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Letter From the Chair

Greetings,

First of all, I would like to thank everyone who participated in and contributed to the great success of our annual conference in San Jose. The program was fantastic and we will have our work cut out for us to make next year even better. For me, the most exciting part of the conference is the opportunity to meet so many of you and hear all the ideas and suggestions everyone has for the future of FMA.

As so many of these discussions pointed out, we all understand that FMA is not the same organization it was a few years ago. If we want to keep up with a changing environment and the needs of our growing membership, we need to adapt. To meet that challenge, the FMA Board has begun actively planning for the future of the organization. We recently spent a day discussing the future of FMA, setting new goals and identifying ways to achieve those goals.

Through those discussions, we all realized the Board can not, and should not, do it alone. We need to rely more on the participation of our members. In the next few months you will hear more about some exciting changes in how we work together to achieve the goals of the organization, and we will ask you to help achieve these new goals through your involvement.

We believe that by creating a more dynamic structure that draws on the expertise and energy of the organization as a whole, FMA can offer a stronger voice to the floodplain management community in California, Nevada and Hawaii.

I wish you all a great holiday season.

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FMA 2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE
November 2–5, 2010
Loews Resort, Henderson, Nevada



FMA 2009 Annual Conference Another Great Success!

This year's annual conference proved to be another best in FMA's history. Bringing together 500 attendees from government, industry, academia and non-government organizations, the conference offered extensive professional development opportunities with 18 workshops, 21 panel discussion sessions, 28 technical sessions, and a world-class exhibit hall hosting invaluable networking opportunities. The workshop day highlighted a memorable reception at the Tech Museum of Innovation, where attendees networked and interacted with engineering and science experiments including earthquake, space and underwater robotics exhibits.



Our many thanks and appreciation go to Kathleen Schaefer, Conference Chair, FEMA Region 9, and to the 32-member Conference Committee who have brought this conference on the cutting-edge of floodplain management. The event brought the latest information on the key issues in floodplain management including floodplain mapping, floodplain restoration, infrastructure financing, climate change, levees, dams, coastal flooding, and many others. The



conference hosted once again a Tribal Flood Management Workshop facilitated by the Institute of Collaborative Policy to continue outreach to Tribal communities on flood issues.

As we begin our planning efforts for the November 2010 Annual Conference, please consider participating on the Conference Committee. A special survey to help identify important issues to you as well as Conference involvement opportunities will be sent out soon to the FMA members. We look forward to an outstanding 2010 Conference!

Panel Discusses Coastal Floodplain Issues at FMA Conference

Bob Battalio, PWA

This year's Annual Conference brought together a distinguished panel of experts to address the latest challenges in coastal floodplain management. The panel began with an overview of challenges facing coastal floodplains in terms of accelerated sea level rise, associated increased erosion and flood hazards, natural and armored shore responses to sea level rise from a geomorphic perspective, California Adaptation plan formulation and graphics for orientation of subsequent discussions about south San Francisco Bay.

Kathy Schaefer, FEMA Region IX (Oakland) provided an introduction to FEMA's interest in coastal floodplains policy, and introduced **Darryl Hatheway (Sr.**



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