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Letter from the Chair

I don't know about you, but I sometimes find myself being a bit cynical. Whether it is discouraging news on TV from around the world, politics on the home front, or challenges at work or home, we can get caught up in the day to day rhetoric and find ourselves spending more and more time grumbling. I have just come back from a Corporate Water Conference where I was reminded about why I do what I do. I heard from people who were passionate about what they did and the fact that they were helping people. That got me to thinking about what I do and that it really does have an impact. It reminded me why I got into this business and how important what we do is.



I think we face the same challenge on the FMA Board. We get bogged down with the running of the organization and forget why we are here. Our mission is to "improve flood safety and maximize floodplain resources through effective dialogue, collaboration, education, legislations and policy." Don't get me wrong, I believe we do much of this very well, but there is always room for improvement. We just had our 25th Anniversary last year and the last thing we want to do is become complacent or stagnant. This is where you come in. You can help us set the foundation for the next 25 years.

It all starts with membership, of course, but probably the best opportunity for you to get engaged is by getting involved with the Annual Conference. Whether it is on the Conference Planning Committee, volunteering at the Conference, submitting an abstract, or just attending, there is an opportunity for your voice to be heard and your ideas to be implemented.

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SAVE THE DATE



2016 FMA Annual Conference Building Community Resilience through Action September 6-9, 2016 The Hyatt Regency, Sacramento, CA

You are invited to participate in the premier Annual Conference in Floodplain Management of the West! This popular event brings together nearly 600 attendees from government, academia, private sector and non-profits to discuss the latest strategies, tools and technologies in floodplain and flood risk management. The conference offers critical policy panel discussions, an extensive multi-track technical program, invaluable networking opportunities, professional training workshops, field trips and a world-class Exhibition Program. Space is limited!

California Extreme Precipitation Symposium (part of the FMA Conference) September 6, 2016 Sacramento, California