

POLICY COMMITTEE WORKPLAN

Arid Regions Committee

2016 – 2017

(Last update: 08/10/2016)

1.0 Overview

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.

Committee co-chairs:

Bob Davies

Jeanne Ruefer with Tetra Tech, Inc.

Liaisons:

Tom Walker

Active members:

Anthony Barry, Robert Bezek, Teri George, Ashley Couch, Mark Forrest, Massoud Rezakhani, Ted Johnson, Bob Davies, Jeanne Ruefer, Tom Walker,.

2.0 Task Outline

2.1 On-going work items (see Table):

1. Participate in ASFPM Policy Committee Conference Calls, and routine POD calls.
2. Attend Policy Committee Chair Meeting at the annual conference and hold an annual Arid Regions Committee meeting. Attend and participate in annual Co-chair retreat.
3. Organize and Facilitate Regular (monthly) Committee Conference Calls.
4. Prepare Annual Reports and Develop Work Plans.

2.2 Work items for the 2016/2017 Year (see separate Task Summary Sheets):

The following work items are ongoing from last year The Committee intends to begin and/or or continue work on at least one of the priority Arid Issues this year and is committed to identify sub-tasks to initiate evaluation and progress of those efforts.

1. Research and make recommendations for analyzing hydrology and hydraulics in arid regions projects. This continues to be an ongoing issue the committee will pursue.

2.3 Parking Lot of work items for the future:

The following list of work items was discussed at the annual meeting in San Antonio at the Arid Regions Committee meeting – May 2012. This list of items will be reviewed one by one, and decide whether to add new items, leave/delete or embellish each item for consideration in upcoming or future work plans. Some items may be of a similar nature and could be combined. How do these items support the ASFPM Board national policy goals?

- Alluvial fan issues. Get consensus on state of practice for delineations.
- Clearly identify why Arid Regions floodplain management concerns are different. Political? Property values higher as we get near waterways.
- Irrigation ditches – Clean Water Act, storm water. Discussions are ongoing regarding how roadway v-ditches may become jurisdictional.
- Levee-like structures, canal stability issues.
- LAMP (Levee Analysis and Mapping Approach) - There has been little discussion of alluvial fan flooding and Zone D SFHA application.
- If the engineering community could get FEMA to accept residual risk, it would really help with risk and Zone D issues.

2.4 Ongoing Work Items

Task Name	Task Leader	Approx. Hrs. to complete	Detailed Task Description
Conference Calls	Bob Davies/ Jeanne Ruefer	44 hours	A co-chair or the liaison should attend all conference calls and one of co-chairs should attend the conference retreat.
Annual Conference & Committee Retreat	Bob Davies/ Jeanne Ruefer	40 hours	Prepare for the policy committee co-chairs meeting, the Arid Regions committee meeting, and optional 'early bird' arid topic meeting. Prepare notes of annual meeting for distribution.
Committee Coordination and Conference Calls	Bob Davies/ Jeanne Ruefer	48 hours	Organize and facilitate regular monthly conference calls with active committee members (hours assume both co-chairs participating, 90% of 12 calls per year, and prep/post meeting tasks)
Prepare Annual Reports and Develop Work Plans.	Bob Davies/ Jeanne Ruefer	40 hours	Prepare annual progress report and solicit committee feedback to establish workplan tasks for upcoming year.

2.5 2015-2016 Work Items

2.2.1

Task Title: Comment on FFRMS with regard to Arid Regions and proposed agency implementation. As states are implementing, there will be a comment period.	Task Leader: TBD
ASFPM Goal # Cross Reference – 1.0 Identify and Address Critical Issues Facing Flood Loss Reduction in the Nation. 1.2 Develop Strategies ...	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) Arid Regions state’s implementation plan for FFRMS and notification of	
Other Policy Committees/entities to Engage for this Task: Mapping and Engineering, Regulations, Insurance.	
Completion Schedule: M a y 2 0 1 7 .	
Deliverables: Detailed commentary by floodplain managers on implementation plans to be provided to Arid States floodplain authorities by end of comment period.	
Other Necessary Support or Resources: Committee or related floodplain management input from each of the states as plans come out.	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) Volunteer labor	
Approval Process: Route comments through POD leader prior to response distribution.	
Assumptions:	
Prepared by/ Date: B. Davies/J. Ruefer	Approved By/ Date:

2.2.2

<p>Task Title: Promote enhanced land use practices, building on the committee's previous review of NFIP to reduce flood damages in Arid Regions.</p>	<p>Task Leader: TBD</p>
<p>ASFPM Goal # Cross Reference – 2.0. Refine Existing Programs and Services to Improve Floodplain Management in the Nation</p>	
<p>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) Scope of services this task will attempt to provide.</p>	
<p>Other Policy Committees/entities to Engage for this Task: Mapping and Engineering.</p>	
<p>Completion Schedule: M a y 2 0 1 7 .</p>	
<p>Deliverables: A set of recommendations for Arid Regions communities to consider for better land use while considering flood prone areas.</p>	
<p>Other Necessary Support or Resources: Input from floodplain management professionals in local state county regions being considered</p>	
<p>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) Volunteer labor</p>	
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<p>Approval Process: Route comments through POD leader prior to response distribution.</p>	
<p>Assumptions:</p>	
<p>Prepared by/ Date: B. Davies/J. Ruefer</p>	<p>Approved By/ Date:</p>

2.2.3

Task Title: Continue providing input on Riverine Erosion paper	Task Leader: TBD
ASFPM Goal # Cross Reference – 2.0 Refine Existing Programs and Services to Improve Floodplain Management in the Nation	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) Scope of next steps from the NBF committee, and schedule.	
Other Policy Committees/entities to Engage for this Task: NBF, Mapping and Engineering	
Completion Schedule: M a y 2 0 1 7	
Deliverables: Arid Regions committee comments and input on conference calls and next steps.	
Other Necessary Support or Resources:	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) Volunteer labor	
Approval Process: Route comments through POD leader prior to response distribution.	
Assumptions:	
Prepared by/ Date: B. Davies/J. Ruefer	Approved By/ Date:

2.2.4

Task Title: Support program development for the upcoming 2018 Phoenix annual meeting.	Task Leader: TBD
ASFPM Goal # Cross Reference – 2.0 - Refine Existing Programs and Services to Improve Floodplain Management in the Nation.	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)	
Other Policy Committees/entities to Engage for this Task: Mapping and Engineering. NBF.	
Completion Schedule: M a y 2 0 1 7 .	
Deliverables: Help program planners get word out for great abstracts. Help local conference planning committee as needed.	
Other Necessary Support or Resources:	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) Volunteer labor	
Approval Process:	
Assumptions:	
Prepared by/ Date: B. Davies/J. Ruefer	Approved By/ Date:

2.2.5

<p>Task Title: Consider adding BMP's to Arid Regions site which could then be useful to Arid Regions interested people. May start by polling committee members</p>	<p>Task Leader: TBD</p>
<p>ASFPM Goal # Cross Reference - 1.0 1.0 Identify and Address Critical Issues Facing Flood Loss Reduction in the Nation.</p>	
<p>Approximate Start/End Date: May 2017</p>	<p>Approximate # Hrs. to Complete: TBD</p>
<p>Detailed Task Description:</p>	
<p>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin) Scope of recommendations committee will try to provide.</p>	
<p>Other Policy Committees/entities to Engage for this Task: Mapping and Engineering. Science Services</p>	
<p>Completion Schedule: May 2017</p>	
<p>Deliverables:</p>	
<p>Other Necessary Support or Resources:</p>	
<p>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) Volunteer labor</p>	
<p>Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?) Route comments through POD leader prior to response distribution.</p>	
<p>Assumptions:</p>	
<p>Prepared by/ Date:</p>	<p>Approved By/ Date:</p>

2.2.6

Task Title:	Task Leader:
ASFPM Goal # Cross Reference -	
Approximate Start/End Date:	Approximate # Hrs. to Complete:
Detailed Task Description:	
Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)	
Other Policy Committees/entities to Engage for this Task:	
Completion Schedule:	
Deliverables:	
Other Necessary Support or Resources:	
Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor) Volunteer labor	
Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)	
Assumptions:	
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