

Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call –August 12, 2020

Attendees: Alan Lulloff, Brooke Seymour, Dave Knipe, Maria Cox Lamm, and Darryl Rockfield

CTP Co-chair

Darryl Rockfield was welcomed as co-chair of the CTP subcommittee. We discussed the monthly calls and the role of the CTP subcommittee for providing support for CTPs. ASFPM provides CTP training webinars and best practices quarterly.

Webinars:

A webinar was held on July 14th. FEMA (Laura Algeo and Brian Koper) presented on the proposed changes to the Guidelines and Standards associated with 2D Floodways. There were 980 people that attended the webinar.

There were some problems with our software during the webinar. The first 10 minutes were the most problematic. Fortunately, the presentations by FEMA staff were not a problem. The introductory materials were rerecorded and posted to the page associated with the webinar.

Dave Knipe indicated that he has been having problems with the software that ASFPM uses locking up his computer.

Alan indicated that the next webinar will be on the Pierce County WA Deep and/or Fast Flowing Floodways they have implemented. 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.

Best Practices

Looking for ideas on the next best practice.

Comments on FEMA Draft Guidelines and Standards

FEMA has put out draft guidelines. Comments are due by September 4th. Dave Knipe will be sending out an email to the M&ES committee members giving them 2 weeks for providing comments. He will be setting up a small group to develop comments. It was highlighted that comments should be specific to make it easy for FEMA to incorporate. Brooke indicated that the proposed guidelines lack adequate detail on how to develop floodways based upon surcharge averaging.

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