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## OKLAHOMA FLOODPLAIN MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

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**O**n January 17, 2014, the President signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 (the Omnibus). Title V, Division F, Section 572 of the Omnibus prohibits the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) from implementing Section 100207 of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (Public Law 112-141), codified at Section 1308(h) of the National Flood Insurance Act 42 U.S.C. § 4015(h).

Today, the NFIP is providing a bulletin to its private sector, Write Your Own insurance company partners on the Omnibus' impacts on implementing provisions of the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act.

Biggert-Waters directed the NFIP to take steps to remove a variety of existing

### THE OMNIBUS: WB12 UPDATE

flood insurance subsidies and to make other changes to move toward a stronger, more financially sound program. The Omnibus prevents the implementation of Section 100207, which directed FEMA to ensure that certain property's flood insurance rates reflect its full risk after a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) change or update occurs. Section 100207 does not relate to changes to flood insurance rates that have already taken place and the Omnibus does not roll back any rate increases that have already occurred.

Although the Omnibus requires FEMA to cease any current planning and development activities for Section 100207, it does not prohibit FEMA from continuing its mapping activities or from exercising

existing authorities to set premium rates. Accordingly, FEMA halted planning and development activities related to Section 100207, however, FEMA will continue to map flood risks as required by the National Flood Insurance Act 42 U.S.C. §§ 4101 and 4104. Additionally, changes to the NFIP such as phasing out subsidies for certain policyholders remains in effect as mandated by Biggert-Water's Section 100205 (codified at Section 1307 of the National Flood Insurance Act (42 U.S.C. § 4014)).

As mandated in the 2014 Omnibus, FEMA would not implement Section 100207 (codified at 1308(h)) until twelve to eighteen months after the start of Fiscal Year 2015.

FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov.

### FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM VOTE EXPECTED AFTER PRESIDENT'S DAY BREAK— BY THE MISSISSIPPI PRESS

U.S. Rep. Steven Palazzo, R-4th Mississippi, has led the coalition that is actively working to bring broader flood insurance reforms to the House floor for a vote as soon as possible.

Over the past year, Palazzo has pushed for measures that would delay current rates and phase-in rates at a much slower pace, resulting in more compassionate flood

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## WORDS FROM THE CHAIR—BY TODD MCLELLAN, PE, CFM

**O**n behalf of the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association, *Thank You* for attending the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference in Norman. The OFMA board and conference committee spent many hours planning the conference events and presentations, and your participation made the conference a huge success. A special thank you goes out to all the government agencies and consultants for allowing their employees to attend this fantastic event.

The theme of the conference was "The Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012: Friend or Foe?" In the coming year BW-12 will continue to be a challenge for all of us in floodplain management as the new law adversely impacts flood insurance premiums of the citizens in our respective communities. OFMA will continue to provide the latest BW-12 information to our members on the website and in the BFE newsletter so please stay informed.

Your new OFMA board met for the organization's annual strategic planning retreat October 16-18 in Tulsa. At the retreat, the board developed and prioritized OFMA's initiatives for 2013-14. The board discussed the many OFMA committees with some committees only having one member. After much discussion, the board voted to streamline and combine several committees to allow for more members on each committee and reduce each member's time commitment. A concerted effort will be made over the next year to get younger members to participate.

Another item discussed at the retreat was the annual conference sponsorships. Previously, a couple of months before the annual conference corporations and consultants were contacted by the conference committee for their sponsorship. Depending on the donation amount, the sponsor's logo appeared in the conference programs and on the screen prior to the plenary sessions. During this year's retreat, the board discussed streamlining the levels and benefits of sponsorship. This topic will be further discussed at upcoming board meetings.

For the upcoming year, our focus will include:

- ⇒ Continued recruitment of Floodplain Administrators (especially from the rural parts of Oklahoma) and Tribes into the NFIP and OFMA
- ⇒ Maintenance of the OFMA website updated with the most current information for our members and new OFMA app for Smartphones
- ⇒ Final development of several "plug and play" presentations for use by local officials to provide outreach to various audiences in their communities
- ⇒ Increasing schools and students involved with the Turn Around Don't Drown (TADD) calendar contest

I wish to extend a personal note and encourage all members to become active participants in OFMA. Just a few short years ago, I was an OFMA member that participated in 2 events each year, the Spring Workshop and the Fall



Conference. Since becoming a Board Member, I have gotten to know several tremendous people in this organization that have a real passion for floodplain management and doing things the right way. Please attend training, join a committee, and volunteer your services. You will develop a greater appreciation and personal satisfaction for everything this organization stands for.

The dates of the 2014 Spring Workshop and Annual Conference have been set. The Spring Workshop will be held at Quartz Mountain Resort on Tuesday, April 8 and the Annual Conference will be held at the Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott September 15-17. Please save the dates! Also, the Board usually meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00 am at the Del City Municipal Complex. All OFMA members are encouraged to attend. Please visit the website for details. Also, please check the website frequently for upcoming training opportunities available throughout the state. On behalf of the OFMA board, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a prosperous 2014!

*Did you know that OFMA has a Facebook page? Like us on Facebook!*

## KNOCK THE DUST OFF—BY GAVIN BRADY, CFM, STATE NFIP COORDINATOR

**W**e all know the cornerstone of a community's floodplain management program is the ordinance or regulation as it may be. The State of Oklahoma is fast approaching the 400<sup>th</sup> community to participate into the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Most municipalities joined the NFIP in the 1970's while counties began joining in 1980 and have been ever since (56 of the 77 currently). The Housing and Urban Development (HUD), as mandated by the Federal Government had the task to communicate with every municipality and introduce them to the NFIP and the benefits of joining the program. While some communities had a staff to

research HUD's recommendation, many didn't and simply adopted the "minimum" standard ordinance HUD (FEMA replaced HUD as administrator in 1979) had placed in front of them.

Map Modernization gave the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) the opportunity to update a majority of the ordinances in the State beginning with Payne County in 2006 and ending with Garfield County in late 2012. During that timeframe the OWRB assisted 41 counties and over 250 communities in updating their ordinances. Many that were updated had not been addressed in over 25 years and only had minimum standards as directed in the 1970's. The OWRB's Ken Morris, then Matt Rollins spent



endless hours working with communities while making recommendations to provide better protection in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).

Did you know that all ordinances originally had protection only to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) and it wasn't until the 1980's that

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## FEMA ONLINE CHANGE REQUESTS FOR PROPERTY'S FLOOD ZONE DESIGNATION—BY THE VOICE, FEMA REGION 6

FEMA is launching a new way to submit a request to change your property's flood zone designation: the Online Letter of Map Change (LOMC).

If a property owner believes his or her property has been inadvertently included in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), he or she may now request a change over the web instead of by mail. The SFHA is the area that has a 1 percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year; this area is also referred to by some as the 1 -percent-annual-chance floodplain, base floodplain, the 100-year floodplain, or simply the high-flood -risk area.

At present the system will begin assisting with LOMAs. Soon,

capabilities will include LOMRs, CLOMRs, and fee processing.

Applicants can use this new website instead of the MT-1 or MT-EZ paper forms. All home- or property owners, their designated representatives, or professional surveyors and engineers can use this online tool to conveniently submit required documents, property information, and payment information all in one place.

The new Online LOMC offers many advantages over paper forms:

- Applicants may save information online and finish applying at their convenience
- Clear and intuitive interface makes applying user-friendly

- Eliminates time associated with the paper-based submission
- Frequent applicants can manage multiple LOMC requests online
- More efficient communications with LOMC processing staff
- Applicants can check their application status in real-time

For more information - Visit the new online LOMC site at [www.fema.gov/online-lomc](http://www.fema.gov/online-lomc).

The Map Service Center site and the Flood Map chat line can be found at the above link. Or, you may want to call a map specialist at 877.336.2627.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE UPDATE— BY DEE ROBISON, CFM

Hi, all! Dee Robison here and I'm back as the Outreach Committee Chairman - I still have more to do.

Volunteers for some of our outreach program initiatives have been found.

Ana Stagg volunteered for the Turn Around Don't Drown® Calendar and Poster Contest. She has taken the initiative, and the OFMA board has agreed to expand the reach of this program to include grades 3, 4 and 5. New lesson plans, activities and contest guidelines have been created. She has wonderful ideas to increase participation in the poster contest. Anyone interested in joining this subcommittee contact Ana at 918.392.5620 or [astagg@meshekengr.com](mailto:astagg@meshekengr.com).

We are in need of a scheduler for the 3D Model. We are also still actively seeking a volunteer to help with the Traveling Trunks Program Scheduling & Procedures (6th-8th Grade) - Volunteer hours to be determined - will work with me for the first year - starting in September. Since this is the first

year the Traveling Trunks program will be implemented, the fun starts here.

On November 2, we presented the new Traveling Trunks program at the Oklahoma Science Teachers Association Conference. Over 150 science teachers from all over the state of Oklahoma attended the conference and many expressed interest in the new program.

### FUNDING RECEIVED FOR NEW INITIATIVES.

The **Turn Around Don't Drown®** Sign project will be an annual activity. Its purpose is two-fold - to prevent loss of life and to GIS map every low water crossing and area of inundation in the state of Oklahoma. This year, we will give out 135 TADD signs.

To be eligible for the free signs, the following conditions must be met:

1. You must provide the lat/long location of the low water crossing/area of inundation and



historical data to determine severity of need (fatalities, number of swift water rescues, depth of flooding, etc.)

2. Recipients of the signs will provide the posts and manpower to place the signs at these locations.
3. The signs must be placed within 60 days of receipt.

The **OFMA Essentials** project (a series of 20 training videos targeted toward various groups such as legislators, insurance agents and mortgage bankers, home builders, developers and city councils, and

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## ANNUAL POSTER CONTEST FORM DEADLINE: APRIL 1

Now's your chance to show off your talent, win cash and help Oklahomans with flood awareness. Just fill in this entry form and give it to your teacher with your original poster.

Name	_____	Grade	_____
Parents	_____	County	_____
School Name	_____	Phone	( ) - _____
School Address	_____	City	_____
	_____	Zip	_____
Teacher Name	_____	Phone	( ) - _____

All entries become the property of OFMA. The right to modify any poster for reproduction is reserved.  
Visit [www.okflood.org](http://www.okflood.org) for more information.



## FEMA FLOOD MAPPING: ENHANCING COORDINATION TO MAXIMIZE PERFORMANCE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION 2013 REPORT

In the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012, Congress required FEMA to contract with the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) to conduct a six-month study of FEMA's interagency and intergovernmental coordination in flood mapping, including a funding strategy to leverage and coordinate budgets.

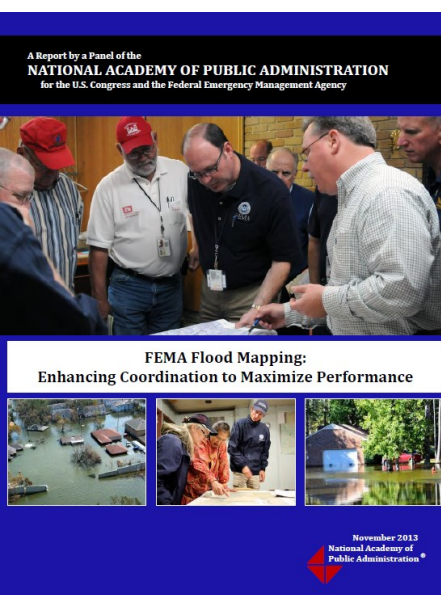
**This study was to focus on “how FEMA should improve interagency and intergovernmental coordination on flood mapping, including a funding strategy” and how FEMA “can establish joint funding mechanisms with other federal, state and local governments to share the collection and utilization of data among all governmental users.”**

NAPA found that “while FEMA has made progress in coordination on flood mapping since the initiation of the program Risk MAP, it should enhance efforts going forward. Improvements in coordination can be achieved by further leadership attention to strategic goals and their communication; consistent use of employee performance policies and metrics; deployment of more user-friendly web sites; transferring best practices among the ten FEMA regions; and conveying risk information to localities.”

“Both the Presidential budget request (\$205 million for fiscal year 2013) and the amount appropriated by Congress (\$207.5 million for fiscal year 2013) are far short of the \$400 million authorized by the Biggert-Waters Act or to address the more than \$4.5 billion mapping

needs identified by the Association of State Floodplain Managers. The Panel finds that inadequate funding levels have delayed full deployment of the Risk MAP program. **In the absence of the authorized funding to support new activities mandated by the Biggert-Waters Act, FEMA will not be able to meet its mission requirements in a timely manner.”**

NAPA noted that the FEMA's flood mapping efforts and other federal



government mapping activities could be advanced by a government-wide strategy in multi-purpose mapping capabilities. This strategy can be used to drive investments. The Panel also recommends that the Office of Management and Budget work with FEMA and its major partners to use the budget crosscut required by the Biggert-Waters Act to drive more strategic operational and funding coordination.

In its entirety, the report noted 16 recommendations, four of which aim at improving funding as follows:

- Develop government-wide strategy for advancing multi-purpose mapping capabilities that will increase the efficiency and effectiveness of flood mapping
- Identify and communicate opportunities for improved funding coordination
- Incorporate government-wide strategy in budget crosscut
- Use the 3DEP implementation plan for nationwide elevation data collection to guide the development of the President's annual budget request.
- Leverage the re-established Technical Mapping Advisory Council to help identify and prioritize opportunities for improved funding coordination
- Explore and **evaluate with state, local, and federal stakeholders alternative joint funding mechanisms** to further enhance efficiencies and identify innovative options with respect to sharing the cost of the collection and utilization of data

Reference: [www.napawash.org/images/reports/2013/FEMAFloodMappingEnhancingCoordinationtoMaximizePerformance.pdf](http://www.napawash.org/images/reports/2013/FEMAFloodMappingEnhancingCoordinationtoMaximizePerformance.pdf)

**(CLICK HERE FOR FULL REPORT)**

## OFMA 2014 ANNUAL SPRING WORKSHOP: CHANGING TIMES IN FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

This year's spring workshop will be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at the Quartz Mountain Resort, 22469 Lodge Road, Lone Wolf, OK 73655. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Lodge and are available on a first come first served basis. You can make your reservations by calling (877) 999-5567 or online at: [www.quartzmountainresort.com](http://www.quartzmountainresort.com).

Topics include updates on Biggert Waters 12 and Risk Map. Potential presenters are requested to submit topics prior to March 1, 2014. Presentation preference will be given to floodplain legislation, storm water and floodplain legal issues, case histories, and floodplain administrator liability and ethical issues.



Visit [www.okflood.org](http://www.okflood.org) or contact Marc Utley at [marc@utleyengr.com](mailto:marc@utleyengr.com) or 405.620.6441 for more information.

## BW-12 AND THE COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM— BY THE VOICE, FEMA REGION 6

With the passage of BW-12, communities are looking for ways to assist their citizens to reduce insurance premiums. Local community leaders can help reduce the cost of flood insurance in their communities by seeking program credit for certain floodplain management practices through the Community Rating System (CRS), which is part of the NFIP. CRS offers reduced flood insurance premiums if communities are proactive in managing and mitigating flood risks. This

incentive motivates communities to adopt new flood reduction programs and maintain existing standards, well after their residents forget about the last flood, thereby helping to reduce flood damages, increase citizen safety, and make communities more disaster resilient. By taking part in the CRS program, local officials can make a substantial impact on their citizens' premium costs. As of December 2013, more than 1,270 communities participate in the program. In 2011,

flood insurance policy holders living in communities that participate in the CRS program saved approximately \$300 million in premiums. FEMA recently revised the CRS Coordinator's Manual for 2013. This manual outlines the activities communities can accomplish in order to receive credit through the program. It also provides valuable information to existing CRS communities in the new revised credit system.

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insurance premiums for grandfathered and subsidized properties as well as home sales. These were initiatives Palazzo first proposed in legislation he introduced in March 2013. He has

also supported measures to hold FEMA accountable for faulty mapping practices, fast-track FEMA affordability studies, and protect homeowners who appeal faulty FEMA maps. Palazzo has led the coalition that is actively working to bring broader flood insurance

reforms to the House floor for a vote as soon as possible.

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various civic groups and neighborhood associations) has received funding for 6 videos. These will be available for download on the OFMA website as

soon as each is completed. As funding becomes available, we will complete more of the planned videos.

If you are interested in joining the Outreach Committee or

volunteering for one of the specific outreach programs, please contact me at 918-396-1900 or email [pshn10@live.com](mailto:pshn10@live.com).

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communities began requiring freeboard? Today most communities require at least 1 foot of freeboard and at least one community requires 2 ½ feet. Did you know that some older ordinances, and still some today that didn't participate in Map Mod, state that if elevation data is not available the structure only needs to be built so it's reasonably safe from flooding? The OWRB feels that to be reasonably safe from flooding a structure should be elevated and therefore has written

into the most recent ordinances that in an unnumbered A-zone, a community will require a BFE and elevate at or above that height. Did you know that it's a Floodplain Administrators (FPA) responsibility to ensure substantial damage determinations after a flood, fire, wind or any other damage? FPA's are also responsible to make sure all other permits are obtained before a floodplain permit is issued; required to notify the OWRB prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse and become

accredited on an annual basis just to name a few.

One of the first things the OWRB will ask during a Community Assistance Visit (CAV) is "Where is your ordinance and what does it require"? Please knock the dust off and regularly review and update your flood damage prevention ordinance. If you feel your ordinance is lacking in anyway, please contact the OWRB at 405.530.8800 and ask for Gavin or Matt. I'd be happy to discuss with you any changes you feel should be addressed.

## DRT CORNER—BY W. B. SMITH, PE, CFM, OFMA DRT COORDINATOR

The spring storm season is rapidly approaching and we are beginning to prepare for possible responses. Thank you to the volunteers who are available to assist our neighboring communities in 2014. With the strange weather pattern this winter it is possible, though not currently predicted, that we could have some strange weather this spring. So be prepared! For those communities that have not pre-signed, please contact Bill Smith to request a signup letter that your City/Town council or County Commissioners, or Tribal Government can pre-approve the DRT.

The DRT has been preparing for the Spring 2014 Flood season over the winter. The additional personnel supplies for additional volunteers that was approved for CAP funding have arrived and are being assembled. We will have supplies for our volunteers at the Spring Technical Workshop at

Quartz Mountain Resort. We currently have 84 volunteers.

We will have another basic training program during the OFMA Spring Technical Workshop for DRT volunteers. Please sign up for this training when registering for the Spring Workshop or please notify Bill Smith, P.E. CFM, DRT Coordinator by e-mail if you intend to participate in the training.

We continue to work on the data base to send the "contract letter" for communities to "pre-enroll" in the event that your community needs the assistance of the DRT.

HINTS for the Winter - Again and again:

Does your community have a plan for "cleaning ditches, drainage channels, and culverts" this winter in preparation for the spring rains?? If not, it's still not too late - remember that accumulated debris will cause debris to catch and cause higher water surface

elevations on the upstream areas that could flood structures.

Again, don't forget to "permit yourself" as a community for any modifications to the drainage conveyance structures - channels, culverts, etc. Watch for the new OKR10 permit requirements when preparing for those projects. There are new DEQ regulations and it takes more time to complete and receive this construction application. Also be prepared for the need of a USACE Section 404 Permit.

Finally, ASFPM has called and requested that the OFMA DRT Workshop be presented again at the National Conference in Seattle, Washington this year. It is great to be finally recognized and appreciated for the work that we do here in Oklahoma!!



***"March is Flood Awareness Month in Oklahoma. Floodplain Managers, remind your residents living in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) to get flood insurance now before the flood season arrives." - Bill Smith, DRT Coordinator***



## OFMA 2013 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE—THE BIGGERT-WATERS FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM ACT OF 2012: FRIEND OR FOE?

This year's Annual Conference, held at the Norman Embassy Suites from September 16-18, included an outstanding agenda of topics and speakers.

The conference was kicked off with the singing of the national anthem by Patricia Westley from Carnegie Mellon University, the Flag Ceremony by the American Legion Post 88 and the invocation by Janet Meshek, PE, CFM, Meshek & Associates, PLC. Cindy Rosenthal, Mayor of the City of Norman provided a warm welcome to attendees.

Gavin Brady, CFM, NFIP Coordinator, OWRB presented an Oklahoma NFIP Program Report, followed by a presentation on Biggert-Waters for the Floodplain Manager, by Ceil Strauss, CFM, ASFPM Vice Chair.

Frank Pagano from FEMA Region 6 presented a discussion on Biggert-Waters: Hazard Mitigation Grants.

Following a luncheon and presentation by Rachel Andrews, PE, CFM, on the AFSPM Foundation, the OFMA committees met and discussed plans for the next year.

The technical tracks were offered from Monday afternoon through Tuesday morning, and included:

### HAZARD MITIGATION: DAM SAFETY

The Dam Watch System, by Larry Caldwell, OCC

Floodplain Effects of an Ineffective Dam Safety Program and Dam Breach, by Russ Wyckoff, PE, CFM, USACE

### HAZARD MITIGATION PLANNING & HMGP GRANT WORKSHOP

Workshop on Hazard Mitigation Plans and HMGP Grants, by Danielle Brown-Rainwater and Shanene Thomas, FEMA Region 6

### Floodplain Mapping and Risk Map

High Resolution Stormwater Runoff Modeling and Dynamic Inundation Mapping, by Baxter E. Vieux, PE, PhD, Jonathan Looper, PE, CFM, PhD, Vieux & Associates

Lower Cimarron-Skeleton Watershed Discovery, by Remmet deGroot, CFM, GISP, RAMPP

Grand Lake O' The Cherokees: Watershed Study, by Eric Nemeth, CFM, RAMPP

Risk Map: Reducing Risk Through Mitigation Actions, by Ronald Wanhanen, PE, FEMA, Jerry Clark, PE, CFM, FEMA, and Vikram Shrivastava, CFM, RAMPP

Risk Map Non-Regulatory Products: Tulsa County Study, by David M. Key, PE, CFM, ESP Associates, P.A.

Joint Probability Analysis of Interior Drainage Behind Levees, by William Zung, PMP, CFM, Stantec

### STORMWATER DISCHARGE PERMITS

EPA Stormwater Rule, by Suzanna Perea, EPA Region 6

New Stormwater Permit Requirements for Municipalities, Construction,

and Industry, by Richard Smith, INCOG/GCSA

### HAZARD COMMUNICATIONS

Kingfisher, OK, Mass Communications System, by Dave Sleziekey, City Manager, City of Kingfisher

FM Global: The Property Loss Prevention Partner Specializing in Loss Prevention Engineering Services, by Art Garcia, FM Global

### LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable Site Pavement Systems, by Alexis Semach, EIT, Jewell

Benefits of an Integrated Approach to Stormwater Management in an Urban Setting, by Monica Cardin, CFM, City of Del City

City of Weatherford Stormwater Case Study, by Ellen Stevens, PE, CFM, PhD, PLLC and Jason Vogel, PE, PhD, OSUOngoing LID Research, by Jason Vogel, PE, PhD, OSU

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Tulsa's LID Roadblocks, by Jacob Hagen, City of Tulsa

Tracking Point Source Violations, Tulsa Case Study, by Scott Van Loo, City of Tulsa

LID Competitions, by Don Thieman, ASP

Houston's Post Construction BMP Ordinance, by David Batts, ECO Services, and LID Success Stories from Houston, by Justin Ring, PE, EHRA

#### **COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) WORKGROUP**

CRS Program Overview, Amanda Gowans, ISO/CRS Specialist

CRS Coordinator Presentations, by Jeff Bigby, PE, CFM, CRS Workgroup Chairman, City of Broken Arrow.

Congratulations to the attendees, presenters and all of those who made everything come together for another great conference.

All of the presentations from 2013 and past years' Annual Conference are located at [www.okflood.org/home/ofmapast.html](http://www.okflood.org/home/ofmapast.html). Presentations can also be retrieved by clicking on <Conferences/Conferences/OFMA Past Conferences> from the OFMA homepage.

See you next year!!!

### **2013 OFMA AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Scholarship Award	Denise Harding Rachel Wyckoff Trevor Kelton	Public Official of the Year Award	Mark Edwards, City Manager, City of Del City and its Public Works Staff
Silver Scoop Awards	Rita Henze, CFM Bill Smith, PE, CFM Jennifer Ramey, CFM Tiffany Lloyd, CFM Bill Robison, PE, CFM Jeff Bigby, PE, CFM Kim Sullivan, CFM Monica Cardin, CFM	Floodplain Manager of the Year	Kent Sanmann, CFM, City of Moore, OK
Ben FrizzellMedia Award	Dee Robison, CFM	Recognition of OFMA DRT Volunteers (2008-2013)	Adhir Agrawal, PE, CFM Denise Mayes, CFM Ed Cravens, CFM Gavin Brady, CFM Jeff Bigby, PE, CFM Jeff Smith, CFM Ken Morris, CFM Matt Rollins, CFM Monica Cardin, CFM Monte Proctor, PE, CFM Muhamadkhan, PE, CFM Roberto Ramirez, CFM Ron Johnson, CFM Ronnie Nelson, CFM Todd McClellan, PE, CFM Tom Leatherbee, CFM, Assistant Coordinator W. B. Smith, PE, CFM Coordinator Wade Bennett, PLS, CFM
Outstanding Recognition	Carolyn Schultz, CFM		
Special Recognition	Tom Leatherbee, CFM		
Chairman's Award	Matt Rollins, CFM		
R.D. Flanagan Project Award	USACE, Tulsa District for the Silver Jackets Miami, Oklahoma Project		
W. Kenneth Morris	Clark Williams, CFM		
Charles Don Ellison Award	Ana Stagg, PE, CFM		



## OFMA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE—BY TOM LEATHERBEE, MCP, AINS, CCEA, CFM

**T**he 2014 Legislative Session is in full swing at the Capitol. As always, OFMA is monitoring any proposed bills that could impact floodplain management. Our legislative efforts have two goals: to make our members aware of legislation that may affect how they operate their floodplain management programs, and to provide objective information and other education to legislators and other stakeholders so that they can make informed decisions on these proposals.

**One bill that contains language that is of particular concern is SB 1967, by Senator Anthony Sykes from Moore.** This bill would require all communities

that regulate floodplains (any NFIP member) to send written notice, by certified mail, to the owner of every property in the Special Flood Hazard Area. The notice would have to inform the property owner that the property may not be eligible to be rebuilt in the event it is destroyed. The community would then have to retain the proof of mailing forever, and would be prohibited from denying a permit due to floodplain issues unless that proof of mailing can be produced.

OFMA's concerns are not about the bill's intent. OFMA strongly supports any measure that informs property owners (and occupants) about their flood

risk. **Our concerns relate to the specific requirements of this bill, which could be impossible for some communities to fulfill and which could force communities to violate NFIP minimum standards, putting the communities at risk for NFIP sanction and actually leading to increased financial risk for property owners.**

OFMA has reached out to the bill's Senate and House authors, seeking to provide information about these possible unintended consequences. This bill will surely be a topic of discussion at the 2014 Legislative Reception.

## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

February 24, 2014	2014 OFMA Legislative Reception, State Capitol, Room 412 A, 11:30 am—1:30 pm
April 8, 2014	2014 OFMA Spring Workshop, Quartz Mountain Resort
June 1-6, 2014	2014 Association of State Floodplain Managers Annual Conference, Washington State Convention Center, Seattle
September 15-17, 2014	2014 OFMA Annual Conference, Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott

## 2014 TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES—BY OFMA TRAINING CADRE

DATE	CLASS	LOCATION
3/4/2014	FPM 101: Basic Training by OWRB Advanced Training provided by OFMA	Bartlesville
	RISK Map (Stagg), Establishing BFE's in Un-numbered "A" Zones (Remondini), Green Building in the Floodplain (Stevens), No Adverse Impact (NAI) (Remondini), USACE Clean Water Act/ Regulatory 404 Permits (Parisotto)	
3/6/2014	FPM 101: Basic Training by OWRB Advanced Training provided by OFMA	McAlester
	LOMC Process (Smith) Community Response Post Disaster (Smith) USACE Clean Water Act/ Regulatory 404 Permits (Hartsfield) Basics for new FPA (Smith), Hydrology / Hydraulics 101 (Smith)	
3/13/2014	FPM 101: Basic Training by OWRB Advanced Training provided by OFMA	Clinton
	Establishing BFEs in un-numbered "A" Zones (Remondini), No Adverse Impact (NAI) (Remondini), USACE Clean Water Act /Regulatory 404 Permits (Noblitt), Basics for New FPA (Remondini),	
4/17/2014	FPM 101: Basic Training by OWRB Advanced Training provided by OFMA	Norman, OCCE
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