Cooperating Technical Partners

ASFPM Monthly Conference Call

February 2, 2017 10 – 11 am

Attendees: Amanda Flegel, Thuy Patton and Alan Lulloff

Upcoming Webinars
When providing comments on the 5 year plan and the Competency Matrix I have indicated the need for training on federal/state/local roles in land use management. Laura on the steering committee call indicated this topic may be an appropriate topic for one of our CTP webinars. Targeting mid-March for that webinar. Note: the next webinar will instead be on vertical datums – scheduled for March 29th at 2 pm ET, 1 pm CT.

Best Practices
Two best practices have been recently submitted to FEMA – Illinois and Oklahoma. I will provide Thuy and Amanda with copies of those draft write-ups. Considering Kansas as the next write-up.

CTP session at ASFPM Conf.
Amanda contacted Diana Brown and Jennie regarding getting the CTP meeting on Monday on the program and in the published program. It is scheduled from 3:30 – 5 pm. Discussed the agenda for the meeting. One topic suggested is the 5 year Operations Plan. We would like to get some information for Laura on the finalization of the plan and potential involvement of CTPs in the implementation and updates to the plan as it progresses. We also discussed doing a survey similar to last year with possibly using a show of hands to vote on priorities. We will try to finalize the agenda and survey content by our next conference call.

Regarding a Monday evening event similar to last year – Amanda and Thuy have discussed options for the event and Amanda has identified a suitable location. Last year’s event was not structured as well as we would like. The goal this year would be to have a sign up so that it would be clearer to people where to gather. We also would like to have introductions and possibly have seating arrangements set up so that people could interact with others outside their normal routine.

Contacts with other CTPs
We discussed reaching out to CTPs. Would like to get a small group that we could reach out to when we are requested to provide comments to FEMA on draft drafts and/or proposed new initiatives. The goal would be to identify at least one CTP in each region that would be a core group of people that would be more activity involved with the CTP subcommittee. I indicated that I would provide them the list of people that are involved with the CTP CoP Steering Committee. I indicated that following the CTP Community of Practice Steering Committee Call in January Dane Bailey provided me with some information on a new initiative in Kansas. I took the opportunity to call him and discuss what Kansas is doing.

I asked Thuy about the portion of the mapping conducted in Colorado that is done by the State as a Cooperating Technical Partner vs FEMA PTS contractors. She indicated that all mapping work is done by them with the exception of old legacy projects where there no funding remaining to complete the
projects. In those instances, FEMA has utilized the PTS contractors to complete the projects. I asked if FEMA’s CERC contractor has been involved or if the State has been handling the community engagement and risk communication work. She indicated that they did request some assistance from the CERC contractor. However, it was frustrating because the State had to spend a significant amount of time educating and training them on mapping processes and local issues.

**Scheduling CTP monthly conference calls**

Laura has a conflict at 10 am central time on Thursdays. I indicated that I would set up a doodle poll so that we could come up with an appropriate time and day for the conference calls.

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