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## Colorado Water Conservation Board

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TO: Colorado Water Conservation Board Members

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SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 32, March 20-21, 2012 Board Meeting**  
**Map Modernization / Risk Map Program Update**

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### **Introduction and Background**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in Cooperation with the CWCB and local entities, has administered the Flood Map Modernization (Map Mod), now the Risk MAP program, since 2004. For the past 8 years, the CWCB has been working with FEMA as a Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) to provide updated flood hazard data and maps across the state. As a CTP, the CWCB is eligible for funding from FEMA for activities associated with program management and technical mapping-related activities.

At this point, FEMA has largely completed the Map Mod phase of the program, originally mandated by Congress, and has transitioned to the new Risk MAP program, also supported by Congress. Risk Map products will provide tools to assist local officials in communicating risk to their constituents, increase community involvement during the assessment and planning stages, and encourage community actions to reduce risk to life and property. Building upon the foundation provided by Map Mod, Risk MAP seeks to strengthen state, local and tribal capabilities by providing enhanced technologies and tools, changing the way communities think about, plan for, and mitigate their risks.

The Risk Map program is managed by CWCB staff in partnership with FEMA Region VIII and local governments. A presentation by staff will provide overall program updates to the Board.

### **Staff Recommendation**

This is an informational item only, and staff is not seeking Board action.