

# ASFPM Arid Regions Committee Status Report



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## **Introduction & Policy Focus Areas**

The primary mission of the Arid Regions Committee is to provide policy guidance and support of arid regions floodplain management issues to foster reduction of future losses, costs and human suffering caused by flooding. Historically this committee has influenced FEMA's flood mapping program through education and outreach in the arid areas. This has been accomplished through forwarding local arid regions floodplain concerns to ASFPM for actions, disseminating ASFPM policies and questions to local floodplain decision makers for action, and sharing information between communities in the arid regions.

### **The Arid Regions Committee has the following standard work items that are ongoing in nature:**

Participate in ASFPM policy committee conference calls and retreats. The co-chairs facilitate the monthly conference calls, and a co-chair attends the policy committee annual retreat in Madison, WI.

Prepare status reports and develop work plans. Reports and work plans submitted on schedule.

Attend committee chair meeting at national conference and conduct the annual committee meeting.

Conduct committee coordination and planning. The annual work plan is updated with active committee member input, and is refined and finalized at the annual ASFPM meeting.

### **Current Committee Priorities:**

Promote enhanced land use practices, building on committee's previous review of the NFIP to reduce flood damage in arid regions.

Continue providing input on the Riverine Erosion paper updates.

Support program development for the upcoming 2018 Phoenix annual meeting.

Consider adding BMPs to the Arid Regions Committee website, which could then be useful to floodplain practitioners. May start by start by polling committee members for what BMPs have been useful in their communities.