

Technical Mapping Advisory Council (TMAC)

Virtual Administrative Meeting Notes

April 28, 2021, 10 AM – 12 PM ET

TMAC Members

Doug Bellomo, *AECOM, Chair*

Nancy Blyler, *USACE, USACE Representative*

Scott Giberson, *CoreLogic Flood Services, Flood Hazards Determination Member*

Dave Guignet, *Maryland Department of the Environment, State CTP Representative*

Suzanne Jiwani, *Association of State Floodplain Managers, Flood Plain Management Member*

David Love, *Mecklenburg County Storm Water Services, Local CTP Representative*

Robert Mason, *USGS, DOI Designee*

Jon Paoli, *Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management, GIS Representative*

Luis Rodriguez, *FEMA, FEMA Designee*

Jonathan Smith, *Natural Resources Conservation Service, USDA Designee*

Jeff Sparrow, *Moffatt & Nichol, Mapping Member*

Michael Tischler, *USGS, USGS Representative*

Government Attendees

Sarah Abdelrahim, *FEMA, ADFO*

John Ebersole, *FEMA, Legal Advisor*

Michael Nakagaki, *FEMA, ADFO*

Support Staff

Henry Cauley, *Team Deloitte*

Michael Knotts, *Team Deloitte*

Jen Marcy, *Atkins Global*

Ryan O'Conner, *AECOM*

Phetmano Phannavong, *Atkins Global*

Ann Terranova, *AECOM*

Sarah Vining, *Team Deloitte*



Welcome, Roll Call, and Administrative Items

Ms. Sarah Abdelrahim, the TMAC ADFO, welcomed members and participants to the meeting and introduced the Government attendees and support staff. She then proceeded with a roll call of TMAC members and went through the day's agenda. Ms. Abdelrahim reminded everyone that the meeting is an administrative meeting.

Opening Remarks

Mr. Doug Bellomo welcomed everyone, thanked them for attending the administrative meeting and noted that a lot of work was already underway. He stated that the purpose of the meeting today would be to receive an update from each of the subcommittees, gather input on the draft stakeholder engagement questions that had been developed thus far, and hopefully finalize the questions so that the survey could be published and used at the ASFPM conference on May 10th. Mr. Bellomo added that anyone interested could still volunteer to be involved with the stakeholder engagement working group. He also stated that the DHS CMO has extended the membership deadline for the TMAC members whose terms previously expired at the end of March. The new term expiration will be June 22nd.

Subcommittee Report Out

Mr. Dave Guignet and Mr. David Love provided an update on the work of the Enterprise Risk Management Subcommittee. Mr. Guignet noted that the subcommittee had met since the previous administrative meeting to review the questions and focus on what the questions were trying to accomplish. The subcommittee determined that the ERM questions should be scaled back – more in-depth questions could be asked later in the stakeholder engagement process as stakeholders with ERM knowledge and experience are identified. Mr. Guignet noted that several SME briefings were being organized for the subcommittee and that Mr. Charlie Yoe would also be supporting the writing of the ERM portion of the report. Mr. Yoe provided the TMAC with the first SME briefing on ERM in March 2021. Mr. Will Lehman has also been reaching out to potential SMEs to provide presentations, including someone from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Mr. Rodriguez asked how pervasive ERM is within the floodplain management world and whether more context would be needed in the survey. Mr. Guignet replied that the survey questions would help provide a base understanding of if and how ERM is used within this space. Mr. Giberson agreed on the need to provide additional context of ERM within the survey. Mr. Ryan O'Conner noted that the language in the questions could be changed in order to provide additional context. Mr. Bellomo noted that some stakeholders may already be doing ERM but are not aware of the name. Mr. Bellomo also asked if the TMAC had determined whether to name or number the subcommittees. The TMAC agreed it would be easier to call the subcommittees by name than by number.

Ms. Ann Terranova then provided an update for the Future Conditions Subcommittee. Ms. Terranova stated that the subcommittee had organized a biweekly call and established a Google Drive location in order to share subcommittee materials. The subcommittee thus far has been focused on identifying SMEs and Mr. Doug Marcy and Dr. Patrick Barnard both had agreed to serve as long-term SMEs for the subcommittee. Ms.



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Terranova added that several SME briefings have been set up as well and thanked Ms. Abdelrahim and Mr. Rodriguez for their help in organizing a briefing from Ms. Camille Crain of FEMA about the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Mr. Bellomo thanked Ms. Terranova for her update.

Mr. Scott Giberson recommend Mr. Tom Larsen of CoreLogic as a potential SME for the Future Conditions Subcommittee. Ms. Terranova thanked Mr. Giberson and noted she would work with the subcommittee leads to bring Mr. Larsen into the group. Mr. Bellomo asked Mr. Giberson if he had any further thoughts regarding interacting with underserved communities. Mr. Giberson shared a document with the TMAC identifying potential avenues for interacting with these communities and noted that his colleague, Mr. Pete Carroll, is well connected to some organizations already interacting with some of these communities. Mr. Giberson has already spoken with Mr. Carroll, who made several suggestions. Mr. Giberson also shared an overview of potential outreach language and questions that could be used to interact with these communities. Mr. Bellomo thanked Mr. Giberson and noted that it was an excellent starting point.

Mr. Rodriguez stated this felt like a good approach and added that FEMA has been engaging with OMB recently to better understand the correct terminology that should be used. The White House is currently using the term “disadvantaged communities”, which Mr. Rodriguez acknowledges sounds very similar. Mr. Giberson agrees that he has seen that terminology used as well. Ms. Maryam Khan noted her surprise that “disadvantaged communities” was being used; her understanding was the term should be “underserved communities” but agreed to look into the issue further. Ms. Abdelrahim stated that Ms. Molly Tuttle and Mr. O’Conner had done some research into which terms to use and that the DFO team was planning to reach out to other Federal agencies to better understand which terms they were using. Mr. Bellomo agreed that likely competing terms are currently used within different organizations and thanked the TMAC for all of their input.

Survey Question Discussion

Ms. Tuttle and Mr. O’Conner provided an overview of the draft survey that have been developed to date. Ms. Tuttle asked the TMAC whether a follow up survey would be needed for the initial survey participants and how long this survey should be. Mr. O’Conner added that not all of the proposed survey questions submitted by the TMAC had been included in this draft. The TMAC reviewed and discussed the survey questions and made several edits. The TMAC determined that asking participants where they live and work, rather than just work, would provide better data. The TMAC also decided to include the ability for participants to identify with multiple FEMA regions, as well as “national”. Mr. Bellomo recommended removing references to FEMA strategies and the rest of the TMAC agreed. Mr. Bellomo also felt that questions 10, 14, and 15 were all similar and could be consolidated. The TMAC was unable to finalize all of the questions during the remaining time during the meeting and Mr. Bellomo solicited volunteers from the TMAC to help finalize the survey. Mr. Mason, Mr. Rodriguez, Mr. Giberson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Paoli, Mr. Love, and Mr. Miranda all volunteered to support this effort. Mr. Bellomo added that the survey questions may be altered after ASFPM in order to better prepare them for the National Flood Conference in June.

Next Steps and Closing Remarks

Mr. Bellomo thanked the TMAC for their work and noted his excitement for the survey to be finalized and implemented at ASFPM. Mr. Bellomo then adjourned the meeting.