

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DIVISION UPDATE

Floodplain Management, Water Quality, and Special Project
activities September thru December 2014



December 2014

FEMA PHYSICAL MAP REVISION (PMR) OUTREACH UPDATE

- Individual Notifications and Public Meetings completed
 - 530 Individual Notification letters were sent
 - 95 affected structure letters, included a map
 - 435 affected property letters
 - PMR Website developed, included address look-up map
 - Public Meetings
 - October 7 – Cottonwood & Tribes and Willow
 - 10 attendees
 - Valuable meeting lessons learned
 - October 16 – Piney and Antelope
 - 15 attendees
 - October 22 – First and East Toll Gate
 - 5 attendees
- Elevation Certificate Pilot Program
 - Under development
 - Provide financial and technical assistance with Elevation Certificates to affected (structure) property owners



- Effective strategy for future PMR Outreach efforts
 - Individual notification letters with maps
 - Special PMR website
 - Interactive meetings with GIS map information
 - Include representatives from City, County, FEMA, CWCB, UDFCD, and SEMSWA CIP
 - Elevation Certificate assistance

FEMA PHYSICAL MAP REVISION (PMR) OUTREACH UPDATE

- **Tentative PMR Schedule**
 - February 2015 – FEMA appeal period begins
 - October 31, 2015 – Letter of Final Determination issued
 - 6-month Community Compliance Period begins
 - April 30, 2016 – Effective Date of FEMA flood maps
- **Summer/Fall 2015 – next PMR Outreach Project**
 - **Cherry Creek**
 - County Commissioner District 4
 - **Little Creek**
 - City Council District 1
 - **Sand Creek**
 - County Commissioner District 3
 - **Senac Creek**
 - County Commissioner District 3
 - **Unnamed Creek**
 - County Commissioner District 3
 - **West Toll Gate Creek**
 - City Council Districts 3 & 4
 - County Commissioner District 3



Note: Commissioner Districts listed represent Unincorporated Areas Only

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM (CRS) UPDATE

- **CRS 5-year Cycle Verification Visit held November 6 – 7 for the City and County**
 - **Currently, the City and County are Class 8**
 - 10% flood insurance premium discount *(in the SFHA)*
 - **Preliminary scoring guarantees Class 7 for City and County**
 - Effective October 2015
 - **15%** flood insurance premium discount *(in the SFHA)*
 - Final scores are expected to exceed 2500 points for City and County
 - Reflects comprehensive floodplain and stormwater management, and maintenance programs
 - Equates to **Class 5***
 - **25%** flood insurance premium discount *(in the SFHA)**
 - *Class 6 prerequisite: Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS) evaluation
 - **SEMSWA is providing assistance to determine time and resource needs of BCEGS evaluation**
 - Requires adoption of 2015 I-Codes
 - Potential to apply the BCEGS evaluation to this Cycle Verification Visit review in 2015
 - Or, to support CRS Modification at later date

PERMIT RENEWAL UPDATE

- No date for MS4 Permit Public Notice (was scheduled for 10/27)
- 10/22 Email from CDPHE, Ron Falco, PE, Acting WQCD Director:

CDPHE WQCD has heard the desire from stakeholders to make our permit renewal process more inclusive and transparent. Recognizing that this permit is a very important document affecting dozens of municipalities across the state, we need more time for internal review of the draft and to develop the best way to structure the public meeting process before we ask stakeholders to invest their time. Therefore, I have made the decision to postpone all MS4 public meetings until further notice. Please accept my sincere apologies for the last minute change. Your experience with the permit process will be improved as we spend the time needed to fully evaluate the public process and practical implications of the permit.

- Estimated March 2015, possibly as late as June 2015

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Submitted comments on the proposed changes to the Waters of the US (WOTUS) definition to the EPA and USACE in October
 - Over 14,000 comments were received
 - Many Front Range communities and State organizations commented
 - If jurisdictional areas change (roadway ROW ditches, for example), then more Federal permitting would be required
- Infiltration Study
 - Purpose: Validate on-line Regional WQ System approach by developing an infiltration pretreatment standard
 - Reg. 61 (State's Clean Water Act legislation) does not allow WQ treatment in Waters of the State
 - MOU with Douglas County
 - Douglas County produced Phases I and II
 - SEMSWA is Phase III of study
 - Meeting with CDPHE WQCD in January to present findings
 - Intent to influence design standards for permanent WQ BMPs
- Received CDPHE Environmental Leadership Program – Silver Level at Banquet on October 2nd

QUESTIONS

