

## **News from TFMA Regional Directors**

The following are updates provided by Regional Directors from Region 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10.

### **Region 1 - Steven Nelson, PE, CFM, City of Lubbock**

Region 1 had a successful training session on December 18 in Lubbock. A full day of Floodplain management updates were presented by Wes Birdwell and Steve Nelson. Attendees were able to obtain up to 7 hours of CECs. The Region plans on hosting other training sessions in 2020 along with Region 2.

### **Region 2 - Erin Stiggins, PE, CFM; Pape-Dawson Engineers**

Region 2 will be joining with Region 1 for a training session before the end of the year. We are also going to be actively recruiting our neighbors to join TFMA and get their CFM so that we can host our own training in 2020! Please contact me directly with any requests for testing and training, or any other questions.

### **Region 4 - Clair Davis, PE, CFM; City of Fort Worth**

### **Region 10 - Kim Dewailly, PE, CFM, City of Dallas**

#### **ASFPM**

The ASFPM Annual National Conference will be conducted at the Fort Worth Convention Center on June 7-11, 2020.

- Scholarships will be available for local government employees - Coordinate with TFMA Office Staff ([tfma@tfma.org](mailto:tfma@tfma.org))
- Volunteer opportunities will be available – Coordinate with Niraj Acharya ([nacharya@tnpinc.com](mailto:nacharya@tnpinc.com))
- Call for Abstracts closed
- Registration Opens – February 2020

#### **2019 Training and Events**

The following is a list of training and events held in 2019.

- December 12, Floodplain Management Training, Flower Mound
- December 3, NCTCOG CRS Users Group, Arlington
- November 22, CFM Exam Opportunity, Arlington
- November 18-21, FEMA L-273 Management Floodplain Development through the NFIP, Arlington
- November 13, TFMA Region 4 & 10 Luncheon, Grapevine
- October 29-31 – HEC-RAS & HEC-HMS Training, Fort Worth
- October 17th - Floodplain Managers Roundtable, Arlington
- September 10th - CFM Exam Half, Fort Worth
- July 8-11 - LO278: NFIP/Community Rating System
- April 15-17 – Managing Floodplain Development through NFIP, Arlington
- April 9-11 - Basic Watershed Modeling using HEC-HMS, Fort Worth
- May 28-31 – TFMA Annual Conference, Dallas
- February 28, 2019 – CFM Exam Half, Fort Worth

### **Upcoming CFM Opportunity**

- January 31, 2020 – TFMA Exam opportunity, Arlington

### **Regional Flood Model Update**

The TFMA flood model is now housed at NCTCOG in Arlington. Contact Mia Brown to check it out at [mbbrown@nctcog.org](mailto:mbbrown@nctcog.org)

### **Texas A&M Agrilife Stream Trailer**

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### **Region 5 - Colin Slagle, PE, CFM, Doucet & Associates**

In the wake of the 86<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session, which included approval of the first-ever Texas State Flood Plan, and the subsequent approval of Proposition 8, a constitutional amendment establishing the Flood Infrastructure Fund, 2019 has certainly been an exciting year for floodplain management in Region 5 (Central Texas). Regional Director, Colin Slagle, PE, CFM has actively solicited and responded to feedback on training, outreach, and other TFMA activities across the region. In response to the August membership survey, Region 5 offered a 1-day CFM Workshop on December 11<sup>th</sup>. The workshop was centrally located at the Williamson County Engineer's Office in Georgetown and included State Flood Plan and Risk Map updates by Deputy Executive Director Wes Birdwell and past Regional Director and Treasurer Tom Mountz. In addition to providing presentations on the recently approved HB 3167 and its implications for floodplain management at the Fall Conference in San Antonio and Region 4 & 10 annual luncheon in Grapevine, Mr. Slagle continues to support TFMA on the TWDB State Flood Plan Focus Group and other committees. Also with the support of membership feedback, TFMA Region 5 is excited to begin planning its first annual luncheon in Spring 2020. More details to come.

### **Region 7 - Doug Nicholson, CFM; Smith County**

We had three training opportunities for members to get CEC's in the region this year. I am working on a possible training in January for those that need last minute CEC's.

### **Region 8 - Mohamed Bagha, PE, CFM; Michael Baker International**

TFMA is organizing a 1-day workshop to be conducted on Friday February 28, 2020 for interested TFMA members, floodplain administrators and others to learn more about floodplains, resiliency and upcoming projects and initiatives that may impact flood hazards in the Greater Houston area. The workshop will be conducted at the HCFCD Michael Talbott Pavilion. The address is 7522 Prairie Oak Houston, Texas 77086. We have invited speakers from HCFCD, FEMA Region 6, USACE Galveston District and Texas Water Development Board to come and present on projects involving flood hazard identification and mitigation. Look for future emails regarding this workshop.