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2013 Spring Workshop – April 17-19, 2013

Los Lunas is the place to be April 17 – 19, 2013. NMFMA will be holding another outstanding Workshop for NM Floodplain Managers. Mark your calendars and make your reservations today.

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CONFERENCE HOTELS

Days Inn Los Lunas
1919 Main St SW
Los Lunas, NM 87031
(505)865-5995

Single Queen \$49.99 + tax/day
Single King \$53.99 + tax/day
Two Queen \$59.99 + tax/day



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1711 Main St SW, Los Lunas, NM 87031
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HURRY – REGISTER NOW!

YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS OUT ON THIS ONE!!!!

You must register on line at www.nmfma.org. Once you are on the Home page, click on **Spring 2013** and it will take you to the registration page. Make sure you answer all the questions so we will have proper arrangements for the number of members attending.



New Mexico Certified Floodplain Managers

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Chair, Certification Committee

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If you would like to join the list of CFMs, visit the NMFMA web site at www.nmfma.org for details."

The CFM exam will be offered on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at the NMFMA Workshop in Los Lunas. You can register for the exam when you fill out your online registration for the workshop. Just don't forget to fill out and mail the CFM Application package along with your fee to the Certification Board prior to the exam.

The NM CFM program is accredited by the ASFPM Certification Board of Regents (CBOR), and the National CFM exam is the same exam that is given here in New Mexico. For the last few years, the national CFM exam has been going through an upgrade process that has changed the exam slightly each year, and this year is no exception. The exam that will be given this year in Los Lunas will be slightly different than last year's exam. It is important to remember that the Refresher Course and the FP 101 Course that are given on the day before the exam are not meant to teach you all you need to know in order to pass the exam. It is suggested that you study the FEMA 480 prior to taking the exam. You can view or download the document from the ASFPM website by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.floods.org/index.asp?menuid=388&firstlevelmenuid=180&siteid=1>

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@cablone.net



News from the NMFMA Conference Chair and the Treasurer

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Would you like to have the opportunity to spot light your business? Become a Sponsor for the NMFMA Spring 2013 Workshop!

We have several levels of donations with recognition during the conference. If you are interested in becoming a Sponsor, and would like more details, please contact me via phone or email.

Any and All donations are always gratefully accepted.

- **Platinum - \$600 Donation**
- **Gold - \$300 - \$599 Donation**
- **Silver - \$200 - \$299 Donation**
- **Bronze ~\$50 - \$199 Donation**



REPORT FROM NOMINATION COMMITTEE

NMFMA Members,

It is again time to elect Officers to the NMFMA Board of Directors. The following is a list of open positions for this year's election and the names of the candidates nominated by the Nomination Committee:

Chairman	Dave Turk, URS Corporation-Albuquerque
Second Vice Chair	Curt Temple, Lincoln County-Ruidoso
Treasurer	Paul Dugie, Dona County-Las Cruces
Region I Director	Nicloe Friedt, NMDOT-Santa Fe
Region III Director	Joe Barela, JoeB Engineering-Santa Fe

NMFMA elections are processed through our web site, www.nmfma.org. After you log in, go to the Elections-NMFMA Board tab and click the Vote Here button. You will see the names of all the open positions in your Region. Only Region I and Region III have Directors positions open. You can vote for the Nomination Committee's candidate or choose Write-in Candidate and write the name of your candidate in the Comments box.

Please support your association by voting this year. The process is simple and only takes a few minutes of your time. Thank you.

(If you have forgotten your password, just email Grant Pinkerton at nmcfm@cableone.net and ask for a new one. Grant will email you a new password that you can change once you have logged in to the web site.)

“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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I would like to take this space to say thank you to everyone for supporting me for the past four years as your Chair of New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association (NMFMA). It has been my privilege to represent the floodplain managers of the State of New Mexico at the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) conferences and at the FEMA CAP/SSSE meetings. I hope that I was able to represent and support you during my time as Chair.

During the time I have served as Chair, you have helped me grow as a floodplain manager. You made me look at a situation in a different way or introduced a new way of addressing a problem. Some of you contacted me with questions on how to do something, where you could find specific information, or just for my opinion on an issue. Some of these questions were easy to answer and some were rather difficult and a few I could not answer. For all of this I am truly grateful.

Please do not stop asking me questions. Use me as one of your resources. This is how we all learn. Even though I am no longer the Chair, I will continue to serve on the Board as Treasurer. My contact information is on the contact page of the NMFMA website.

Once again thank you!

THANK YOU PAUL

FROM EVERYONE IN NMFMA

Are You Participating in Your Community's Mitigation Plan?

Wendy Blackwell, CFM
State Hazard Mitigation Officer
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In order to be eligible for FEMA mitigation project funding, a community or tribe must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. The creation or up-date of a Mitigation Plan can also be funded with a FEMA mitigation grant. DHSEM currently has more than \$100,000 in grant funding to provide for mitigation planning efforts.

Below is a list of New Mexico communities and tribes that are currently working on creating or up-dating a Mitigation Plan. Throughout the State, there are 20 mitigation plans under-way! Some of the Counties listed below are working on a multi-jurisdictional mitigation plan. So, if you work for a City, Village or Town within one of the counties listed below, you should still be involved in the mitigation planning process.

As floodplain managers, you have useful and important information that should be incorporated into the Mitigation Plan. For example, you may have knowledge of flood impact locations, data on flood damage estimates, up-dates to the local floodplain ordinance or recommendations for flood mitigation projects. Who else in the community would have that information? That's right... nobody but us floodplain managers!

If you are not sure who to contact regarding the status of your community's Mitigation Plan, just let me know. I will connect you with the primary contact in your community so you can contribute to making the Mitigation Plan accurate and effective.

Community Mitigation Plans Under-way

- *Alamogordo, City of
- *Bernalillo County
- *Chaves County
- *Cibola County
- *Curry County
- *De Baca County
- *Dona Ana County
- *Guadalupe County
- *Lea County

- *Luna County
- *McKinley County
- *Rio Arriba County
- *Sandoval County
- *San Miguel County
- *San Juan County
- *Santa Fe, City of
- *Valencia County

Tribal Mitigation Plans Under-way

- *Cochiti Pueblo
- *Nambe Pueblo
- *Santa Clara Pueblo



In an Around New Mexico with the State NFIP Coordinator

Bill Borthwick, CFM, State Floodplain Coordinator
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Several weeks ago Dale Hoff, FEMA Region 6, was admitted to the hospital for Quadruple Heart By Pass Surgery. Dale reports as of Valentine's Day it will be three weeks since his operation. He misses the floodplain management job but more important the people who have become friends and do the job of Floodplain Management in New Mexico. The recovery time will be greater than he thought. Like Dale says "He's still alive and kicking." We encourage Dale to get plenty of well-deserved rest. We hope Dale's recovery can be gradual and successful.

Ross Richardson, CFM, FEMA Region VI Branch Chief announced February 1, 2013 that Jaye Hendricks, CFM, FEMA Region VI Natural Program Specialist will be the temporary replacement in New Mexico while Dale Hoff recovers.

Mr. Hendricks point of contact (poc) is:

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In an Around New Mexico with the State Hazard Mitigation Officer

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In the last newsletter, I reported about the amount of FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding and due dates for grant applications. There are two main changes since the last newsletter. First, because of additional FEMA Public Assistance costs, the State now has more than \$5,400,000 that can be utilized by local jurisdictions and tribal entities for natural hazard mitigation. This figure is higher because the HMGP amount is re-calculated six months and twelve months after the disaster declaration. So yes... the amount will likely increase again. Please keep in mind that although FEMA's Public Assistance Program applies only to communities declared in the disaster, HMGP is available State-wide.

“\$5,000,000 in funding can be utilized by local jurisdictions and tribal entities for natural hazard mitigation.”

The second change is an extension for the DR-4047 application period. It now closes May 23, 2013 for Disaster Declaration #4047. This is the final extension for DR-4047. The application period closes August 21, 2013 for Disaster Declaration #4079. If there is interest at the local level, DHSEM can request an extension for the application period. It is possible to provide additional submittal materials after the application deadline.

Any interested community or tribe should first submit a Notice of Interest as soon as possible. This form can be found at (<http://www.nmdhsem.org/Grants.aspx>). After the Notice of Interest is received, DHSEM will contact the applicant to review the formal application process.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding is available through Presidential Disaster Declarations #4047 and #4079.

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding is a 75% federal, 25% non-federal grant program. The local jurisdiction or tribe is required to provide the 25% match, which can be in-kind or “hard” match such as cash.

Please note that in order to be eligible for mitigation project funding, the community or tribe must have a FEMA approved Hazard Mitigation Plan. The creation or up-date of a Mitigation Plan can also be funded with Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UP DATES

The NMFMA Executive Board will continue to work with each NMFMA committee to brainstorm and bring new ideas to the organization. As a NMFMA member your participation with these committees is strongly encouraged. This helps bring new ideas to the organization, and makes sure that each member is seeing a return on their membership investment. Please contact any of the committee chairs or a NMFMA Board members with ideas you have, or if you would like to participate!

- **Conference Committee – Mike Czosnek**

The Conference Committee has arranged for the sites and Conference Directors for the next 4 workshops. They are:

- April 16-19, Los Lunas, Hoss Foster
- October 15-18, Hobbs, Lorenzo Velasquez
- April 15-18, 2014, Clovis, Louis Gordon
- October 14-17, 2014, City of Elephant Butte, Carlos Bustamonte

In addition we are starting a campaign to have in excess of 10 exhibits for the Spring 2014 Workshop in Clovis. The target number of exhibits will be 20. We will be reaching out to private sector members that may need to arrange for budgets during the balance of 2013. You should also notice, when the registration for Los Lunas is on the website, that our Tuesday classes will be priced higher than they have been in the past. This is due to increased costs for materials.

If anyone is interested in helping with a conference, presenting at a conference, or hosting a future conference, please contact Mike!

- **Social Networking and White Paper Committee – Michele Truby-Tillen**

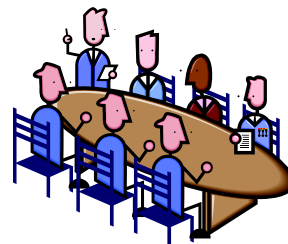
There are currently no white papers in the works. The committee currently has a facebook page and LinkedIn page which is accessible to all members and can be used to start discussions. Also, there is an opportunity to setup a blog where experts can respond to questions for all to see. This will be discussed at the next workshop to gauge interest from the membership.

- **GIS Committee – Tobias Finke**

The GIS Committee is still looking for opportunities to provide training to the organization. Hopefully a trainer will be identified by the next workshop. GIS presentations will also be given during the upcoming conferences. If you are interested in meeting with this committee, please contact Toby. There will be a committee meeting held at the next conference.

- **Training Committee – Curtis Cherne**

The training committee is working to bring training opportunities throughout the year. Please contact Curtis if you would like to see specific training, or have a training idea that you would like to present to the organization.



WORKSHOP AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013 - Pre-Conference Training

Please visit NMFMA web site to register for Pre-Conference Training

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Floodplain Management 101
Instructor, Diane Calhoun, CFM, Sponsored by H2O Partners

8:00 am – 5:00 pm CFM Refresher
Instructor, Dave Turk, URS Corporation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2013

9:00 AM TO 12:00 Noon – CFM® Exam

Visit NMFMA web site for details on CFM® Application, fees, and approval

1:00 pm – 1:15 pm Workshop Welcome
Robert Vialpando, Mayor, Village of Los Lunas

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm Bruce Swingle, Valencia County Manager

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm History of Valencia County - Rio Gonzales

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm **BREAK**

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm NFIP New Reform Act – Mark Lujan

3:45 pm – 5:00 pm Current Status of Mitigation Planning in NM
Wendy Blackwell – NM State Hazard Mitigation Officer

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm Evening Social

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013

8:00 am – 8:15 am Welcome – Loretta Hatch, Village of Bosque Farms

8:15 am – 9:00 am 4th St Phase 1 – Leveraging Multiple Funding Sources for Food Mitigation
Mario Juarez-Infante

9:00 am – 9:30 am Hazard Mitigation as it relates to Floodplain Management
Eric Howard, H2O Partners

9:30 AM – 9:45 PM BREAK

9:45 am – 10:30 am Flood Hazard Mitigation on the Navajo Nation
Dave Turk & Eric Nemeth

10:30 am – 11:15 am Storm Water Quality – The right thing, but not for reducing flooding
Karen Menne-Jacobsen

11:15 am – 12:00 pm New Storm Water regulations – Emphasis on Low Impact Development
Kelly Collins & Brad Sumrall

12:00 pm – 1:15 pm LUNCH – MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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WORKSHOP AGENDA – Continued

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013 - Continued

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Souris River Unsteady HEC-RAS Modeling – Thomas Johnson
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	TBA
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	BREAK
2:45 pm – 3:45 pm	TBA
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Understanding Where to Find Flood Risk Data and Its Uses Vinay Achrekar & Ben Sanborn
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Reducing Natural Hazard Risk in Your Community Through Action Jim Orwat & Jaye Hendricks, FEMA Region 6
6:00 pm	AWARDS DINNER

FRIDAY April 19, 2013

8:00 am – 8:30 am	GIS – Tobias Finke, URS Corporation
8:30 am – 9:30 am	TBA - Paul van Gulick
9:30 am – 9:45 am	BREAK
9:45 am – 10:45 am	NM Silver Jacks FY 2013 – Stephen L. Scissons
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	TBA
Conference Adjourn	

BOARD MEETING HELD IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORKSHOP

Drive safe

**See you in October
2013 Fall Workshop in Hobbs, New Mexico**

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

Purpose of the New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

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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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