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Subject: FY16 Community Assistance Program Fourth Quarter Report

This report cross- references the FY16 CAP-SSSE application and the FY16 CAP-SSE Program Guidance. Work performed during the third quarter (July 2016 through September 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 CAC was conducted during this quarter with the following community:

- Rio Blanco 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 2 communities, including:

- Town of Creede
- Town of Rye

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 this quarter. Conferences attended and trainings presented include:



- Attended the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers (CASFM) Conference, Crested Butte, CO - September - 13-16, 2016
 - Presented at the Floodplain Management 101 Course and proctored the Certified Floodplain Managers Exam at the CASFM Conference - September 13, 2016
 - Presented at the Community Rating System Workshop at the CASFM Conference - September 16, 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 with post-disaster permitting and recovery, as well as ordinance updates. During this quarter, 24 GTA 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. The CWCB attended a series of CCO and public meetings organized by Urban Drainage and Flood Control District. Communities included the City of Aurora, the City of Centennial, the City of Denver, the City of Glendale, the City of Lakewood, the City of Littleton, the City of Lone Tree, the City of Parker, Arapahoe County, Adams County, Douglas County, and Jefferson County.
 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 is participating in Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings. CWCB also participates in meetings of the Flood Technical Assistance Partnership.

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.

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. 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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