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OFMA Holds Most Successful Spring Technical Training



The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association (OFMA) conducted its most successful *Spring Technical Training* ever. The 2001 Spring Training was held at the University of Oklahoma's superb conference facilities, which featured a large plenary session space and several break-out rooms.

The training, conducted Wednesday, March 7th, attracted over 100 state floodplain managers, administrators, and professionals.

This year's Spring Training focused on three major areas of interest requested by Oklahoma Floodplain Managers:

- Before the Flood
- GIS - Geographic Information Systems
- After the Flood

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Some of the 108 participants at OFMA's 2001 Spring Training take a "Networking" break.

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OFMA Honors Outstanding Achievements



Achievement awards were presented during the awards luncheon at the 2001 Spring Technical Training.

Carl Watts, FEMA Region VI, was presented with an Outstanding Achievement Award by OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner for his many years of service as Okla-

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Left, FEMA's Carl Watts is presented with a Special Appreciation Award from OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner

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homa's FEMA officer. Carl helped build Oklahoma's floodplain management program into one of the nation's best.

Dr. Robert Tortorelli, CFM, Surface Water Specialist with the USGS, was presented with the US Department of Inte-



Dr. Bob Tortorelli receives award from Kathy Peter, USGS



Former FEMA Region VI Dir., R.L. "Buddy" Young

rior's *Superior Service Award*. The award was presented by USDI District Chief Kathy Peter.

R. L. "Buddy" Young received OFMA's *Award of Special Appreciation*. "Buddy" Young served as FEMA's Re-

Looking Ahead - May 2001 BFE

- Oklahoma Flood Forum
- ASFPM National Conference
- OFMA/OEMA Conference Planning Committee
- Definition: Floodway
- FEMA Disaster # 1355-OK Update
- Legislative Update
- Special OFMA Awards
- Profile: Walter Stout, Vice-Chair

gion VI Director for eight years, and did all he could to help floodplain managers. He often attended, addressed, played his guitar and sang at annual OFMA conferences, workshops, and training sessions.

Oklahoma Wins Silver National Award

The Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) has announced that the **State of Oklahoma will receive the Tom Lee Silver State Award for Excellence** for its floodplain management program.

Ken Morris, State NFIP Coordinator, was notified of the award. It will be presented on June 7, 2001, during the awards luncheon at ASFPM's Annual Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina.

This national award, ASFPM's most prestigious, is given to states with exemplary programs. The Oklahoma Water Resources Board and OFMA are proud to receive the award on behalf of the state's local floodplain managers and OFMA's members.

Harold Springer Leaves OWRB



Harold Springer, P.E., CFM, receives an OWRB award from Mike Melton (right)

Harold Springer, a legend in Oklahoma floodplain management, has concluded his career at the Oklahoma Water Resources Board.

In a distinguished career dedicated to dam safety and floodplain management, Harold was a founding member of the Oklahoma Floodplain Manager's Association, the first Chairman of OFMA, and OFMA's first floodplain manager of the year.

Springer received the Award of Special Recognition upon his departure from the OWRB on February 22. We hate to see him go, but wish him the best in his new endeavors.

John Harrington Elected Region 1 Rep

Nancy Kennedy, Engineer and Floodplain Administrator for the City of Edmond, who served for many years as OFMA's Region 1 Representative, was forced to resign due to heavy workload. Edmond is one of the state's fastest growing communities. OFMA will miss Nancy. She was a wonderful asset and a hard worker.

John Harrington, ACOG's Director of Water Resources, was unanimously elected by the OFMA Board of Directors to fill the *Region 1 Representative* position and serve



John Harrington, CFM

out the remainder of Nancy Kennedy's term. John brings with him the training, knowledge and expertise of a hydrogeologist and the perspective of the regional council of governments.

John's expertise is particularly important as the nation places more emphasis on stormwater quality and natural stream restoration and rehabilitation. Oklahoma and OFMA will benefit from John's service.

(See the OFMA Profile on Harrington on page 7.)

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Before the Flood - A break-out session was dedicated to actions and information of importance to floodplain managers before the flood. Topics included: Natural and Beneficial Uses of the Floodplain, Meeting the Requirements of the NFIP, Installation of Manufactured Homes, and Flood Insurance Basics.

Connie Dill, ODCEM's new Hazard Mitigation Officer, presented information on the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), the new requirements for an *All-Hazards Mitigation Plan*, Substantial Damage, and the State's and FEMA's emphasis on Repetitive Loss Properties.



OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner; ODCEM Hazard Mitigation Officer Connie Dill; Lonnie Ward, FEMA Region VI

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) -

OFMA members have ranked GIS as one of the most desired subjects for technical training and conferences. This emerging technology and its floodplain management applications continue to be of interest to OFMA members.

Dewberry & Davis presented their Stillwater electronic master drainage plan. Russ Wyckoff and Jim Leach, Tulsa District Corps of Engineers, demonstrated GIS floodplain applications on Tulsa's Mingo Creek.

The University of Oklahoma's Dr. Baxter Vieux and his wife/partner Jean,



OFMA Treasurer Carolyn Schultz at registration desk

presented their exciting work using GIS applications of precipitation events in predicting flooding. Technical training participants requested more GIS classes at future conferences.



OFMA Chair Anna Waggoner

After the Flood - Sessions featured: How to get the money, What to do after the

flood, Damage Estimation, and a review of the various grant programs. At the request of OFMA members, more time was allowed for networking with other members.

Gary Jones, acting FEMA Region VI Director, presented the luncheon keynote speech. Mr. Jones discussed initiatives of the new administration. He reviewed the challenges facing floodplain managers and cited OFMA's contribution to Oklahoma's floodplain management achievements.



FEMA Region VI Acting Director Gary Jones delivered the keynote speech



OFMA members Brent Caldwell (Tulsa), Nancy Wade (Bartlesville, Region 2 Rep), and Tim White (Tulsa) at OFMA's Booth

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Definition: DEVELOPMENT

What constitutes a "development"?

According to the *Flood Insurance Manual*, a development is:

"Any man-made change in improved and unimproved real estate, including but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or vehicles."

Special Thanks To Special People

OFMA's professional reputation is enhanced when the organization helps others.

At this year's Oklahoma Flood Forum, which was attended by over 200 insurance and real estate agents, lenders and public officials, OFMA provided an excellent lunch for participants.

Held at Tulsa's Civic Center on April 4, 2001, in conjunction with the University of Oklahoma's *National Symposium on Mitigating Severe Weather Impacts: Design for Disaster Reduction*, OFMA's Corporate Partners picked up the luncheon tab. Special thanks to:

- **Meshek & Associates, Inc.**, Engineering Consultant
- **Swift Water Resources Engineering, LLC**, Engineering Consultant
- **R.D. Flanagan & Associates**, Planning Consultants

Calendar of Educational Opportunities

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association maintains a list of flood-related meetings, conferences, and training at www.okflood.org

- **May 8, 2001: OWRB Region 1 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Norman, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **May 10, 2001: OWRB Region 2 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Tulsa, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **May 20-23, 2001: Small Watershed Programs: Past, Present, and Future**, Seventh National Watershed Conference, Richmond, VA. Sponsored by the National Watershed Coalition. Contact: *John W. Peterson, National Watershed Coalition, 9304 Lundy Court, Burke, VA 22015-3431; (703) 455-6886; fax: (703) 455-6888; jwpeterson@erols.com*
- **May 22, 2001: OWRB Region 5 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Woodward, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **May 22-25, 2001: Expedition 2001 - Paths to the Future**, National Flood Conference, Minneapolis, MN. NFIP contact: *Catherine King, (301) 918-1439.*
- **May 24, 2001: OWRB Region 4 Floodplain Management Workshop**, Lawton, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **May 31, 2001: OWRB Region 3 Floodplain Management Workshop**, McAlester, OK. Contact: *OWRB, (405) 530-8800.*
- **Jun 3-8, 2001: Twenty-Fifth Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**, Charlotte, NC. The ASFPM annual conferences cover a broad range of flood-related issues, including mitigation, legislation, structural and non-structural approaches, GIS, and much more. For more information, contact: *Diane Brown Watson, ASFPM, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*
- **Sep 23-27, 2001: Fall Annual Joint Conference, OFMA and Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association (OEMA)**, Southern Hills Hilton, Tulsa, OK. Cost: \$130.00. Contact: *OFMA, P.O. Box 8101, Tulsa, OK 74101-8101; http://www.okflood.org*
- **Jun 23-28, 2002: Twenty-Sixth Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**, Phoenix, AZ. Contact: *ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*
- **Jun 3-8, 2003: Twenty-Seventh Annual Conference of the Association of State Floodplain Managers**, St. Louis, MO. Contact: *ASFPM Executive Office, 2809 Fish Hatchery Road, Ste. 204, Madison, WI 53713-3120; (608) 274-0123; fax: (608)274-0696; e-mail: asfpm@floods.org; website: www.floods.org*

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Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association

Vision

Floodplains are for floodwaters, habitat, water quality enhancement and recreation.

Mission

We encourage and support, with our partners, flood-safe development and flood mitigation. We promote sound floodplain management practices and the natural and cultural benefits of the floodplain. We support the floodplain management profession through education and certification.

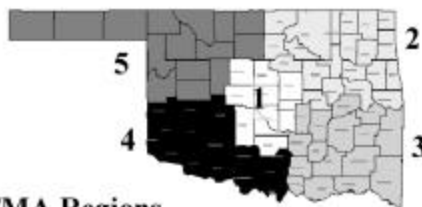
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An Invitation to Join OFMA

The Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association is a non-profit organization primarily dedicated to providing information and education to the public about reduction of loss of life and property due to flooding.



OFMA Regions

The best investment that \$20.00 can buy in the future of your state is a membership in the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association.

OFMA Membership Application

Name: _____ Company/Organization: _____
 Title: _____ Address: _____
 Work Phone: _____ City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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 Region (see map): 1 2 3 4 5

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 ___ Mitigation ___ Floodplain Regulations
 ___ Flood Insurance ___ Mapping & Engineering
 ___ Flood Proofing ___ Stormwater Management
 ___ Research

Dues Schedule:
 First-Year dues are probated depending on the quarter during which you join. The fiscal year start October 1st and ends September 30th.

	Oct-Dec	Jan-Mar	Apr-Jun	Jul-Sep
Full Membership	\$ 20.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 5.00
Student Membership	10.00	7.50	5.00	2.50
Associate Membership	15.00	11.25	7.50	3.75
Agency Membership	50.00	37.50	25.00	12.50
(Plus \$10.00 per employee designated by the Agency)				
Corporate Sponsor	100.00	75.00	50.00	25.00



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Technical Advisory - **Entering the NFIP's Emergency Program**

When a community decides to join the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and obtain affordable flood insurance for its citizens, the first step is to enter FEMA's Emergency Program. Here's how it's done:

1. Community applies for participation - Application includes adopted resolutions or ordinances to regulate construction in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). Contact: Ken

Morris, OWRB, (405) 530-8800.

2. FEMA authorizes the sale of flood insurance in the community - Emergency Program Limits: Single Family: \$35,000 structure, \$10,000 contents. Other Residential and Commercial properties may be insured.

3. FEMA arranges for a flood study - to determine base flood elevations and flood risk zones.

4. FEMA provides the community with a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) - Community is given 6 months to meet requirements.

5. Community adopts more stringent ordinances - FEMA converts the community to the NFIP Regular Program.

Source: *How the NFIP Works*, 000025 (7/96).

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Profile: 2000-2001 OFMA Region 1 Representative

John Harrington, CFM

Director of Water Resources, Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG)



John Harrington, CFM

John Harrington will finish out the 2000-2001 term of OFMA's Region 1 Representative and serve as a member of its Board of Directors.

John Harrington is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) and a registered professional geologist. He brings a strong, and much needed natural resources orientation to the OFMA Board. John has over twenty years experience as a hydrologist and geophysicist in Central Oklahoma, with eleven years working specifically on the Garber-Wellington aquifer.

Mr. Harrington received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California at Davis, and his Masters in Geology at San Diego State University.

As an ACOG staff member, John has had the opportunity to work with several counties and numerous municipal governments. He became a Certified Floodplain Manager in 2000. His professional interests include mathematical modeling of all sorts, including groundwater and surface water modeling and developing stormwater models. He is currently involved in the regional approach to the Phase II stormwater regulations for Central Oklahoma.



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