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Letter from the Chair

It's hard to believe that Spring is here and Summer is not far off. But after the Winter we've had, if you are anything like me, you are looking forward to a time of drying out in the sun. Summer is also exciting because it means our Annual Conference is just around the corner. Our Conference Planning Committee is in full swing and is committed to bringing you another fantastic program of panels, technical sessions, exhibits, field trips and, of course, great networking. The Conference will be at the Hyatt Regency Long Beach, September 5th through the 8th. This year's theme – Creating Partnerships through Integration: Water, Environment, People – is indicative of the challenge we all face on a daily basis. Whether you are a planner, engineer, scientist or elected official, you can't do anything in a silo any longer. Whether you are reaching across the aisle or reaching across the river, working together is the only way we are going to get anything of real value done. And there is no better place to get started than sitting together with over 500 representatives from all levels of Federal, State, and local governments, along with a vast array of private consultants, at the Annual Conference. Below is just a partial list of the panel topics that will be covered (checkout the Conference website at www.floodplain.org for more information):



- **FROM DROUGHT TO FLOOD – OPERATIONAL ISSUES AND CHALLENGES OF CALIFORNIA'S RECENT 5-YEAR DROUGHT**
- **A WATER YEAR TO REMEMBER: LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE 2016-2017 FLOOD SEASON**
- **NEW TECHNOLOGY – UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES**

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FEDERAL NEWS

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - NEW June 15th Deadline

The HMGP funding opportunity application deadline for immediate needs (shovel ready) projects has been extended by Cal OES until June 15th. This is also the deadline for communities to submit a Notice of Interest (NOI) for regular HMGP projects. For more detailed information email: HMGP@CalOES.ca.gov

For an Update of the latest disaster declarations visit:

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters>

Information on Flood Insurance Reform – Rates and Refunds

<https://www.fema.gov/flood-insurance-reform-rates-and-refunds>

For information on Fiscal Year 2017 Budget issues visit:

<http://www.dhs.gov/publication/fy-2017-budget-brief>

STATE NEWS - CALIFORNIA

FMA Members Support Flood Operations Center (FOC)

The State-Federal FOC in Sacramento coordinates flood response activities and disseminate flood forecasts and warnings. During times of high water, the FOC is activated and staffed with additional personnel within the Department of Water Resources. Representatives from other agencies also support these efforts and coordinate activities. Five FMA board members worked in the FOC during the flood incidents of January and February: Alan Haynes, Maria Lorenzo-Lee, John Powderly, Eric Simmons and Darren Suen.

DWR News Items

1. **For information regarding the Oroville Spillway**, including current information on the situation, public information lines and additional information resources including photos and videos visit: <http://www.water.ca.gov/oroville-spillway/index.cfm>
2. **Statewide Snowpack is 164% of Average**
California snowpack continues to pile up. Today's statewide measurements of snow water equivalent (SWE) are seven times what they were in January. Despite a respite in storms for most of March, statewide SWE was 45.8 inches, or 164 percent of the average for March 30. In the northern Sierra Nevada, the manual survey at Phillips Station recorded the snowpack's water content at 183 percent of average. The season's accumulation of snow indicates a spring and summer of high river flow from snowmelt, which according to Frank Gehrke, DWR, is "great reservoir recovery."