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Subject: FY17 Community Assistance Program 1st Quarter Report

This report cross- references the FY16 CAP-SSSE application and the FY16 CAP-SSE Program Guidance. Work performed during the first quarter (October 2016 through December 2016) is given below.

1. **Community Assistance Visits and Contacts:** Community Assistance Visits (CAVs) and Community Assistance Contacts (CACs) were conducted during this quarter. Communities needed assistance with their permit process, mapping, or ordinance updates.

1 CAV was conducted during this quarter with the following community:

- Town of Florence

2. **Ordinance Assistance:** Ordinance assistance was provided via telephone and email on an on-going basis. As specified in the CAP agreement, ordinance assistance will be provided by the State to ensure communities comply with NFIP requirements and adopt before Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) become effective. This includes necessary ordinance revisions based upon new hazard data provided by FEMA, as well as incorporating any regulatory changes to meet minimum floodplain management criteria.

Most specifically, ordinances were reviewed or aid was provided in anticipation of upcoming DFIRMs and/or to aid in the process of adopting the State Rules for 17 communities, including:

- Costilla County
- City of Orchard City
- Dolores County
- City of Dove Creek
- Town of Minturn
- Town of Holyoke
- Town of South Fork
- City of La Junta
- Town of Walden
- Town of Hayden
- Town of Sedgwick
- Town of Otis
- Yuma County
- City of Aurora
- Douglas County
- Arapahoe County
- Town of Elizabeth

3. **Entering Floodplain Management Data in the Community Information Database (CIS):** The CWCB is continuing to enter this information on an ongoing basis. CIS has been updated with the CAV, CACs, and GTAs performed by CWCB that are listed in this report. The ordinances that satisfactorily meet the minimum NFIP requirements and the State Floodplain Rules have been updated in CIS in the ordinance tab section.



4. **State Model Ordinance Updates and Monitoring of State Regulatory Environment:** Coordination with communities and other State agencies is ongoing to implement the requirements of the State Rules and Regulations for Floodplains in Colorado.
5. **Outreach, Workshops and Other Training:** CWCB staff attended conferences and presented training workshops this quarter. Conferences attended and trainings presented include:
 - Attended the Sustaining Colorado Watersheds Conference, Avon, CO - October 11-13, 2016
 - MT-1/MT-2 Training, Glenwood Springs, CO - November 18, 2016
6. **General Technical Assistance:** Regulatory, administrative, mapping and technical assistance was provided to Colorado's NFIP communities on an as-needed basis. General technical assistance contacts (GTAs) were focused on providing assistance to communities, including but not limited to communities working through post-disaster permitting and recovery, as well as ordinance updates. During this quarter, 48 GTA contacts were made by the State and the details of those contacts have been input in CIS.
7. **Enrollment of Communities:** Assistance was provided to aid communities in joining the NFIP by providing technical assistance to ensure the community meets the minimum eligibility requirements for participation.
8. **Community Rating System Support:** The State continues to work towards improving Colorado's Uniform Minimum Credits. The CWCB has adopted new Rules and Regulations to strengthen floodplain programs statewide in addition to working on other activities, such as education and outreach that could earn statewide CRS points. The State has created a website, templates, and outreach for communities to help with joining CRS and documenting creditable activities.
9. **Mapping Coordination Assistance:** Participate in upcoming scoping meetings and final meetings and assist with ordinance updates on an ongoing basis. The CWCB attended a CCO meeting for Box Elder and Coyote Run drainages (City of Denver, Arapahoe County, City of Aurora, and Adams County), and a CCO webinar for Garfield County.
10. **Coordination with Other State Agencies:** CWCB staff continues to provide NFIP and floodplain management guidance to other state agencies and is involved with the following efforts:
 - Working with the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) to align the NFIP with mitigation planning and participating in Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings.
 - Participating in meetings of the Flood Technical Assistance Partnership.
 - Coordinating with the Division of Dam Safety to carry out the ranking of high hazard dams.
 - Ongoing work with CDOT to complete post-flood hydrology reports and to assist with permitting for road reconstruction projects.
 - Involved in the state resilience planning effort in several different sectors; Staff has helped identify ways to make the state more resilient to future events, including evaluating erosion hazard potential. The erosion hazard mapping project was started and two memos have been completed; a technical process for mapping and regulatory



recommendations. Both memos are posted on the Colorado Hazard Mapping website.
Pilot mapping projects are set to begin in early 2017.

11. **Assistance to Communities Responding to Disasters:** CWCB staff has been heavily involved in the disaster recovery for DR-4145, meeting with communities to discuss floodplain management and permitting, assisting state agencies with post-flood studies and recovery, and planning for recovery efforts.

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