Cooperating Technical Partners – ASFPM CTP subcommittee Monthly Call – May 13, 2020

Attendees: Alan Luloff, Brooke Seymour, Dave Knipe, Jason Hochschild and Laura Algeo

**Call Platform**

We discussed switching from Free Conference Call to different platform. Laura has indicated that she can use Skype, webex, Zoom and Microsoft Team. Laura indicated that having a video option would be nice. A platform that uses chrome could be problematic. It was decided that we would try Google Meet for our next call. Note: since our next call would be during the conference the next CTP subcommittee meeting would be in July. The CTP discussion would take the place of our normal call.

**Webinars:**

The webinar on Coastal LOMRs was conducted on May 12, 2020. Presenters were Erin Benford with AECOM and Jeff Gangai with Dewberry. The presentation was provided to Brian Koper and he did provide some comments.

Regarding the next webinar – 2D Floodways was the second most requested topic when we polled people last fall. We had discussed that this would be a timely topic for the July to September quarter since the plan is for the draft standards and guidance would be coming in the July/August timeframe respectively. Laura agreed to conduct the webinar with others. She had indicated previously that the presenters would likely be her and Brian Koper with assistance from Andy Bonner and another contractor. There will be a concurrent session at the conference on the topic but this would allow a deeper dive into the topic. The week of July 13th was tentatively selected for the meeting date.

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. We will document our comments and make sure that Laura has those comments prior to the webinar.

Another webinar topic we have discussed is 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. Pierce County uses a DFF product of 3.0 and 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**

Alan is working on a Best Practice write-up on the West Virginia Flood Tool.

**ASFPM Conference – Fort Worth**

The plan for awards is to have an awards presentation video-taped and the link sent out with the New & Views newsletter following the conference. It is unclear as to whether that newsletter would go out at the end of June or end of July. Alan will get some clarification on timing.
Regarding the CTP discussion normally held on Monday at 3 pm Alan indicated that the conference virtual platform could not be used and ASFPM’s go to meeting software will be used for the ASFPM board meeting on Monday so it also is not available. Laura indicated that she could arrange for a Zoom meeting via one of the FEMA contractors. Laura indicated that the software allows for break-out sessions. The timing of the CTP discussion was moved to 2 pm Central Time to better serve those on the east coast.

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