

# Meetings 6 & 7 | Notes

## Disaster Unified Review Team (DURT)

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### Introducing |

- Contact information available on DURT Attendance .xlsx
  - Lori Belle (USFS)
  - Jacque Buchanan (USFS)
  - Tamra Hooper (DOLA)
  - Heather Black (FEMA CORPs)
  - Johan Barrios (OEM)
  - Greg Stasinos (CDPHE)
  - Patrick McPherran (Aphis)

### Housekeeping Items |

- Comments submitted on the Unified Federal Review (UFR) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Various partner agencies submitted definition of *emergency* in an effort to develop a unified definition.
- USACE permit amendment set to expire end of July 2014
- New permanent call-in and pin for DURT | 1 800-320-4330 – 252275#
- FEMA / OEM gearing up for possible spring-runoff damages. Associated preventative measures project worksheets (PWs) i.e. Preventative Hazard Removal.

### Presentations | Discussion |

- Office of Emergency Management (OEM)
  - Iain Hyde, State Recovery Coordinator | State Priorities
    - PWs moving forward, locals identified threats, implementing Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) grants in advance of run-off, permitting being coordinated, Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)-DR opportunities being identified, match for Public Assistance (PA) / Hazard Mitigation grant programs, long term infrastructure projects, focus is on aligning environmental review.
    - For projects with FEMA funding Programmatic Environmental Assessments (PEA) can be created as a NEPA tool.
    - Possibility of pre-run-off disaster declaration. Threshold for FEMA Public Assistance declaration is \$6.8M in damages.
    - Defer to Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB) for best available, floodplain, data (BAD).
    - Possible Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) / SHPO coordination (DOT 4H program as an example)
    - Opportunities being discovered to unite DURT and DOLA/HUD
    - Agricultural use only diversions get no FEMA or CDBG-DR funds. USDA? FEMA gives split for diversions based on ratio of water served to communities. Diversions can be historic, riparian habitat can be impacted by work.
- Department of Local Affairs (DOLA)
  - Tamra Hooper | State Environmental Coordinator | Distribution of HUD CBDG-DR
    - OEM, Division of Housing (DOH), agriculture and planning eligible
    - DOH taking on private roads and bridges.

- DOLA does not have the capacity to track compliance review.
      - Issues include quality control, duplication, time crunch
      - Considering contracting engineering firm for compliance reviews
    - What info is out there? What studies / review work has already been done?
    - CDBG DR website coming, maps etc... what else can they put up?
    - HUD looking to utilize programmatic documents.
  - Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB)
    - Kevin Houck | Mapping etc
      - Recovery mapping to generate up to date documents for decision making.
        - Distribution to DURT partners coming soon.
        - Likely Run-off influenced revisions to come
        - OEM funded master planning.
          - Identify projects (hope to identify on DURT viewer)
      - Executive Order (EO) 11988 – FEMA mandated to use Best Available Data (BAD) for decision making and regulatory floodplain data for review.

### Defining “Emergency” Review |

- URF, Updates to Congress | Deadline approaching in July
  - What is an Emergency Action?
  - Does anybody have input?

### Programmatic Approaches Ongoing |

- Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Hazard Removal.
- PEA for Relocation of Roads, Bridges, and Trails FEMA/FHWA
- PEA for Wildfire Mitigation

### FEMA Geo-Platform | DURT Viewer | Demonstration |

- Jeffrey Fullmer | FEMA EHP | <http://fema.maps.arcgis.com/home/> (see *groups*)
  - Many still to register (see ESRI registration form attached)
  - NEPA study area layer to come (EIS and EA study areas depicted and linked to)
  - CWCB to provide best available floodplain data.
  - Open request to DURT partners for GIS data detailing project locations. Please contact Jeffrey Fullmer for submissions.
  - Access to USACE permitted / exempted locations being discussed.

### Community Updates |

- Jamestown – PEA utilization ongoing
- Lyons – Flood Recovery Action Plan adopted, possible property acquisition
- Estes Park - Bureau of Rec, Fish Creek, discussions ongoing.

### Outreach |

- FEMA | External Affairs
  - DURT piece in the works
- Who is missing from the DURT?
  - USDA-DR?
  - Private Non-Profits / Non-Governmental Organizations?
  - Who else?