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To: Matthew Buddie, FEMA  
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Subject: FY19 Community Assistance Program 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report

This report cross-references the FY19 CAP-SSSE application and the FY19 CAP-SSSE Program Guidance. Work performed during the performance period (January- March, 2019) is detailed below.

1. **Community Assistance Visits and Contacts:** A Community Assistance Visit (CAV) and a Community Assistance Contact was conducted during this quarter. Communities needed assistance with their permit process, mapping, or ordinance updates.

4 CAVs was conducted during this performance period with the following community:

- City of Greeley
- Larimer County
- Town of Estes Park
- Town of Holyoke

4 CAC was conducted during this performance period with the following community:

- City of Arvada
- Yuma County
- Prowers County
- Phillips 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.

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 15 communities, including:



- Pitkin County
- Town of Boone
- Pueblo County
- City of Pueblo
- Town of Louisville
- City of Trinidad
- Las Animas County
- Town of Aguilar
- Town of Branson
- Town of Cokedale
- Town of Snowmass Village
- City of Aspen
- Town of Parachute
- Town of Starkville
- 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 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:
  - G194.4: Preparing for Post-Disaster Activities - Co-taught one-day workshop, Golden, CO - January 15, 2019
  - CAP-SSSE Region VIII Conference, Denver Federal Center - Participated February 26-28
  - MT-1/2 and Elevation Certificate Training - Organized and facilitated 1.5 day workshop, Colorado Springs, CO - March 18-19, 2019
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, 58 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 Rules and Regulations work 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. Participate in upcoming scoping meetings and final meetings and assist with ordinance updates on an ongoing basis. The CWCB organized and attended meetings for community officials and the public related to floodplain mapping activities statewide. A Flood Risk Review meeting was held in the city of Gunnison on February 11<sup>th</sup> for Gunnison and Hinsdale County for the upper Gunnison watershed. A CCO meeting was held on February 13<sup>th</sup> for Jefferson County for Rock Creek, Coal Creek and Beaver Creek. Mapping progress call with Gilpin County March 7<sup>th</sup> regarding Gilpin County Risk MAP.
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. CWCB staff involved in Enhanced State Hazard Mitigation Plan meetings and in PDM and FMA application review.
  - Participating in meetings of the Flood Technical Assistance Partnership.
  - Coordinating with the Division of Dam Safety on floodplain management related issues.
  - Coordinating with CDOT on road and bridge 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. CWCB staff also participates in the Guiding State Investments working group being spearheaded by DOLA's Resiliency Office as part of the Colorado Resiliency Institutionalization Project.
  - Managing the Fluvial Hazard Mapping Program on behalf of the State. Mapping is ongoing for eight pilot communities. As final deliverables, pilot communities will receive work maps, project data, shapefiles, and a regulatory framework. Communities will be encouraged to voluntarily adopt fluvial hazard maps and regulate to hazards locally. Project information can be found on [www.coloradohazardmapping.com](http://www.coloradohazardmapping.com). This project is set to conclude in June 2019.
  - Active in the work of the Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Management organization. Participate on the CRS and floodplain management committees.
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.

**12. Grant Status:**

Total FEMA grant amount: \$120,511.65

Anticipated quarterly draw down: \$48,329.48

Anticipated remaining: \$61,506.53

\*Indirect costs not yet billed.

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