Chapter District 5
Annual Status Report

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**Introduction**

Arizona Floodplain Management Association
Floodplain Management Association of California, Nevada & Hawaii
Northwestern Floodplain Management Association Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon & Washington
Colorado Association of Stormwater & Floodplain Managers
Association of Montana Floodplain Managers
New Mexico Floodplain Managers Association
Utah Floodplain & Stormwater Management Association

In 2022 four additional State Associations were added to District 5, which increased the geographic footprint of the District to include the western third of the US.

**Key Accomplishments**

**AFMA**

- AFMA held two conferences in FY22 and is planning a Spring conference in 2023 in Flagstaff. Conferences has increased over pre-pandemic numbers, and includes new offerings, including FLO-2D and a Student Poster Competition.
- At the 2022 Spring Conference AFMA presented 2 Lifetime Membership Awards to long-time members and Board Members, Jon Fuller and Tom Loomis.
- AFMA worked with the Arizona Department of Water Resources to offer 3 virtual NFIP Workshops on Elevation Certificates and Substantial Improvement and Substantial Damage

**CASFM**

- Awarded 3 scholarships last year to both graduate and undergraduate students
- Awarded 2 research grants
- Increased membership up to 1,100 members statewide

**NMFMA**

- Conducted Annual Board Retreat in August 2022 and discussed the Annual workshop, training needs, website changes and updates, Executive Director transition and updates to Bylaws and Policies
- Conducted the Annual Workshop with a theme of “After the Fire – Post Fire Flooding Analysis and Impacts”.
- Presented several awards, including Floodplain Management Award to Phoebe Suina, Floodplain Manager of the Year to Nicole Fried, Special Recognition to Loretta Hatch, And a service award to Jonah Ruybalid and Miguel Martinez.
Priorities

AFMA

- Forming a new Nature-Based Stormwater Management Committee, supporting field trips and presentations at conferences.
- Promoting student involvement at the conferences and increasing student membership.
- Encourage and support the increase of activity among other committees, such as the River Management and Restoration Committee, Technical Committee and Policy and Procedures Committee.
- Supporting the Education and Public Involvement Committee in their efforts to increase the outreach to Universities to receive more scholarship applications and award more scholarships to students.

CASFM

- Improve budget tracking.
- Further expand formal training opportunities
- Support an Arid Regions Track at the ASFPM Conference in Salt Lake City in 2024.

NMFMA

- New Mexico is currently without a State Floodplain Coordinator, so the Chapter is fielding more questions from the public regarding Floodplain Management
- Resource and staffing at the NM Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management have raised concerns with emergency management needs and grant management, NMFMA is helping as issues arise.
- Coordinating with FEMA Region 6 to schedule a FEMA L273 Course in Farmington, NM in April 2023.

Recommended Actions

As Chapter Director, I plan to coordinate with all of the Chapters in the District over the next year to identify additional needs that ASFPM can help with, such as virtual courses through the Learning Center and working with the ASFPM Foundation.