

## Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call –July 8, 2020

Attendees: Alan Lulloff, Brooke Seymour, Dave Knipe, and Laura Algeo

### Call Platform

On the May call we discussed switching from Free Conference Call to different platform. For this call we used Zoom. There were some delays but they were not too problematic. ASFPM uses this software for committee calls and policy team calls so it may not always be available.

### First Street

We discussed the First Street Flood Tool. Alan indicated that the site was funded by Jay Fiason. A conservative from South Carolina that is promoting action to adapt to climate change. ASFPM has had some discussions with them.

Laura indicated that they had getting a lot of calls. Some things that are good about the site is that it addresses future conditions associated with climate change and does cover some parts of the country that FEMA has not yet mapped. Their site is a lot easier to access than FEMA's. Gives an opportunity to highlighting the intent of flood maps. Her understanding is that they are going to include fire hazards at a later date. The First Street application is limited when it comes to Emergency Response and Floodplain management.

Brooke is concerned about areas where the First Street Flood Tool is underestimating flood risk. She used Clear Creek as an example where a number a parcels in the floodway are shown as low risk. However, the website layout and the way it communicates information is extremely compelling.

### Webinars:

The next webinar is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>. FEMA (Laura Algeo and Brian Koper) will be presenting the proposed changes to the Guidelines and Standards associated with 2D Floodways. There are 1150 people registered for the webinar. Our software can only handle 1,000 but 20% that register usually do not attend but I would suggest that people get not early.

Alan indicated that new floodway guidance was published in November 2019 of which ASFPM was not aware and on which ASFPM does have some comments. ASFPM's plan is to mention that we have comments on the Op Partners virtual meeting tomorrow and submit them after the meeting. Significant new content was included in the guidance. Brian Koper indicated that their goal was to get the content included prior to including content related to 2D floodway modeling. Alan indicated he would provide the guidance document to the group after the call.

Alan indicated that the next webinar would likely be on the Pierce County WA Deep and/or Fast Flowing Floodways they have implemented. It is recognized that this will not replace the FEMA regulatory floodway. However, using the Deep and/or Fast Flowing product has often come up in conjunction with 2D modeling. The intent will be to highlight that the DFF product does not replace the impact assessment associated with FEMA floodway. The webinar will highlight the Pierce County DFF product of 3.0 which is intended to protect children in conjunction with public safety.

Harris County FCD is planning to use a product of 2.8. These products were selected in order to be safe for children. The November 2019 guidance mentions the concept and suggests a product of less than 10.

Others have suggested products in the order of 9. Again if we present on this topic we would make sure that it would be noted that this does not replace the FEMA floodway and for any product selected there would still need to be a cumulative impacts assessment.

There was discussion regarding doing something to replace the CTP conversation normally held at the conference. Laura indicated that the major benefit of the CTP conversation is the face to face nature of the event. She didn't feel that a virtual event could replicate that.

#### Best Practices

Alan has provided a Best Practice write-up on the West Virginia Flood Tool to Nicole Maccherone to get it into the templat format. Brooke indicated that the best practice she put forth a few months ago will take a few months to be ready for a write-up.

#### CTP subcommittee co-chair

An email has gone out to the CTP subcommittee requesting suggestions for someone to fill the position vacated when Maria Cox became the co-chair of the Mapping & Eng Stds Committee.

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