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# National Flood Policies & Programs in Review 2015

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# History of NFPPR

- ASFPM's master policy document
- Updated periodically every 5-10 years
- Last version was from 2007
- A lot has changed since that time!
- Grassroots effort involving all 14 ASFPM policy committees, hundreds of members comments



# What has changed since 2007?

- Net positive or negative? Hard to say
- Several big events: Sandy, floods of record in several states
  - First post-disaster Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (after Sandy)
- NFIP reformed twice
  - NFIP \$24 billion in debt
- Two WRDAs



# Guiding Principles of NFPPR

- Tries to cover all federal flood programs, not just FEMA or Corps
  - 26 agencies have roles
- Aimed high
  - May not be currently authorized or even policy
  - May contradict current policy
  - Aspirational – how do we better serve the public interest



# Organization

- Recommendations grouped into five main areas:
  - Flood hazard mapping and national datasets
  - Flood loss reduction approaches
  - Natural and beneficial floodplain functions
  - Flood risk management in special hazard areas (coastal and arid regions)
  - Flood risk governance

*Nearly 400 specific recommendations!*



# Arid Regions & West Coast

- 13 recommendations on arid regions flooding concerns
- Other sections detailed recommendations also applicable
  - Map delegation
  - LIDAR
  - Post-disaster processes