Participant Agenda

Legal Training on Flood Risk Management for Local Communities

Montana Legal Training

When: **Wednesday, September 16, 2026**
9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Where: **University of Montana**
Missoula, Montana

8:30 AM	**Sign-In & Registration**
9:00 AM	**Welcome, Introductions and Overview** ***Tim Trautman, PE, CFM*** *– ASFPM* ***Traci Sears, CFM*** *– MT DNR*
	FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT ***MORNING SESSION***
9:30 AM	**Flood Risk Management – National Perspective** Communicating federal policies and regulations related to risk and community liability ***Tim Trautman, PE, CFM*** ***Terri Turner, AICP, CFM***
	Flood Risk Management – A Montana Perspective Understanding Montana's state and local policies and regulations related to risk and community liability ***Traci Sears, CFM & Matt Heimel***
10:30 AM	**BREAK**
10:45 AM	**A Legal Foundation for Flood Risk Management – The National Landscape** Examining federal law and flood risk management, from the Constitution to Regulatory Takings ***Jerry Murphy, AICP, CFM, JD***
	A Legal Foundation for Flood Risk Management – The Montana Landscape Examining Montana state law, legal considerations and challenges associated with community flood risk management ***Jason Kampman, JD***
12:00 PM	**Lunch** (onsite)

LIABILITY AND PROCEDURES

AFTERNOON SESSION

1:00 PM	**Community Ordinance Adoption: Liability and Procedures** Learn about best practices and legal considerations and challenges related to floodplain management ordinances. ***Tim Trautman, PE, CFM*** ***Terri Turner, AICP, CFM*** ***Jerry Murphy, AICP, CFM, JD*** ***Traci Sears, CFM & Matt Heimel***
	Community Permitting: Liability and Procedures Learn about best practices and legal considerations and challenges related to floodplain management permitting. ***Tim Trautman, PE, CFM*** ***Terri Turner, AICP, CFM*** ***Jerry Murphy, AICP, CFM, JD*** ***Traci Sears, CFM & Matt Heimel***
2:30 PM	**BREAK**
2:45 PM	**Community Variances & Appeals: Liability and Procedures** Learn about best practices and legal considerations and challenges related to floodplain management variances and appeals. ***Tim Trautman, PE, CFM*** ***Terri Turner, AICP, CFM*** ***Jerry Murphy, AICP, CFM, JD*** ***Traci Sears, CFM & Matt Heimel***
	Community Enforcement: Liability and Procedures Learn about best practices and legal considerations and challenges related to enforcing floodplain management regulations. ***Tim Trautman, PE, CFM*** ***Terri Turner, AICP, CFM*** ***Jerry Murphy, AICP, CFM, JD*** ***Traci Sears, CFM & Matt Heimel***
4:15 PM	**Closing Remarks, Additional Resources and Workshop Evaluation**
4:30 PM	**Adjourn**

Approved for: 6 AICP CMs and 6 CFM CECs

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