

# 2019-2020 Policy Committee Work Plan

## ASFPM Floodplain Regulations Committee

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### 1.0 Mission

The ASFPM Floodplain Regulations Committee is dedicated to supporting and improving sensible floodplain regulations on the local, state and federal levels in order to reduce flood damage.

### 2.0 Overview

The Floodplain Regulations Committee plays an integral role in attaining the association’s overall goal of helping the public and private sector reduce the loss of life and damage to property from flooding, preserving the natural and cultural values of floodplains, and avoiding actions that exacerbate flooding, including creating adverse impacts to the community.

The current co-chairs for the committee are:

William Nechamen, CFM, Nechamen Consulting, LLC  
Stacey Ricks, CFM, MS Emergency Management Agency

Section 2 of this work plan presents the specific items to be accomplished by this committee and work tasks required to complete them. All work items directly or indirectly support the Goals and Objectives for ASFPM for 2018-2019 that are regulations related.

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| <b>Task Title:</b><br>Develop a higher floodplain regulatory standards document   | <b>Task Leader:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen   |
| <b>ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 1.3.1</b>  | <b>Other Committee:</b> Risk communication and outreach in Year 2. Natural and Beneficial Functions. |
| <b>Approximate Start/End Date:</b><br>July 2019 – June 2021   | <b>Approximate # Hrs to Complete:</b><br>100   |
| <b>Detailed Task Description:</b><br>The Regulations Committee has a dated “Higher Standards Reference Guide.” Topics for higher standards will be reviewed and developed as a draft guidance document. The purpose of this reference guide is to provide a selection of higher development standards that can be adopted by a community or state to reduce flood impacts, losses and insurance rates and provide guidance for mitigation efforts. The committee will promote the use of this guide for local floodplain managers seeking higher standards with a particular emphasis on communities recovering from recent extreme floods and at risk of extreme flooding resulting from climate change. |  |
| <b>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)</b><br>Review of existing document and developing a subcommittee   |  |
| <b>Completion Schedule:</b><br>July 2020 to present document to ASFPM office and board for review and comments. Note that this is a living document and needs occasional review for relevance.  |  |
| <b>Deliverables:</b><br>Updated ASFPM Regulations Committee Higher Regulatory Standards Guide. Year two of the project will include an outreach and implementation phase.   |  |
| <b>Other Necessary Support or Resources:</b>  |  |
| <b>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor)</b><br>None   |  |
| <b>Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)</b><br>None needed for revisions.  |  |
| <b>Assumptions:</b><br>None   |  |
| <b>Prepared by/ Date:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2019  | <b>Approved By/ Date:</b>  |

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| <b>Task Title:</b><br>State and Local Endangered Species Act Implementation  |  | <b>Task Leader:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen       |  |
| <b>ASFPM Goal and Objective #:</b>   |  | <b>Other Committee:</b> Natural and Beneficial Functions |  |
| <b>Approximate Start/End Date:</b><br>July 2019 – June 2020  |  | <b>Approximate # Hrs to Complete:</b><br>30              |  |
| <b>Detailed Task Description:</b> Review and comment on FEMA guidance and procedures to comply with the federal ESA and develop information for state and local officials to assist with compliance. |  |  |  |
| <b>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin):</b> None   |  |  |  |
| <b>Completion Schedule:</b> October 2019 – July 2020   |  |  |  |
| <b>Deliverables:</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Other Necessary Support or Resources:</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor)</b><br>None  |  |  |  |
| <b>Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Assumptions:</b><br>None  |  |  |  |
| <b>Prepared by/ Date:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2019   |  | <b>Approved By/ Date:</b>                                |  |

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| <b>Task Title:</b><br>Provide comments as needed to revised FEMA Technical Bulletins  | <b>Task Leader:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen              |
| <b>ASFPM Goal and Objective #:</b>  | <b>Other Committee:</b>   |
| <b>Approximate Start/End Date:</b><br>July 2019 – June 2020   | <b>Approximate # Hrs to Complete:</b><br>Up to 30, or as needed |
| <b>Detailed Task Description:</b><br><br>FEMA may revise Technical Bulletins and other related guidance materials that clarify the NFIP regulations on key floodplain development practices. The committee will review and provide comments on these documents as they are updated. Planned updates include Openings in Foundation Walls and Walls of Enclosures, TB 5, Free of Obstruction Requirements. |   |
| <b>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)</b><br>None  |   |
| <b>Completion Schedule:</b><br>Ongoing as needed  |   |
| <b>Deliverables:</b><br>The Regulations Committee will comment directly to FEMA   |   |
| <b>Other Necessary Support or Resources:</b><br>Mitigation Pod, comments from local floodplain managers   |   |
| <b>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor)</b><br>None   |   |
| <b>Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)</b><br>None  |   |
| <b>Assumptions:</b><br>FEMA solicits comments on proposed Technical Bulletin revisions  |   |
| <b>Prepared by/ Date:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen/ September 2019  |   |

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| <b>Task Title:</b><br>Improve Floodplain Regulations Committee Webpage and Usage   |   | <b>Task Leader:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen |
| <b>ASFPM Goal and Objective #:</b>   | <b>Other Committee:</b>                     |  |
| <b>Approximate Start/End Date:</b><br>July 2019 – June 2020  | <b>Approximate # Hrs to Complete:</b><br>20 |  |
| <b>Detailed Task Description:</b><br>Work with the ASFPM Flood Science Center to improve the <a href="#">Floodplain Regulations Committee webpage</a> to provide a variety of resources for floodplain regulations, higher regulatory standards and committee activity. Create a subcommittee – work group to develop a detailed outline in coordination with ASFPM staff. |   |  |
| <b>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)</b><br>None   |   |  |
| <b>Completion Schedule:</b><br>Ongoing   |   |  |
| <b>Deliverables:</b><br>Updated content provided to ASFPM HQ to review and incorporation to website.   |   |  |
| <b>Other Necessary Support or Resources:</b><br>Pod facilitator support. ASFPM staff coordination and quarterly calls or updates.  |   |  |
| <b>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor)</b><br>None  |   |  |
| <b>Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)</b><br>Will not require board approval  |   |  |
| <b>Assumptions:</b><br>None  |   |  |
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| <b>Task Title:</b><br>NFIP Reauthorization   |  | <b>Task Leader:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen |  |
| <b>ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 2.1.1</b>   |  | <b>Other Committee:</b><br>Insurance               |  |
| <b>Approximate Start/End Date:</b><br>July 2019 – June 2020  |  | <b>Approximate # Hrs to Complete:</b><br>20        |  |
| <b>Detailed Task Description:</b><br>Provide information to committee members and develop positions related to NFIP reauthorization. |  |  |  |
| <b>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)</b><br>None                               |  |  |  |
| <b>Completion Schedule:</b><br>October 2019 – July 2020  |  |  |  |
| <b>Deliverables:</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Other Necessary Support or Resources:</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor)</b><br>None  |  |  |  |
| <b>Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)</b>   |  |  |  |
| <b>Assumptions:</b><br>None  |  |  |  |
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| <b>Task Title:</b><br>Floodplain Regulations Enforcement   | <b>Task Leader:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen |
| <b>ASFPM Goal and Objective #: 1.1.1</b>   | <b>Other Committee:</b>                            |
| <b>Approximate Start/End Date:</b><br>July 2019 – June 2020  | <b>Approximate # Hrs to Complete:</b><br>30        |
| <b>Detailed Task Description:</b><br>Provide recommendations and guidance to the ASFPM Flood Science Center to assist states and communities related to the substantial damage initiative, including expanded use of EMAC. |  |
| <b>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)</b><br>None   |  |
| <b>Completion Schedule:</b><br>October 2019 – July 2020  |  |
| <b>Deliverables:</b> Ongoing collaboration with Flood Science Center   |  |
| <b>Other Necessary Support or Resources:</b>   |  |
| <b>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor)</b><br>None  |  |
| <b>Approval Process: (Does the Task Require Board Approval?)</b>   |  |
| <b>Assumptions:</b><br>None  |  |
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| <b>Task Title:</b> Review regulatory implications of new insurance rating procedures   |   | <b>Task Leader:</b><br>Stacey Ricks, Bill Nechamen |
| <b>ASFPM Goal and Objective #:</b>   | <b>Other Committee:</b> Flood Insurance     |  |
| <b>Approximate Start/End Date:</b><br>July 2019 – June 2020  | <b>Approximate # Hrs to Complete:</b><br>20 |  |
| <b>Detailed Task Description:</b> As new FEMA flood-risk rating procedures are implemented, there could be implications for new disconnects between flood insurance and floodplain regulations. The committee will work with the Flood Insurance Committee to identify potential disconnects and provide appropriate guidance. |   |  |
| <b>Prerequisites Needed: (Activities That Need To Be Performed Before This Task Can Begin)</b><br>None   |   |  |
| <b>Completion Schedule:</b><br>Ongoing   |   |  |
| <b>Deliverables:</b>   |   |  |
| <b>Other Necessary Support or Resources:</b>   |   |  |
| <b>Approximate Direct Cost to Complete: (Labor and Non-Labor)</b><br>None  |   |  |
| <b>Approval Process: (Does The Task Require Board Approval?)</b><br>Will not require board approval  |   |  |
| <b>Assumptions:</b><br>None  |   |  |
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