

**California, Nevada, and Hawaii
Floodplain Management Association (FMA)
(DRAFT) 2015 Annual Report to ASFPM**

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 Executive Director: **Vacant until August, Curt Robinson August to April 2015**
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In 2014, FMA outreach, education and engagement efforts continued to expand while the association embarked on new opportunities to pursue its mission. The Annual Conference in Santa Clara, California, brought together more than 400 participants, and 37 exhibitors. The workshops and luncheons and tour of LEVI stadium provided excellent networking and educational opportunities. The association participated again in state-level flood risk planning and outreach efforts.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Iovanka Todt indicated her desire to vacate her position as Executive Director of the Association in December of 2013. She vacated her position in February of 2014. The position remained vacant while the ED Search Committee performed an extensive process to find a new ED. In August of 2014, Curt Robinson was hired by the Board of Directors as the new ED.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elections for the board of Directors are held in August, and seats change at the end of our Conference (usually in September).

Voting Positions	2013/2014	2014/2015
Chair	Thomas Plummer	Thomas Plummer
Vice Chair	Mark Seits	Mark Seits
Treasurer	Andrew Trelease	Andrew Trelease
Secretary	George Booth	George Booth
Immediate Past Chair	Marty Teal	Marty Teal
At Large 1 (North)	Susan Tatayon	Vacant
Northern Public	John Powderly	John Powderly
Northern Private	Mike Nowlan	John Monier
At Large 2 (South)	Brian Trushinski	Brian Trushinski
Southern Public	Sara Agahi	Stuart McKibbin
Southern Private	Dennis Bowling	Dennis Bowling
Non-Voting Positions	2013/2014	2014/2015
Executive Director	Iovanka Todt	Vacant/Curt Robinson
California Rep.	Maria Lorenzo-Lee	Maria Lorenzo-Lee
Nevada Rep.	Robin Palmer	Robin Palmer
Hawaii Rep.	Carol Tyau-Beam	Carol Tyau-Beam
FEMA Advisor	Eric Simmons	Eric Simmons
USACE Advisor	Judy Soutiere	Melissa Hallas
ASFPM Advisor	Valerie Swick	Eric Simmons
CALEMA Advisor	Jami Childress-Byers	Vacant
Past Chair Advisors	All of Our Past Chairs	All of Our Past Chairs

Red indicates Executive Board

STAFF

Mary Seits was rehired by the Association to provide her support services part time as needed.

CONSULTANT

Our contract with Smith Moore and Associates was expanded to provide additional conference planning and coordination services.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2014 Annual Conference was inspired by Sea Level Rise issues in the South Bay Area. It was rich in both technical and policy discussions, drawing attendees from throughout the United States and other countries. The Santa Clara based conference hosted more than 400 attendees featuring 8 concurrent tracks with over 80 presentations, professional workshops, and several interactive policy panels. The conference included a premier Exhibit Hall providing invaluable networking opportunities with several events located within the exhibit hall. The Conference was titled “Keeping our heads above Water” *Adapt Now or Pay Later* and was co-chaired by Gregor Blackburn of FEMA region IX, Norma Comacho of Santa Clara Water District, Rohin Saleh of Alameda County. We also recognize Judy Soutiere, the associations USACE Advisor during this period, for her extensive role in the planning and organizing of the conference (in the absence of an ED).

Conference topics included:

- Sea Level Rise Flood Management Issues
- Floodplain Management for Elected Officials
- Dam Safety
- Water Management Priorities
- New Software Demonstrations
- New requirements in FEMA’s Community Rating System program
- Coastal flood risk, flood mapping and coastal zone management practices in the West
- Flood Insurance Legislative Reform
- The FEMA CRS Program and local floodplain management ordinances
- CFM Review Course and Test.
- And many other topics

The 2014 Conference also featured the third annual 2-D Modeling and Mapping Symposium, which hosted interesting presentations and lively discussions on the use of 2-D modeling in floodplain studies. This popular event was chaired by Kathleen Schaefer formerly of FEMA Region IX and organized by a special symposium committee.

WORKSHOPS

FMA offered several well-attended professional workshops including a FLO-2D class in April, and a HEC-RAS class in August. Plans were initiated to add Webinars in 2015.

REGIONAL LUNCHEONS

Regular luncheons in Sacramento, San Diego and the Bay Area continued to grow. Sacramento luncheon topics included subject areas relating to the Central Valley Flood Protection Plan, climate change, Levee Evaluations, agricultural floodplain management, and flood risk communication

strategies. In San Diego, topics focused on integrated regional water management, coastal wetlands and lagoon restoration efforts, stormwater management issues and flood preparedness.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

The FMA Board of Directors held a 2-day retreat in November of 2014 where strategic outreach and engagement topics were discussed to help plan out activities for the following year. The retreat also updated the Strategic Plan, including the Mission and Vision Statements of the Association. The Board also reviewed the changes of the operation of the Association proposed by the new ED.

OTHER

2014 was a challenging year for the Association with many changes to the Board of Directors, and more notably the operation of the Association without an ED for much of the year, and then a new ED running the association after more than 10 years of Iovanka's leadership. The Board, our Advisors, our staff, and our volunteers worked diligently to maintain our services during this time. We are told by many, that they did not perceive any change in the Associations performance during this time.