contain materials for insurance agents, realtors, and the public. Sample letters, fact sheets and brochures will explain the risks that exist behind levees, the insurance-related changes taking place, and the process of converting to a Preferred Risk Policy. The materials can be tailored to provide information relevant to the needs of a specific Texas community.

To learn more about flood risks and flood insurance protection, visit www.FloodSmart.gov.





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 _____

Nature of Duties

- Administration
- Engineering
- Planning
- Insurance
- Other _____

I am interested in the following areas of concern:

Dam Safety _____

Flood Data _____

Structural Flood Control _____

Litigation/Legal Issues _____

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AO/AH Flooding _____

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_____ **Legislative**

_____ **Membership**

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Purpose of the New Mexico Floodplain Managers

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.
