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DWR Cosponsors Sacramento Flood Conference September 6-9

SACRAMENTO--Flood management officials from California, Nevada and Hawaii will gather in Sacramento September 6-9 for the Floodplain Management Association's 2005 Conference, cosponsored by the Department of Water Resources (DWR).

The annual meeting will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel across "L" Street from Capitol Park and will focus on structural and non-structural solutions to flood challenges. Flood program managers will also receive the latest information regarding flood mitigation, prevention, response, and recovery. Chiefly technical in nature, this year's conference will include nine workshops, including six on Tuesday, September 6.

DWR will offer two workshops. The first, starting at 8:30 am on Sept. 6, will analyze methods available for communities to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program's Substantial Improvement flood loss reduction standards. The second workshop, scheduled for 1:30 pm on Thursday, September 8, is entitled "Comprehensive Flood Management: Promoting Wise Uses of Floodplains."

Policy level presentations will be featured on Wednesday, September 7. Conference Chair Ken Leep of the Governor's Office of Emergency Services is scheduled to give opening remarks, starting at 8 am. After Leep's address, Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo will welcome conferees.

Following the welcome from Mayor Fargo, Don Nottoli, Sacramento County Supervisor, Fifth District, will also welcome the attendees, and provide an update of county floodplain issues. Supervisor Nottoli is a member of the Delta Protection Commission, and on the Board of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

Assemblywoman Lois Wolk (D-Davis) will deliver a keynote address at 8:25 am. Stein Buer, Executive Director of the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, is scheduled to speak at 8:40 am about Sacramento's flood protection efforts. Assemblywoman Wolk is the

chair of the Water, Parks, and Wildlife Committee. She also serves on the Budget, Natural Resources, and Local government Committees.

Two major policy panel discussions, one on flood management planning and the second on flood management financing, will conclude the morning's activities. Ricardo Pineda, Chief of DWR's Floodplain Management Branch, will moderate the first panel. Mark Seits, a consultant for HDR Inc., will lead the second.

Also on Wednesday, September 7, at 12:30 pm, Pam Pogue, chair of the national floodplain management organization ASFPM, will give the luncheon speech.

At 2 pm, Steve Cowdin of DWR will moderate a panel discussion on cost benefit analysis for multi-objective projects.

For online information about the conference, please visit FMA's website at www.floodplain.org.

For more information:

- [January 2005 Flood Mangement White Paper](#) (1.4M .pdf)
- [December 2002 California Floodplain Management Report](#)

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