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Report



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#### **Committee Overview**

The primary mission of the Stormwater Management Committee is to provide policy guidance and support for stormwater management issues to foster protection of aquatic resources, reduce disruptions of the natural water balance, reduce hydrologic impacts, and protect public health from impairments caused by urban stormwater runoff. Historically this committee has focused on supporting the USGS Cooperative Water Program and National Streamflow Information Program, and serving as a resource for the membership on stormwater utility information, NOAA and EPA programs and coordinating with other ASFPM Policy Committees.

#### **Ongoing Activities**

The Stormwater Management Committee continued monitoring and assisting in the following major work items in 2017-2018:

- 1. Participate in ASFPM Policy Committee and Watershed Pod Conference Calls and Retreats. Organize and hold bi-annual committee conference calls.
- 2. Attend Policy Committee Chair Meeting at the National Conference and hold annual committee meeting. Prepare status reports and develop work plans.
- 3. Review ongoing federal agency policy and rule making activities and respond on issues that are relevant to the Stormwater Management Committee mission.
- 4. Represents ASFPM on various government agency work groups engaged in stormwater management related issues (USGS, EPA, etc.).
- 5. Identify emerging issues and associated subject matters experts within the committee. Determine if emerging issues will be credible work items for the following year's plan and the overall ASFPM Goals and Objectives.
- 6. Promote awareness of stormwater issues with the ASFPM general membership by promoting participation in ASFPM national conference and workshops as needed and able.

### Progress on Goals and Objectives for 2017-2018

Activities and progress on the Stormwater Management Committee Goals and Objectives for 2017-2018 are as follows:

- 1. In final review and development of more than five case studies for urban flooding and associated solutions related to identification, planning, funding and implementation.
- 2. Section leads assigned and content development of a draft a discussion/white paper discussing residual stormwater flooding hazards, urban flood management where there are no existing channels, drainageways or adequate conveyance systems.
- 3. Ongoing efforts to provide information and recommendations to the No Adverse Impact Policy Committee on stormwater management activities that promote NAI.
- 4. Identify and provide the membership with resources that promote good stormwater management practices, promote NAI and reduce flood risk. (need to discuss more active engagement for the coming year.)

The committee continues to serve as a resource to other ASFPM committees and external organizations that have interests in coordinating stormwater and floodplain management efforts. More progress is needed on behalf of the Stormwater Management Committee to meet its goals. However, there are tremendous opportunities to make big strides as part of ASFPM and the Watershed Pod. Key issues to address at the conference include:

- Support for an early bird session to review the Draft Urban Flooding White Paper;
- Discuss goals and objectives for 2018-2019;
- Garner insight on prospective partners and activities for the coming year;
- Discuss legislation being considered by Congress for a pilot mapping project relating to urban flooding; and
- Ongoing support and assistance to the various ASFPM committees.