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Subject: FY15 Community Assistance Program End of Year Report

This report cross- references the FY15 CAP-SSSE application and the FY15 CAP-SSE Program Guidance. Work performed during FY15 (October 2015 through June 2016) is given below.

1. **Community Assistance Visits and Contacts:** Community Assistance Visits (CAVs) and Community Assistance Contacts (CACs) were conducted during FY15 primarily to assist with post-disaster permitting and flood recovery. Several communities needed assistance with their permit process, mapping, or ordinance updates.

11 CACs were conducted during FY15 with the following communities:

- Boulder County
- Town of Castle Rock
- City of Creede
- City of Cripple Creek
- Town of Estes Park
- Town of Holyoke
- Morgan County
- Town of Otis
- Town of Sedgwick
- Town of Walden
- Yuma County

7 CAVs were conducted during FY15 with the following communities:

- City of Colorado Springs
- City of Fountain
- City of Green Mountain Falls
- City of Manitou Springs
- City of Monument
- City of Palmer Lake
- Unincorporated El Paso County

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.

Specifically, ordinances were reviewed and approved in anticipation of upcoming DFIRMs and/or to aid in the process of adopting the State Rules for 27 communities, including:

- Adams County
- City of Northglenn
- City of Thornton
- City of Arvada
- Archuleta County
- City and County of Broomfield
- City of Manassa
- Town of Castle Rock
- City of Lake City
- Jefferson County
- City of Westminster
- Town of Windsor
- City of Trinidad
- City of Brush
- Town of Granada
- Town of Wiley
- Town of Eaton
- City of Evans
- Town of Firestone
- City of Fort Lupton
- Town of Hudson
- Town of Nunn
- Town of Pierce
- Weld County
- Boulder County
- Douglas County
- Town of Crook

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 and 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 several conferences and presented training workshops throughout FY15. Conferences and trainings attended include:
 - Colorado Stream Restoration Network, Longmont, CO - February 2, 2016
 - CAP-SSSE Conference, Lakewood, CO - February 22-26, 2016
 - FEMA/CERC Training: Practical Application: Presentations and Contentious Meetings Lakewood, CO - June 7, 2016
 - The Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Management Conference, Grand Rapids, MI - June 19-24, 2006
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 with post-disaster permitting and recovery, as well as ordinance updates. During FY15, 60 GTS contacts were made 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 on-going basis.
10. **Coordination with Other State Agencies:** CWCB is working with the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) to align the NFIP with mitigation planning and are participating in meetings of the Flood Technical Assistance Partnership. CWCB staff also attends meetings of the Dam Safety Preparedness Coordination group and are working to align the work of the State Dam Program with CRS credits. CWCB staff continues to provide NFIP and floodplain management guidance to other state agencies.

CWCB staff participated in planning, reviews and application development meetings for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program.

Staff also helped with the application review for CDBG-DR projects and coordinated with the Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) about floodplain impacts for CDBG-DR projects. CWCB staff continues to contribute ongoing assistance for CDBG-DR projects; helping DOLA staffs determine whether projects are in the floodplain and floodway and necessary mitigation measures.

CWCB staff has worked with CDOT to complete post-flood hydrology reports and to assist with permitting for road reconstruction projects.

CWCB staff has been involved in the state resilience planning effort in several different sectors. The resilience planning will result in a resilience framework and a state plan. 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 July 2016.

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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