

Central Valley Flood Protection Board Meeting

INFORMATIONAL BRIEFING

**Floodplain Management Association (FMA)
Conference Re-Cap**

(Connie Perkins, Senior Engineer, Board Staff)

BRIEFING SUMMARY

Description of Presentation

Board staff, Connie Perkins, will provide a presentation on the annual Floodplain Management Association (FMA) Conference held September 3-6, 2019 in San Diego, California. She is currently FMA Secretary and will provide an overview of the FMA, deliver a summary of the Conference, and discuss future FMA conferences.

Summary of Presentation

FMA is a chapter of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) with approximately 450 members. FMA's geographic area covers California, Nevada, and Hawaii. The FMA Board consists of an Executive Director, Chair, Vice Chair, Immediate Past Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, nine Directors from the private and public sector, and Advisors from federal and state agencies, past chairs, and ASFPM. In addition, multiple committees such as Emerging Professionals, Social Media, Modeling and Mapping, and Newsletter are essential to the FMA Board. FMA offers a variety of training class throughout the year and holds the California Extreme Precipitation Symposium, Southwest Extreme Precipitation Symposium, and an annual conference.

During this year's conference, the Board had eight staff and three Board Members attend in San Diego. The theme was "Knowledge is Power: Keeping the Lights on Floodplains, Resilience Planning and Risk Reduction." Multiple panels, workshops, and technical sessions were held throughout the week. At the awards luncheon, ten awards were given to individuals for projects or services. On the last day of the conference, the Silver Jackets Annual Meeting and the FMA Board Meeting occurred, along with a tour of the Tijuana River Valley.

Next year, the 2020 FMA Conference will be held in Sacramento at the Hyatt Regency on September 8-11. The Board has been nominated for the State Conference Co-Chair position for 2020. The 2021 conference will be held at the Westin in Los Angeles.