



2026 Annual Conference
September 21-23, 2026
Osage Casino Hotel, Tulsa Oklahoma



Standing on Our Own

Sunday, September 20, 2026:						Room
6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Exhibitor Setup				Main Hall
7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Grand Hospitality Suite				H007 1st floor
Monday, September 21, 2026:						
7:00 AM	8:00 AM	Breakfast (On Your Own)				
7:00 AM	7:30 AM	Exhibitor Setup				Main Hall
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Registration			Carolyn Schultz, CFM, USACE Retired	Main Hall
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Opening Ceremony			Osage Nation	Oak Ballroom
		Flag Ceremony			Osage Nation	
		Anthem			Osage Nation	
		Invocation			The Rev. W.B. Smith, P.E., CFM, HISINC	
		Welcome			Kenneth Schwab PE, SE, CFM, City of Broken Arrow	
			Summary of OFMA Program and Conference Logistics			
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Keynote		FEMA Region 6 Update	Dr. John Garvin, FEMA Charlie Cook, FEMA	Oak Ballroom
10:00 AM	10:30 AM			BREAK		
10:30 AM	11:00 AM	Plenary Session		Oklahoma Emergency Management Update	Annie Mack Vest, CFM, Director, OEM	Oak Ballroom
11:00 AM	11:30 AM	Plenary Session		Advancing Flood Risk Awareness & Decision Support Through Interagency Flood Risk Management (InFRM) Collaboration	Jonathan Thomas, USGS Studies Chief	Oak Ballroom
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Plenary Session		Oklahoma NFIP Program Report - OWRB	Jon Phillips, CFM, OWRB	Oak Ballroom
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Business Lunch				
Concurrent Sessions			Track Topic	Speaker Topic		
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	A.1	Floodplain Management	Keep Your Receipts: The FEMA Audit	Jon Phillips, CFM, OWRB	Walnut
				Turning Flood Forecasts into Actionable Intelligence: SEFR for Flood Risk Management & Mitigation Planning	Dr. Richa Bhattarai, PhD, OU Dr. Arif Sadri, PhD, OU	
				Building Resilience Through Partnership: OEM & OWRB Initiatives Shaping Oklahoma's Future	JJ Little, OEM	
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	B.1	Stormwater Management	The Reserve: An OKR10 Enforcement Challenge Case Study	Pat Wilson, PE, CFM, City of Broken Arrow Renato Ochoa, City of Broken Arrow	Oak
				MS4 Innovative Oversight	Renato Ochoa, City of Broken Arrow David Webb, City of Broken Arrow	
1:00 PM	2:30 PM	C.1	Special Topics	Intro to Hydraulics	Samantha Palmason, PE, CFM, USACE Alexandria Peterson, CFM, USACE Meredith Streeter, USACE	Dogwood
2:30 PM	3:00 PM			BREAK		
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	A.2	Floodplain Management	Transforming Floodplain Management Through GIS StoryMaps, ArcGIS Collections, and Interactive Mapping Tools	Chris Hill GISP, CFM, WSB	Walnut
				Flood Modeling in the AI Era: Choosing the Right Modeling Approach for Oklahoma Flood Management	Dr. KJ Jafarzadegan PhD, OSU Department of Biosystems & Agricultural Engineering	
				From Data to Decisions: Using Base Level Engineering	Mat Leclair, PE, CFM, Freese & Nichols	
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	B.2	Stormwater Management	Can LID Solve Bacteria TMDLs? Pathways to Load Reduction	Morgan Lozoya, PE, CFM, WSB	Oak
				Biosystems Brought to Life: Nature-Based Watershed Health Interventions (and how you might get them paid for!)	Nate Priest, ISA Certified Arborist, EcoBalance Kendra Hess, EI, EcoBalance Christopher Cross, PE, EcoBalance	
				Think Little for Big Problems: Applying Wendell Berry's Essay to Oklahoma Resilience	Alan Dennis, PE, CFM, Garver Flora Oakley, Garver	
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	C.2	Special Topics	Practical HEC-DSSVue Workflows for Efficient Hydrologic & Hydraulic Modeling	Dr. Fahad Pervaiz PhD, PE, CFM, PMP, ENV SP, HDR Inc.	Dogwood
				It's Just Dirt: Stories from an Old Stormwater Inspector	Dr. Carrie J Evenson, PhD, PE, CFM, Midwest City	
				Hydro-logic: How Two Methodologies Stand Against One Another	Mitchell Jensen, PE, CFM, Kimley-Horn	
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	New Members Welcome and Young Professionals Social			The Rev. W.B. Smith, P.E., CFM, HISINC, and Freese & Nichols, Inc.	Oak Ballroom
6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Vendor Social			WSB and OFMA	
Tuesday, September 22, 2026:						
7:00 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast (On Your Own)				
Concurrent Sessions			Track Topic	Speaker Topic		
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Committee Meetings (Door Prizes to be Awarded)		Outreach	Austin Dugger, P.E., CFM, Freese & Nichols, Inc.	Oak Ballroom
				Stormwater Quality	Morgan Lozoya, P.E., CFM, WSB	
				Disaster Response Team (DRT)	The Rev. W.B. Smith, P.E., CFM, HISINC	
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Region Meetings		Region 1	Michael Kimbro, P.E., CFM, ODOT	
				Region 2	Patrick Wilson, P.E., CFM, City of Broken Arrow	
				Region 3	Dennis Yochum, LeFlore County	
				Region 4	Johnny Barron, P.E., CFM, City of Altus	
				Region 5	Jacob Price, CFM, Garfield County	
9:30 AM	10:15 AM	Plenary Session		Its All in the Details	The Rev. W.B. Smith, P.E., CFM, HISINC	
10:15 AM	10:30 AM			BREAK		Main Hall
10:30 AM	11:30 AM	Plenary Session		FEMA isn't Coming: What Happens After the Flood When No Declaration Follows	Annie Mack Vest, CFM, Director, OEM	Oak Ballroom
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Plenary Session		The State of Mitigation in Oklahoma: Programs, Priorities, & Funding Cycles Ahead	Chylar Gibson, SHMO	
12:00 PM	1:30 PM	OFMA Awards Banquet Lunch			Brandon Claborn, P.E., CFM, WSB, Master of Ceremonies	Skyline Center
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	A.4	Floodplain Management	What Makes Rural Flood Assistance Work?	Austin Dugger, P.E., CFM, Freese & Nichols, Inc., Yohanes Sugeng P.E., CFM, OWRB, Jon Phillips, CFM, OWRB	Walnut
				Standing on Our Own Doesn't Mean Standing Alone: Strategic Funding Partnerships	Tonya White, Garver	
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	B.4	Stormwater Management	Catching the Current: Charting a Cleaner Future for Arcadia Lake	Kale Farmer PE, CFM, Freese & Nichols, Inc.	Oak
				Lower Imhoff Creek Bank Stabilization: Lessons Learned from Stabilizing an Urban Stream	Brandon Brooks PE, CFM, City of Norman	
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	C.4	Special Topics	Pragmatic Psycholinguistics: Communicating in Plain Language	Patrick Wilson, PE, CFM, City of Broken Arrow	Dogwood
				Standing on Our Own: Lessons from Tulsa County's Voluntary Buyout Program	Audrey Fincannon, R/W RAC, WSB Allison Whatsitt, WSB	
2:30 PM	3:00 PM			BREAK		Main Hall
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	A.5	Floodplain Management	Lessons Learned from 100+ Development Reviews	Caroline Jones, PE, CFM, Freese & Nichols	Walnut
				Using all the Tools in the SW Toolbox: More than Modeling	Kale Farmer, PE, CFM, Freese & Nichols	
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	B.5	Stormwater Management	Innovative Bank Stabilization along the Arkansas river in Muskogee	Joe Voss PE, CFM, Professional Engineering Consultants Mark Little , Williams Construction	Oak
				The Park on Florence Regional Detention Facility - Stormwater Experiment Station	Sarah Walters, PE, CFM, City of Broken Arrow David Reed, EI, City of Broken Arrow Dale Schaffner, CFM City of Broken Arrow	
3:00 PM	4:00 PM	C.5	Special Topics	Let's Not Make Any Dam Assumptions: A Conversation About Dams & Dam Safety	Nadia Alderman PE, CFM, Kimley-Horn	Dogwood
				You're Already Doing This: Capturing CRS Credit	Allison Whatsitt, WSB, Chris Hill, GISP, CFM, WSB, Chandler Trotter, PE, CFM, WSB	
Wednesday, September 23, 2026:						
7:30 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast (On Your Own)				
8:30 AM	8:45 AM	Closing Plenary Introductions			Kenneth Schwab PE, SE, CFM, City of Broken Arrow	Oak Ballroom
8:45 AM	9:45 AM	Plenary Session		National Weather Service River Forecasting Operations	Bekki Ward Harjo, PhD, PE, CFM, Esq, National Weather Service	Oak Ballroom
9:45 AM	10:00 AM			BREAK		
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Plenary Session		How Deep's the Water, Mama? - Ask the Blue Thumb Data	Cheryl Cheadle, Blue Thumb	Oak Ballroom
11:00 AM	11:45 AM	Plenary Session		From Technical to Tangible: Communicating Floodplain Management to the Public	Andrew Fleet, Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service	Oak Ballroom
11:45 AM	12:00 AM	Closing Remarks and Prize Drawings			Kenneth Schwab PE, SE, CFM, City of Broken Arrow Carolyn Schultz, CFM, USACE Retired	Oak Ballroom
12:00 PM	Conference Ends					
12:00 PM	12:30 PM	Exhibitor Teardown				Main Hall
12:00 PM	1:00 PM	PDCC Meeting			Joseph Remondini, P.E., CFM, USACE Retired	Thistle
1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Board Meeting			Zack Henson, CPSWQ, CFM, City of Stillwater	Thistle