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**NMFMA HOST TO
ASFPM's 30th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
"Floodplain Management Crossroads:
Where Route 66 Meets the Rio Grande"**

If you don't know that the 30th Annual ASFPM Conference is being held in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 11—16, 2006, you must have been sleeping under a rock. It is time to wake up and volunteer. Do you want to show the world what a great association NMFMA is and show off the great State of New Mexico? Read details on Page 5 on how you can become a Volunteer, meet new people, be in the know, and be someone to know.

Be part of the TEAM

Since this spectacular event is being held in Albuquerque, the NMFMA Spring Conference has been cancelled in lieu of the ASFPM Conference. However, NMFMA will hold their General Membership Meeting. See Page 3 for details, location, date and time. New Officers and Regional Directors will be elected. In addition proposed Chapter By-Law changes will be on the agenda. You want your voice to be heard? Attend the General Membership Meeting.

Host Team Orientation Session meeting will be held June 11. See Page 2 for details, location and time.



**NMFMA
FALL CONFERENCE**
Carlsbad, New Mexico
October 18-20, 2006

Details on agenda, hotels, special events will be posted in the next issue of NMFMA High Waters.

Visit 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

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**NEW MEXICO
CERTIFIED FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS****Grant Pinkerton, CFM
Chair, Certification Committee**

The National Conference is fast approaching – June 11-16 is just around the corner. I know a lot of you have been working with Bill Borthwick, our State NFIP Coordinator to apply for assistance with conference registration. But I don't want you to forget about applying for the CFM Exam. The exam application is a completely separate process.

In order to take the NM CFM Exam, you must download the application from the NMFMA website www.nmfma.org, fill it out, and send it with the proper fee to the address noted on page 5 of the application. Click on "Certification" at the top of the home page, then click the third choice on the certification page, [Read, print or download the Application Package for the NMFMA CFM Exam](#), to get the exam application. Be sure to note on page 5 when you want to take the exam so we can schedule seating space for you. If you have any questions, please call Grant Pinkerton, CFM, Certification Board Chair at 505-624-6562 during working hours.

**ASFPM WELCOME FEST June 11, 2006****HOST TEAM ORIENTATION SESSION****Mike Czosnek, CFM
Past Chair
Nomination Committee
Region IV Director**

Host Team Orientation Session, is scheduled for Sunday June 11, 2006, @ 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm. Setting up for the Welcome Fest will commence immediately after the Session. So please come and participate in this great time when NMFMA will be briefed as the Host Association and preparation for the Welcome Fest. This is a time that old friends meet and new friends are made that will last for a life time.

REQUEST FOR SPONSORS FOR WELCOME FEST

This is also a time when 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 :

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING JUNE 14, 2006

**Mike Ruloff, CFM
NMFMA Chair**

General Membership Meeting will be held on June 14, 2006, beginning at 12:00 noon until 2:00 pm. Meeting will be held in the Laguna Room located on the Lower Level. There will be a cash and carry sandwich/salad buffet available for members attending the meeting. Agenda items include: Election of Officers and Regional Directors, Proposed By-Law Changes (which was forwarded to you in membership letter dated April 28, 2006) and Financial Report. You are encouraged to attend this very important General Meeting on Wednesday, not only for the annual elections, but to help our Association proceed in a positive direction.

You are also invited to the HOST TEAM ORIENTATION SESSION, June 11, 2006, 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm. After the meeting we commence setting up for the Welcome Fest.



LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTIONS \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ Please . . .



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
(505) 835-0240**

MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

**Mike Czosnek, CFM
Nomination Committee Chair**

Here we go again with Mike pleading and begging everyone to attend the NMFMA Annual Membership Meeting where we will be electing new Officers and Regional Directors. Anyone interested in running for any board position should contact Mike Czosnek by phone, email, telegram, carrier pigeon, smoke signals or even a personal emissary. Mike can be reached by phone (505) 835-0240 or email: mczosnek@socorronm.gov.

All nominations or your interest in running for an office must be turned in to Mike by June 1, 2006.



IN AND AROUND NEW MEXICO

Bill Borthwick, CFM State NFIP Coordinator

NMFMA MEMBERS ATTENDING ASFPM

We are proud to announce that 60 New Mexico Local Government Officials will attend the 30th Annual Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 11-16, 2006. 19 attendees will sit for the Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM) Examination. The participants will engage in workshops to ensure their continuing education credits (CECs) in floodplain management.

In addition, this contingent will attend concurrent sessions, plenary sessions, and help assist the host chapter New Mexico Floodplain Managers (NMFMA). The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is funding this training under the Community Assistance Program/State Support Service Element Grant EMT-2006-GR-0104.

NEW PARTICIPANT IN THE NFIP PROGRAM

Town of Dexter, New Mexico has joined the NFIP Program, effective March 16, 2006.

Floodplain Manager: Grant Pinkerton, CFM. Chaves County Building Inspector/Floodplain Manager.

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FLOODSMART CALENDAR PROGRAM

The idea to create a FloodSmart Calendar was first introduced at the New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association (NMFMA) Board Retreat in July 2005. A presentation by Bill Borthwick, CFM, State Floodplain Coordinator was presented at the NMFMA 2005 Fall Conference in Tucumcari, New Mexico. A committee was formed with the following members: Mike Rudloff, CFM, NMFMA Chair Michele Truby-Tillen, CFM FloodSmart Coordinator Dr. Deborah Bathke FloodSmart Production Coordinator and Bill Borthwick, CFM, State Floodplain Coordinator.

This core group strategy was to produce an 18 month FloodSmart Calendar starting with June 2006 through December 2007. The goal was to have a FloodSmart Poster Contest done by fourth graders across the State of New Mexico. Members of the NMFMA contacted local schools about participating in this project.

Three winners were selected First Place Winner: Michele Wood, Carlsbad, New Mexico FloodSmart Hero *Raven Dark Water*; Second Place Winner Abigail Ruiz, Hobbs, New Mexico FloodSmart Hero *Flood Boy*; and Third Place Winner Cody Dennison, Deming, New Mexico FloodSmart Hero *Super Steeler* 1st Prize school got \$250.00, 2nd Prize school got \$150.00 and 3rd Prize school got \$100.00. Cash rewards were given by the NMFMA. In addition 18 school posters were featured in the FloodSmart Calendar.

3,000 FloodSmart Calendars will be available to the attendees at the 30th Annual Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) Conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico June 11-16, 2006 and New Mexico Local Officials.

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and NMFMA will present a paper at the ASFPM Conference Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at Concurrent Session A Track 2 1:45 pm-3:45 pm. The topic will be *How States and ASFPM Member States can create FloodSmart Posters and FloodSmart Calendars*. This presentation will be combined with *Community Collaborative Rain Hail and Snow (CoCoRaHS)*. The Authors are Bill Borthwick, CFM, State Floodplain Coordinator; Mike Rudloff, CFM, NMFMA Chair; Michele Truby-Tillen, CFM, FloodSmart Coordinator and Dr. Deborah J. Bathke, Ph.D.

Special Thanks goes out to all the NMFMA Officers & Board Members and NMFMA members who endorsed this statewide endeavor.

This project was supported by funds awarded by the New Mexico Office of Emergency Management (OEM) through a federal grant awarded by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

1st Place FloodSmart Poster Winner Michelle Wood of Carlsbad NM



Left to Right: Michelle Wood, the winner, Ellen Calentine, JMA teacher, Principal Deb Glass and Eddy County Floodplain Manager Georgia Goad.

The theme was "TAKE COVER." Students created posters, using their newly developed super hero, to help others understand that Thunder Storms can cause flash floods. If you hear thunder, see lightning and/or rain, you should get away from any streams, rivers, or arroyos and take cover inside. Some of the dangers associated with Thunder Storms include: lightning strikes, flash flood waters, fast rising river levels, high winds, and water in drainage ditches and/or canals.

See Page 6 for 2nd Place Winner and 3rd Place Winner.

FROM THE CHAIR

Mike Rudloff, CFM
NMFMA Chair

I don't know about you, but as the time gets closer for the 30th Annual ASFPM Conference in Albuquerque this June, my excitement level increases another level. The NMFMA planning team has worked very hard in coordinating the host chapter requirements for the conference. The Association appreciates FEMA Region VI and New Mexico DPS/OEM for reimbursing the early bird package registration fee back to the local governments in order to help increase NMFMA presence at the conference and at the NMFMA General Membership meeting. Speaking of the General Membership meeting, it is scheduled for 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Wednesday, June 14, 2006 at the Albuquerque Convention Center. A room will be provided for us and ASFPM will have a cash-and-carry salad/sandwich bar set-up for attendees to utilize so we can meet-and-eat at the same time. We have a couple of important issues to discuss and vote on. The first being election of officers and the second issue concerning proposed By-Law changes dealing with voting and nominating. A mailing was sent out to all the members on May 5, 2006 loaded with information. If a member didn't receive the mailing, please call me at (505) 546-8848 x 114 and I will e-mail you the information.

Before I close, I want to thank Michele Truby-Tillen for her outstanding job in coordinating the Flood Smart Calendar project. It is now in the hands of the printer for production and will be ready for distribution at the conference in Albuquerque. To slightly jump ahead, Kenney Rayroux and Georgia Goad have been gearing up to host the NMFMA Fall 2006 Conference the third week of October in Carlsbad. My fiancé and I look forward to visiting Carlsbad.

I appreciate your support and confidence and hope to see you in Albuquerque.

VOLUNTEERS AND MODERATORS NEEDED

Paul Dugie, CFM
Treasurer
Past Chair

Volunteers and Moderators are needed for workshops and sessions for the ASFPM Conference.

If you wish to be a Moderator, please contact VALERIE SWICK AT (602) 506-2929 or email VAS@MAIL.MARICOPA.GOV.

If you wish to be a Volunteer please contact PAUL DUGIE AT (505) 647-7256 or email ASFPMVOLUNTEER@YAHOO.COM.



PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

- Name
- Agency/Company
- Phone number
- Email address
- Event/Topic

ROOM MONITORS NEEDED

ROOM MONITORS

1 volunteer per session. Volunteers will be posted by the meeting room door, task is to ensure that participants are as comfortable as possible to ensure a positive learning atmosphere. They will assist as needed in preparing the room for the sessions to start at appointed time and coordinate with hotel/center for needs like lights, temperature, more chairs, AV equipment needs, etc. Workshop monitors must also check attendance, no one is to be admitted unless their name is on the registration list (instructors excepted).

If you wish to be a Volunteer please contact PAUL DUGIE AT (505) 647-7256 or email ASFPMVOLUNTEER@YAHOO.COM

FLOODSMART POSTER WINNERS

2nd Place FloodSmart Poster Winner Abigail Ruiz of Hobbs NM



Left to Right: Abigail Ruiz, 2nd Place Winner, Mayor Monty D. Newman, and Lee Morin, teacher at Jefferson Elementary.

3rd Place FloodSmart Poster Winner Cody Dennison of Deming NM



Left to Right: Frank Milo, Memorial Elementary Principal; Cody Dennison, 3rd Place FloodSmart Poster Winner; Mike Rudloff, CFM, New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association Chairman; Roberta Holguin, Memorial Elementary 4th Grade Teacher

ESTA LLOVIENDO CULEBRAS Y CUBEROS

FROM THE EDITOR: Diane Calhoun, CFM

Something new will appear in the next issue of the High Waters. There will be a 'Spot Light' section that will feature a member of NMFMA. It may be a new member, or an old member (not in age but in membership), a member that has made an outstanding contribution to NMFMA, or someone you would like to see Spot Lighted. Maybe you want to know who was the first Chair of NMFMA? Or maybe you want to know where Jack Purcell is now? Or who is Jack Purcell?

If you have someone that you would like to know more about, or would like to see in the Spot Light, please let me know.

BEWARE: While attending the ASFPM Conference, be on guard, and smile. You will never know when or if your picture is being taken. I will have camera in hand and you are my subject.

If you have suggestions for articles, suggestions on the what you want to see or read in the High Waters, please do not hesitate to let me know.

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New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association Application for Membership

Name: _____
Title: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip code:** _____
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- Affiliation:**
- Local Government
 - State Government
 - Federal Government
 - Private
 - Academic
 - Other _____

I am interested in the following areas of concern:

Dam Safety _____

Flood Data _____

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Litigation/Legal Issues _____

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- 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.

MAKE CHECK OUT TO NMFMA

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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.
