

ALLUVIAL FAN TASK FORCE

The Integrated Approach

For Sustainable Development On Alluvial Fans



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The Integrated Approach for Sustainable Development (or *Integrated Approach*) is designed to assist local communities that need to plan for and evaluate future development proposals on alluvial fans. **In keeping with local control of land use, the *Integrated Approach* is:**

1. **Non-prescriptive**: flexible designed for local governments to adapt to their own conditions
2. **Implementable**: does not expand, duplicate, or reduce the legal requirements under existing state and federal laws
3. **Sustainable**: encourages multiple benefits ensuring future generations can meet their needs
4. **Tool-based**: methods are unique to the alluvial fan environment and offered to local governments and flood management agencies to use at their discretion in working with developers and property owners



***The Integrated Approach* consists of a suite of local planning tools for pre-project screening**

- **Pre-project screening** provides a method for planners to evaluate hazards, resources, and site-specific issues in alluvial fan areas that are proposed for development
- **Pre-project screening** helps local governments determine whether new development can be designed to promote flood management sustainability, by avoiding the most hazardous areas and conserving the most valuable resources.
- **Flood management tools** are also included in *The Integrated Approach* consistent with FEMA guidelines to analyze alluvial fan flood hazards and to formulate flood hazard protection



The Task Force was also charged with developing a voluntary model ordinance for local adoption that would assist city and county governments in alluvial fan areas with planning and development activities.

The Model Ordinance Governing Planning and Development on Alluvial Fans provides a process to implement the local planning tools presented in *The Integrated Approach* to provide better informed land use decisions for development proposals on alluvial fans areas. The **Model Ordinance** was designed to ensure that land use decisions achieve objectives:

1. Minimize flooding and other hazards that may result by locating development on alluvial fans;
2. Minimize the costs and damages that may result from these hazards; and
3. Preserve and maximize the flood protection, environmental and other beneficial values that alluvial fans provide.



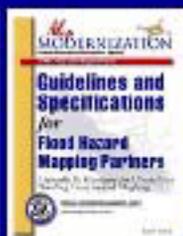
LOCAL PLANNING TOOLS FOR ALLUVIAL FAN PRE-PROJECT SCREENING



STEP 1	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	STEP 6
Identify whether proposed site is on regulated floodplain with adequate hazard protection	Consider relative flood hazard potential	Consider other hazards present on proposed site	Consider beneficial resources on proposed site	Consider capacity to address multiple objectives consistent with FloodSAFE	Consider problem-solving economic strategies
Flood-Zone (FZ) Tools FZ1 - FEMA Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) FZ2 - Existing flood control structure certified to provide adequate protection from hazards	Alluvial Fan (AF) Tools AF1 - Is the proposed site underlain by Quaternary Sediments that include Alluvial fans? AF2 - Map the relative potential for alluvial fan flooding	Multiple Hazard (MH) Tools MH1 - Active faults MH2 - Seismic shaking MH3 - Rockfall and landslides MH4 - Minerals and unstable geological units MH5 - Wildfire hazards MH6 - Other local hazards	Multiple Benefit (MB) Tools MB1 - Capacity for recharge MB2 - Ecological value MB3 - Mineral resources MB4 - Cultural resources MB5 - Current and future land uses	Sustainability Analysis (SA) Tools SA1 - Examine capability of site for proposed use SA2 - Examine suitability of site for proposed use	Economic (ECON) Tools ECON1 - Multiple benefit IRWM project ECON2 - Cost & benefit analysis ECON3 - Resources for operation and management ECON4 - Transfers and purchases of development rights ECON5 - Other funds ECON6 - Disaster clean-up ECON7 - Asset management

FEMA Guidelines for Determining Flood Hazards on Alluvial Fans

FEMA Appendix G: Guidance for Alluvial Fan Flooding Analyses and Mapping



Flood Management (FM) Tools

- FM1**- Identify the presence of an alluvial fan
- FM2**- Identify existing hazards on alluvial fan area
- FM3**- Define active and inactive fan areas
- FM4**- Establish the appropriate level of hazard protection
- FM5**- Identify studies necessary to demonstrate development is protected from design flood
- FM6**- Incorporate multiple objectives in the mitigation measures

(Other pertinent local, state and federal regulations may also apply)

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slides

CONCLUDING REMARKS ABOUT FUTURE AFTF ACTIVITIES

When the AFTF web-based interactive Portal is operational and ready for use, DWR will continue its partnership with the university that will provide a series of training workshops in alluvial fan areas throughout Southern California for local governments, development interests, environmental groups and interested members of the public offered.

Watch for updates on the AFTF website at
<http://aftf.csusb.edu/>



Questions and Comments



DOWNLOAD AFTF Deliverables

**The Integrated Approach for Sustainable
Development on Alluvial Fans
(includes Model Ordinance Governing Planning
and Development on Alluvial Fans)**

http://aftf.csusb.edu/documents/IA_Final_Oct2010_web.pdf

AFTF Study Area Flood History

http://aftf.csusb.edu/documents/AFTF%20Study%20Area%20Flood%20History_ALL.pdf

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