Floodplain Management Training Held Throughout State

The Oklahoma Water Resources Board, OWRB, held five one-day training classes for floodplain managers and public officials during May. The classes were held at strategic locations around the state so that all floodplain managers could attend a session in their region.

Training workshops were held in Region 1, Norman, May 8; Region 2, Tulsa, May 10; Region 5, Woodward, May 22; Region 4, Lawton, May 24; and Region 3, McAlester, May 31.

A total of 83 Oklahoma Floodplain Managers from municipalities, counties, conservation districts, agencies, and private sector firms took advantage of the training workshops to refresh their knowledge, learn about new program initiatives, network, prepare for the CFM exam, and take the Certified Floodplain Manager’s exam.

Ken Morris, CFM, the State NFIP Coordinator and OFMA Executive Director was responsible for planning and conducting the five workshops. Assisting Ken were Hank Elling, OWRB; Lonnie

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Duties of the Floodplain Administrator

The local Floodplain Administrator has several duties for which he/she is legally responsible. These duties and responsibilities are summarized below. It is incumbent on every Floodplain Manager to know these duties.

The Floodplain Administrator is designated by adoption of the local ordinance. The duties and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator are described in 44CFR, National Flood Insurance Program Regulations, and include:

1. **Maintain and hold open for public inspection all records pertaining to the provisions of this ordinance.**

2. **Review permit applications** to determine whether proposed building site, including the placement of manufactured homes, will be reasonably safe from flooding.

3. **Review, approve or deny all applications** for development permits required by adoption of this ordinance.

4. **Review permits for proposed development** to assure that all necessary permits have been obtained from those Federal, State or Local governmental agencies (including section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, 33 USC 1334) from which prior approval is required.

5. **Make necessary interpretations** where needed as to the exact location of the boundaries of areas of special flood hazard.

6. **Notify the OWRB and adjacent communities** prior to any alteration or relocation of a watercourse and submit evidence of notification to FEMA.

7. **Assure that the flood carrying capacity** within the altered or relocated portion of any watercourse is maintained.

8. **Use best available information to determine the Base Flood Elevation** when base flood elevation data has not been provided in accordance with Article 3, Section B. The Floodplain Administrator shall obtain, review and use any base flood data from any Federal, State, or other source to administer the provisions of Article 5.

9. **When a regulatory floodway has not been designated, the Floodplain Administrator must require that no new construction, substantial improvements, or other development (including fill) shall be permitted within the Special Flood Hazard Area,** unless it is demonstrated that the cumulative effect of the proposed development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.

10. **After a community applies to FEMA for a FIRM revision,** it may approve certain developments in the SFHA, under provisions of 44CFR Chapter 1, Section b5.12 of the NFIP regulations.

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**FEMA’s Ron Castleman**

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some 30 Texas counties. Texas flood assistance has topped $318 million, and over 90,000 residents have registered for assistance. FEMA has opened 14 Disaster Recovery Centers to aid the stricken area.

Prior to joining FEMA, Mr. Castleman was Chief Administrative Officer for the Bush-Cheney 2000 Campaign. His vast private sector business and management experience includes vice-president and director of human resources for several large corporations, including Amresco, Inc., Computer Language Research, Coopers & Lybrand, Communications Corporation of America, and American Airlines.

Mr. Castleman, a native of Tennessee, holds a BA and pursued graduate studies in Business Administration. OFMA welcomes Mr. Castleman, and looks forward to a working partnership to reduce the loss of lives and property due to flooding.

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**Looking Ahead - July 2001 BFE**

- ASFPM 2001 National Conference
- OFMA’s National Awards
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Ward, FEMA; Fred Liebe, ODCEM; and Joe Remondini, Tulsa District, USACE. Rhonda Kouba, OWRB, managed the administrative responsibilities.

Attending the May 8 Norman Workshop were:

Walt Allen, Lexington; Brenda Anderson, Ada; Marsha Blair, Slaughterville; Dan Cary, Cleveland County; Robert Eastman, El Reno; Denise Ellison, Cleveland County; Tammy Finley, McClain County; Joe Kinnison, Muskogee County; Matt Liechti, Tulsa; Pat Lynam, Delaware County; Garrett Miller, Broken Arrow; Jack Page, Tulsa; Bob Patton, FEMA-DAE; Hessel Purdy, Kay County Conservation District; Brenda Robertson, Wagoner County; William Schnarre, Fairland; Nancy Shipley, Grand Gateway EDA; Wendy Smith, Tulsa; David Spear, Tulsa; Marion Stinson, Wagoner County; Ruth Walters, Oklahoma County; A.B. Watson Jr., Watson Surveying Co.; Terry West, Tulsa County; Tim White, Tulsa; and Ray Whitley, Tulsa.

Attending the May 22 Woodward Workshop were:

Don Jenkins, Beaver; Roger Joliff, Tulsa; Mark Huff, Watonga; David Large, Garfield County; Mike McCool, Tulsa; Scott Savage, Garfield County; Marvin Schweigert, Watonga; Louise Shaffer, Jefferson; Jason Shiever, OWRB; Gerald Whetstone, Seiling; and Anna Waggoner, Woodward.

Attending the May 24 Lawton Workshop were:

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Attending the May 31 McAlester Workshop were:

Rush Clinkscales, Legacy Engineering; Gary Dotson, Tahlequah; Irene Johnston, Pittsburg; Mark Ritchie, Coon Engineering; David Sprouse, Madill; Mike Underwood, Tahlequah; Bill Wake, Idabel; Kent Wilkins, OWRB; and Laurence Wilson, Jr., Latimer County Conservation District.

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Definition: Regulatory Floodway
(FEMA/ NFIP Definition)

The Channel of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be preserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

Note: In some jurisdictions, e.g. Tulsa, no rise in water surface elevation is permitted.

Floodways - Encroachments are prohibited, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements and other development within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analysis that the encroachment will not result in any increase in flood levels.

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- Sep 23-27, 2001: Fall Annual Joint Conference, OFMA and Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association (OEMA), Southern Hills Hilton, Tulsa, OK. Cost: $130.00. Contact: OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; e-mail: http://www.okflood.org
- Sep 24-25, 2001: Stream Corridor Restoration for Floodplain Management, Albany, NY. ASPFM, EPA, NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation. Contact: Diane Brown, e-mail: diane@floods.org
- Oct 29-30, 2001: Stream Corridor Restoration for Floodplain Management, Tampa, FL. ASPFM, EPA. Contact: Diane Brown, e-mail: diane@floods.org or call 608-274-0123
- Jan 7-11, 2002: 2002 Regulating Floodplains Through the NFIP, OWRB’s Basic Floodplain Management Course, University of Oklahoma: Contact: Ken Morris (405) 530-8800.
- Mar 25-28, 2002: National Floodproofing Conference, II Downtown Hyatt, Tampa, FL. ASPFM and Partners. Contact: Diane Watson, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org
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Nancy Wade, CFM, is Bartlesville’s Floodplain Manager, serves on the OFMA Board of Directors as the Region 2 (Northeast Oklahoma) Representative, and on the OFMA Professional Development and Certification Committee (PDCC).

Nancy graduated from Oklahoma State University where she studied landscape architecture. After graduation, she worked as a planner with an engineering firm in Florida. After moving back to Oklahoma, she worked for the City of Lawton for 6 years, where she was introduced to floodplain management through her work on Lawton’s Community Rating System (CRS) Program.

In 1999 she was hired by Bartlesville as an assistant planner. After becoming a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) in 1999, she was designated as Floodplain Administrator.

Attack on Bartlesville’s Floodplain Ordinances. Nancy Wade became one of Oklahoma Floodplain Management’s true heroines through her successful efforts to defeat an attack on Bartlesville’s floodplain ordinances. Some development interests proposed to loosen Bartlesville’s floodplain regulations, which are more strict than the NFIP’s minimum standard. Nancy called upon OFMA members for assistance and with their help was able to educate the city staff and city council to save the regulations. Nancy also recognizes and appreciates the support and open-mindedness of her boss, fellow staff and city officials as she tries to bring progress in floodplain management to the City.

Nancy thanks OFMA for its assistance and would like to personally remind everyone of what a great network of support OFMA and the OWRB are.

Mrs. Wade recently secured a Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) grant for the development of an all-hazards mitigation plan. She is currently working to improve Bartlesville’s CRS rating from a Class 9 to a Class 7.

In addition to her floodplain management duties, Nancy’s role as planner includes the administration and enforcement of the city’s land-use, zoning, and subdivision regulations. Nancy Wade was born in Tulsa, graduated from Jenks High School, is married, and has a 6-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter.
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