

ASFPM Arid Regions Policy Committee

Conference Call

Tuesday, January 9, 2018

9:00 – 10:00 AM Pacific Standard Time

(9 AM PST, 10 AM MST, 11 AM CST, 12 Noon EST)

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AGENDA

1. Introductions and Welcome – roll call by state to identify new participants.
2. Update on planning for ASFPM national conference in Phoenix in 2018 (Marcia Sorensen).
3. Update on NFIP Reauthorization and the Growth of Private Flood Insurance (Bruce Bender, Co-Chair of ASFPM Flood Insurance Committee).
4. Other business.
5. Identify action Items.
6. Date for next scheduled Conference Call: Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Also of possible interest to Arid Regions Members:

- U.S. Geological Survey scientists have released data recently from an analysis of a collection of climate, fire and erosion models for 471 large watersheds throughout the western U.S. They found that by 2050, the amount of sediment in more than one-third of watersheds could at least double. In nearly nine-tenths of the watersheds, sedimentation is projected to increase by more than 10 percent. This increased erosion could have serious implications for stormwater, as well as for water resources. Here is a link to a newspaper article about the report:
http://www.paysonroundup.com/news/forest_management_wildfires/study-predicts-dangerous-rise-in-erosion/article_5f94b642-5afc-5767-ba8b-c5febb4f2b90.html
A brief technical summary of the report is available here:
<https://blogs.agu.org/geospace/2017/09/07/increases-wildfire-caused-erosion-impact-water-supply-quality-west/>
The article, published in the AGU journal *Geophysical Research Letters*, is not available for free. You can buy a PDF for \$38, or read it on-screen for \$6, here:
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/2017GL073979/full>

- In the wake of the California wildfires, denuded watersheds are likely to give rise to increased incidence of mudslides and flooding. Here's a recent newspaper article: <http://www.dailynews.com/2017/12/11/theres-no-rain-in-sight-so-why-is-southern-california-bracing-for-floods-mudslides/>
- 2017 saw an unusually high incidence of natural disasters, including floods, fires, hurricanes and earthquakes, among others. This has put a strain on the industry providing insurance for natural hazards. Here's a newspaper article about some possible consequences: <https://www.csmonitor.com/layout/set/print/World/2017/1121/Insurers-face-new-challenges-after-long-series-of-natural-disasters>