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Awards and Appreciation 2010 Spring Workshop

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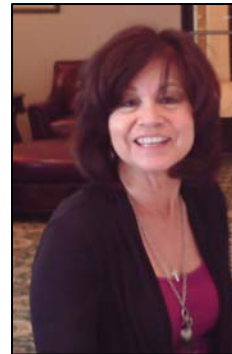
FLOODPLAIN MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Kyle Zimmerman, CFM with the City of Los Alamos and past Chair of NMFMA, received the Floodplain Manager of the Year for his service to NMFMA and the City of Los Alamos.



GRANT PINKERTON AWARD

Mike Czosnek, CFM, with the City of Socorro received the Grant Pinkerton Award for his many years of outstanding work and dedication to NMFMA and the members.



SPECIAL APPRECIATION

A very special thanks and appreciation went to Dolores Czosnek for catering the breaks and lunch for the Workshop. Thanks for all your hard work, it was delicious



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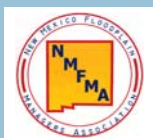
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**NEW MEXICO
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The CFM exam was proctored in Socorro in March, 2010, at the NMFMA Spring Workshop. Eight people passed the exam and joined the ranks of NM CFMs. Congratulations to the following new CFMs:

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Adrian Anaya, CFM | Village of Tijeras |
| Eric Cornelius, CFM | Santa Fe Engineering
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| Jeff Cox, CFM | Sierra County |
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There are now 170 active CFMs certified by the NM certification program

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 .

In and Around New Mexico with the State NFIP Coordinator

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State NFIP Coordinator

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Status on communities joining the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP):

State Flood plain Coordinator and State Hazard Mitigation Officer (SHMO) held a meeting with the Pueblo of Jemez, Jemez New Mexico on April 7, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage the Pueblo to join the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The following actions were taken:

Lea County, New Mexico application was sent FEMA Region VI April 13, 2010

Town of Peralta, New Mexico application sent to FEMA Region VI April 14, 2010

Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico at FEMA Headquarters as of April 16, 2010 is awaiting approval

Village of Santa Clara, New Mexico application has been sent to FEMA Region VI on April 19, 2010

Final Coordinating Contractors Meetings (CCO Meetings):

Lincoln County, New Mexico participating NFIP Communities March 9, 2010:

The attendees were Curt Temple, CFM, Lincoln County, New Mexico; Shawn Fort, CFM, Village of Ruidoso, New Mexico; Stephan Duthill, CFM, City of Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico; Curt Temple, CFM (represented) Town of Carrizozo, New Mexico; Curt Temple, CFM, (represented) Village of Capitan, New Mexico. URS study contractor was represented by Rigel Rucker, PE, CFM and Joe Roerkohl, EIT, CFM.

Los Alamos County, New Mexico March 23, 2010:

The attendees were Kyle Zimmerman, CFM Los Alamos County, New Mexico; Joel Pearson IT/GIS; James Alarid County Utility; Ted Garcia, County Public Works and Ralph Alarid, County Public Works. Michael Baker Jr., Inc. study contractor was David A. Patterson, PE, CFM.

Rio Arriba County, New Mexico March 24, 2010:

James Naranjo, CFM, Rio Arriba County, New Mexico; Joe Duran, CFM, City of Espanola, New Mexico; Larry Valdez, CFM, City of Espanola, New Mexico; Lawrence Cata, Director Environmental Affairs, Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh and Ben Chavarria, Pueblo of Santa Clara; study contractor was Michael Baker Jr., Inc. study contractor was David A. Patterson, PE, CFM.

NMFMA/NMEMA Fall 2010 Workshop/Conference

PARTNERING FOR PREVENTION

Joint Workshop/Conference

New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association

&

New Mexico Emergency Management Association

SEPTEMBER 27 – OCTOBER 1, 2010

FARMINGTON, NM

Call for presenters:

The Fall Workshop/Conference will be a joint workshop/conference with the New Mexico Emergency Management (NMEMA) association. It will be held in Farmington, New Mexico at the Best Western Inn & Suites. This is a call for presenters from both the floodplain management and the emergency management fields. Please contact Michele Truby-Tillen at mtruby@sicounty.net or 505-334-4719.

Presentations that show coordination between Floodplain Managers and Emergency Managers at different levels of Government as well as the planning for disaster response and prevention are desired. Presentations that educate attendees on best practices and new innovations are also desirable.

Registration Information:

Registration for this event is \$250.00 and includes several meals during the week-long workshop. **DHSEM is offering to reimburse local community floodplain and emergency managers the cost of registration and per diem for this workshop.** Follow this link, [NM DHSEM Per Diem Information](#) to the proper forms that are required for reimbursement. NMFMA members can register online from the Event Calendar on the NMFMA web site, www.nmfma.org, for the workshop and associated functions.



Hotel Information:

Best Western Inn & Suites

505-566-5505 for reservations

Ask for the "Floodplain Conference or Emergency Management Conference"

Conference Rate:

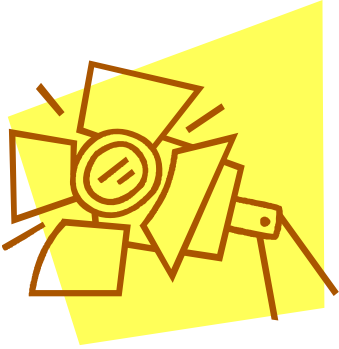
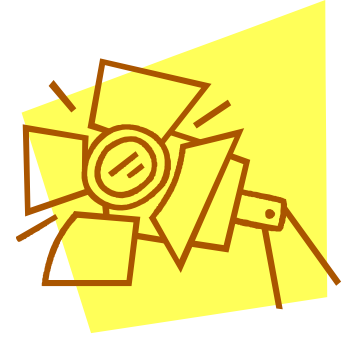
Double Occupancy - Double/Queen \$55

King \$71.25

Suite (King Bed) \$74.25

SPOTLIGHT

FEATURE

**MIKE CZOSNEK, CFM**

For this Spotlight Feature we have our Treasurer, Mike Czosnek. Mike has been working for the City of Socorro for 17 ½ years and has been a Certified Floodplain Manager for 15 years. He has both the New Mexico Floodplain Certification from 1995 and he recertified through the new program in 2003. Mike also is the most recent recipient of the 'Grant Pinkerton Award' which is awarded to an individual or organization which has provided exceptional service to NMFMA. This is NMFMA highest award and has only been awarded two other times.

Mike has been on the NMFMA Board of Directors since 1996 or maybe even longer and has held almost every position at least once. Mike is also our long standing Conference Committee Chair and has done a great job with every conference/workshop that we've held in Socorro. He has enjoyed the experience and has made many friends. He has also had the privilege to travel to several national ASFPM Conferences and represent NMFMA.

In his spare time Mike enjoys fishing, telling jokes, gambling, just shooting the breeze and driving his Vet. Just ask him when you have some spare time.

Mike has been married for 24 years to Dolores, has two stepdaughters, Stephanie Saavedra and Kristy Padilla, and four grandchildren Christopher – 15 a student at NMMI, Taylor – 10, Jason - 5 and Danika – 3. He also lays claim to ten billion relatives in Wisconsin. This is a quote from Mike, " Polish people are _____ers. I'll let you fill in the blank.

Thanks Mike for the time you have contributed to NMFMA and helping all of us to be a better floodplain manager!

Mike has been a great contributor to NMFMA and to the residents of the City of Socorro. We are please to identify Mike as our latest Spotlight Feature.

Call for Papers



12th ANNUAL EPA REGION 6 STORMWATER OPERATORS CONFERENCE

Santa Fe, New Mexico June 21-25, 2010

The 12th Annual Region 6 Stormwater Operators Conference, a combined partnership of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the City of Santa Fe, NM, and the South Central Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association (SCIEA), will be held in Santa Fe, NM, from June 21-25, 2010. The goal for the MS4 Stormwater Conference is to bring together stormwater managers and staff of Phase I and Phase II municipalities, federal facilities, regulatory officials, contractors and environmental professionals, to share success stories, discuss challenges and hear first hand what's coming down the pipe in the municipal stormwater industry.

Abstracts for specific topics listed below for workshop presentations are currently being accepted. If you are interested in presenting, please send a brief abstract on your topic to Jim Salazar (jlsalazar@santafenm.gov) or David Pike (dnpike@santafenm.gov).

We look forward to hearing from you!

- 1) LID/Sustainable Development
 - 2) Wind Erosion
 - 3) Watershed Planning/Management
 - 4) Industrial Storm Water Management
 - 5) Public Education and Outreach
 - 6) Innovative Technology
 - 7) Legal and Regulatory Documentation
 - 8) Case Studies and Lessons Learned
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EVENTS IN NEW MEXICO

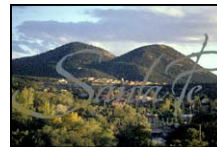
FEMA E273. Managing Floodplain Development through the NFIP, is coming New Mexico twice in 2010. April 26 - 30, 2010 in Aztec, New Mexico and July 12 - 16 in Los Lunas, New Mexico. Details about the course and registration information can be found on the Event Calender on our web site www.nmfma.org.



PARTNERING FOR PREVENTION - Joint Workshop/Conference - New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association & New Mexico Emergency Management Association, September 27 - October 1, 2010 in Farmington, New Mexico. See page 4 of the newsletter for details.



12th ANNUAL EPA REGION 6 STORMWATER OPERATORS CONFERENCE - Santa Fe, New Mexico June 21-25, 2010. See page 6 of this newsletter for details.



NMFMA Spring Workshop/Conference - Spring 2011 - Albuquerque, New Mexico



NMFMA Fall Workshop/Conference - Fall 2011 - Ruidosos, New Mexico



If you would like to bring an NMFMA Workshop to your community for the Spring of 2012 - and beyond, or if your company is interested in providing a sponsorship for any of NMFMA Workshops, please contact our Conference Committee Chair, Mike Czosnek, mczosnek@socorronm.gov or call 575-835-0240.

FROM THE CHAIR

Paul Dugie, CFM

NMFMA Chair

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Hello Everyone.

Well spring has sprung and the pollen and dust are flying. The weather folks keep predicting 10 to 30 percent chance of rain and we always seem to be in the other 70 to 90 percent. Maybe if they would predict the 70 to 90 percent chance of no rain, we may get a drop or two.

Recently NMFMA held our Spring Workshop in Socorro. I would like to thank Mike Ingles and all those who helped for putting on such a great Workshop. They had something for everyone. No matter if you were just learning GIS or have been using it for years.

On Thursday night at the awards dinner, Kyle Zimmerman was recognized with the Floodplain Manager Award for his service to NMFMA and the City of Los Alamos. Mike Czosnek received the Grant Pinkerton Service Award for his years of outstanding service to NMFMA. Thanks Kyle and Mike for your time and service!

I would like to welcome the new Board Members Michele Truby-Tillen, JD Padilla and Mario Juarez-Infante. I like to thank Kelly Romero for continuing to serve on the Board at a new position.

Just around the corner (May 16-21) is the ASFPM Conference in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers (OFMA) are hard at work putting the final touches to their conference. So if you have the chance, join OFMA and the other floodplain managers and have a great learning experience in Oklahoma City.

SPECIAL THANKS TO SPONSORS AND OTHERS

A special thanks to Dolores Czosnek for keeping everyone over fed at the Socorro WorkShop/Conference.



Thanks to Lupe Tarango for getting the brats ready for lunch on Thursday. He had to work in unfavorable weather conditions.

Thanks to Kristy Padilla for help with registration on Wednesday morning.

A special thank you to Mike Inglis and staff for a terrific agenda.

Thanks to our workshop/conference sponsors:

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MSC + FMAC = FMIX

On March 1, 2010, the contact center for FEMA's Map Service Center (MSC) was consolidated into the current FEMA Map Assistance Center (FMAC) to provide a one-stop-shop for a variety of information, products, services, and tools that support the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). To reflect this consolidation, the name of the FMAC was changed to the FEMA Map Information eXchange, or FMIX.

Ordering NFIP Products

Customers will still order mapping products from the MSC either online at <http://msc.fema.gov> or via phone. MSC customer service representatives are available to assist with this process and can now be reached by calling the toll-free number for the FMIX, 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627), option 2, or by e-mailing MSCservices@riskmapcds.com.

General NFIP Information

Map Specialists are still available to answer questions and provide information about the NFIP. They can be reached by calling the toll-free number for the FMIX, 1-877-FEMA-MAP (1-877-336-2627), option 1, or by e-mailing FEMAMapSpecialist@riskmapcds.com.

''' For additional information related to the consolidation, please visit http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/fmc_main.shtm.

From the News & Views - April 2010



Who's "Fleecing" whom?

Larry Larson, CFM

Executive Director, ASFPM

The nation's flood risk managers (that's all of you) should be aware of the very real threat to the FEMA flood mapping program from the property owners and communities who are receiving new flood maps. The dialog has become particularly visceral in locales where the area being mapped includes a levee that the community cannot show is adequate to contain the 100-year flood, which then also brings in Corps of Engineers programs. All of you reading this have heard the kneejerk reactions hundreds of times: "FEMA put me in the floodplain." "I've lived here XX years and I've never seen it flood." "The map is just wrong." "This levee has never failed," and a thousand variations of why the map could not be right and why they are not subject to flood risk.

Then there are the "economic" arguments: "This will kill economic growth in the community." "In these tough economic times, people can't afford flood insurance" (after four-plus decades of hearing this argument, I'm curious to know when that good economic time will arrive when, supposedly, people will be able to afford it).

On a recent "Fleecing of America" broadcast, the NBC National News tried to portray those people who have recently been mapped as being in the special flood hazard area as "victims" because under a new FEMA map they would have to buy flood insurance. The local person who pushed FEMA to change a map was declared a hero. The truth is that when the local community finally shared better topographic maps with FEMA (which the community had always had but did not previously share), a good definition of the 100-year floodplain was reached. But the entire episode did nothing to educate people that there is flood risk on either side of that line on the flood map. The ASFPM sent comments to NBC about the inaccuracies of the broadcast, which you can view on our website at <http://www.floods.org/n-news-hottopics/article.asp?id=42>.

Flooding in the Northeast this past week was a wakeup call for many. In some areas maps had just been released that, a few weeks ago, had citizens and politicians screaming all the things I mentioned above. Last week, people in those areas were standing in water and screaming for someone to buy them out. Kind of makes you wonder what Forrest Gump would do or say, doesn't it? Somehow I don't think he would expect the government to bail him out on either end of the spectrum.

It is very important that we engage in common-sense dialog on these mapping and levee issues. If we don't, parts of the NFIP and Corps programs will suffer greatly. In the end, if these programs are undermined and become ineffective, the federal taxpayers will simply continue to pick up the cost of flooding for everyone in the nation who insists on living at risk to floods without bearing responsibility for it. I don't know about you, but I am tired of paying for someone else's living at risk.

Of the 130 million housing units in the United States, about 10 million may be in the 100-year floodplain. Perhaps half of those carry flood insurance. Those of us in the floodplain management profession spend almost 100% of our time talking to those 10 million, trying to get them to recognize and accept that they are at flood risk and should be to take charge of their risk. Perhaps we need to spend time with the 120 million who DO pay for disaster programs and other subsidies for those 10 million—they, if anyone, should be leading the charge to make those who live at risk pay the bulk of the cost of that choice.



From News & Views - April 2010



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 _____

Membership Class Applied for & Dues

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

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MAKE CHECK OUT TO NMFMA

Send to: NMFMA Executive Office
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Roswell, New Mexico 88202

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:	_____

I am interested in these Committees:	
_____	Certification
_____	Conference
_____	Floodplain Management
_____	Legislative
_____	Membership
_____	Nominating
_____	Training/Education
_____	Technical



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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.**