Memo

To: ASFPM Climate Change Taskforce
From: Bob Freitag
Date: May 19th 2023 Call

Here are our notes from our May 19th Zoom call. Link to recording. In attendance were:

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Agenda: Over a Zoom call, we discussed the following items.

- Conference Debrief
- Webinar projects
    - Co-chair Briefing
    - HAZUS – Addressing future conditions.
- Library
- Issuers of concern.

Conference discussion:

Review of the conference – Taskforce role was to promote climate discussion within ASFPM co-chairs

1. Bill Nechamen presented task force issues at the Conference Co-chair Committee discussion. No one was debating whether the climate was changing. Most discussions addressed adaptation, not if... No carbon discussion. I took a train and saved about two-thirds of the carbon I would have generated if I flew. David Conrad also took the train.
2. Thomas Ruppert – not discussion of carbon. Lots of talk, not much action.
3. The ribbons work well in drawing attention to taskforce.

4. Jeanne Ruefer – there was discussion by FEMA on future conditions. Arid Committee has bought into the problem. Our extreme weather this past year help keep the subject in focus. The discussion did arise addressing the carbon costs of having a conference.
5. Meg Galloway – extensive discussion on climate change. Issues like managed retreat were addressed.
6. Jose Regalado – almost no interest in climate mitigation. Climate adaptation yet. Nature Based Solutions and carbon implications were mentioned.
7. Nikki Pace
8. Alan Lulloff – liked the discussion on managed retreat. Ways to downscale climate models were offered.
9. Dan Rizza – The ASFPM conference is a great way to keep current.
10. Stephen Veith – was not able to attend.
11. Mary Beth Groff – Ribbons worked. Climate change was at the heart of the conference. In Massachusetts, we have both climate and hazard mitigation plans. They are not combined. There may be benefits in reexamining FEMA's benefit/cost analyses. (comment by Alan, that FEMA does include natural and beneficial solutions.)

Webinar – will work on over the summer:

- Co-chairs webinar – will work on it over the summer. Mentioned in Co-chair's meeting and all felt it would be worthwhile. Bill Nechamen
- HAZUS webinar – will work on it over the summer – Stephen, Bob

Library:

Nikki, Jacob Jett, and Bob will work on the capability over the summer – Bob, Nikki

Issues of concern - For the good of the order.

1. Thomas - There were sessions on equity and inclusion at the conference. More Band-Aids than a real solution. We could elevate this within the Climate Taskforce.
2. Nikki – Gulf regional meeting expressed a lot of interest in Risk 2.0
3. Jose – ACE is considering FEMA Benefit /Cost rule section 10812402 is changing the discussion for Gray infrastructure to nature-based solutions.
4. Jeanne – We could have an arid climate track. Need 40 abstracts.
5. Alan – on the 28 June FEMA is holding a webinar on Future Flood Risk Management which is encouraging.

Themes for our Taskforce

1. Integrate climate adaptation comprehensively
2. Think differently. Old tried and true strategies need reassessing.
3. Carbon Mitigation needs greater emphasis.

The next meeting will be on June 23rd, Click here to attend. Bob will not be able to attend. Claire will facilitate.