

ASFPM Arid Regions Policy Committee

Conference Call

Tuesday, April 10, 2018

9:00 – 10:00 AM Pacific Daylight Time

(9 AM PDT, 9 AM MST, 10 AM MDT, 11 AM CDT, 12 Noon EDT)

Dial-in number: 1-712-775-7031; Access Code: 289 375 470#

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Welcome – roll call by state to identify new participants.
2. Update on the Omnibus Appropriations Bill and what is in it for FEMA. (Jeanne)
3. Update on plans to host an Arid Regions Conference in New Mexico. (Jeanne)
4. Update on re-boot of Riverine Erosion Hazard work group and scheduled conference calls. (Tom)
5. Update on planning for ASFPM national conference in Phoenix in 2018 (Marcia Sorensen).
6. Other business.
7. Identify action Items.
8. Date for next scheduled Conference Call: Tuesday, May 8, 2018.

Also of possible interest to Arid Regions Members:

- The U.S. Geological Service has issued Bulletin 17C, “Guidelines for Determining Flood Flow Frequency” (also known as USGS’s “Techniques and Methods 4–B5,” Chapter 5 of Section B, Surface Water, Book 4, Hydrologic Analysis and Interpretation). Bulletin 17C now replaces Bulletin 17B (1982), which was the long-standing, widely used guide to this always challenging task. This is especially true in the arid west, where we are often called on to estimate the so-called 100-year flood (sometimes floods with even longer return periods), based on gage records of 20 or 30 years. We do the best we can, with what we’ve got, & this is the traditional guide to how to do that. At this site, there is a brief history of the Bulletins, from Bulletin 15 (1967) up to the present, & a link to the document, in a downloadable PDF format: <https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/tm4B5>