

# John Espinoza, PE, CFM

## Position: President

Describe your qualifications, past TFMA involvement, etc.:



John brings more than 40 years of experience in floodplain management as a Project Engineer at the City of San Marcos conducting and managing Capital Improvements Projects. Prior to his position with the City, he managed various flood control projects, floodplain management & damage assessment projects with various consulting firms.

Throughout his career, John has dedicated his personal time to improving the community by serving on numerous boards and committees including the University of Houston Alumni Association, the Texas Public Works Association, local homeowners associations, and the City of Wimberley Planning & Zoning Commission. As a longtime member of TFMA, he has served as Region 6 Director, Committee Chair for the Legislative Committee, as well as the Conference Committee Chair (since 2003). John's broad experience through private consulting, public agency work and volunteer involvement has shown him the overall challenges we face as an organization as well potential solutions to these issues. From addressing floodplain management issues to working with a large group of people with a diverse set of goals and ideas, he is ready to tackle current challenges and lead TFMA into the future of floodplain management.

John has seen the devastating effects of flooding firsthand during his childhood in Victoria as well while living in Houston, San Antonio and Wimberley. He also witnessed the recent 2015 Wimberley flooding and Hurricane Harvey in Houston.

John is a licensed Professional Engineer and CFM. John and Mary, his high school sweetheart, have been married for close to 40 years and they have a daughter (Laura), a son (John) and two grand dogs.

Summarize why you think you would be the best candidate for this role.

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- **Listen, Evaluate and Implement** – my primary goal is to *Listen* to different perspectives, *Evaluate* the best option, and then *Implement* a valuable action.
- **Enhance Leadership** – to account for multiple viewpoints within TFMA.
- **Transparency** – increase level of communication between the Board, committees and members.
- **Energize** – motivate the Board, committees and members to increase involvement and improve commitment.
- **Rules/Bylaws** – review and make necessary changes and updates.
- **Training** – continue new member training and identify beneficial training for experienced members, elected officials and the public.
- **Post Disaster** – formalize and implement a post-disaster plan that helps communities impacted by flooding events.
- **Public Education Outreach** – develop and expand outreach efforts.
- **Agency Partnerships** – reestablish TFMA partnership with local, state and federal agencies.
- **Committees** – evaluate current structure and identify changes to make them better.
- **Experienced Members** – improve incentives to preserve experienced members' involvement as a way to keep their extensive amount of knowledge and experience within the organization.