

Special Management Conference – August 14, 2002 - Continued

expect a flood mitigation plan for the northern part of Tulsa County (as a work in progress) in about a year.

James Orwat discussed FEMA’s Cooperating Technical Partner (CTP) program, whereby local government is given grant money to assist with flood study. FEMA provides technical assistance during the study. Interested local entity signs a memorandum of agreement with FEMA, attends a one week training course in Maryland, then defines what needs to be done with a mapping activities statement. The local entity chooses a study contractor (government agency or someone else or do it themselves in house) and submits data to FEMA in the TSDN (Technical Study Data Notebook) format which then goes through interim review, base map review, hydrology review, hydraulics review and final study mapping review. Orwat advised options for the mapping activities statement and information regarding becoming a CTP are on FEMA’s website at [www.FEMA.gov/mit/tsd](http://www.FEMA.gov/mit/tsd). Local entity would submit vouchers through FEMA for reimbursement of certain costs that have a direct relationship to updating/developing the floodplain map. Orwat said the in-house technical capability to do the study and/or the ability to monitor the contractor hired are critical to the CTP. He added the work has to be certified. Tulsa County is using Corps of Engineers so there won’t be a problem with work being certified. Funding is based on priorities established. Right now FEMA is doing a state plan for all states in anticipation of additional funding for FY 2003. PBS&J (reviewing contractor for FEMA) is preparing a State plan for FEMA which is being coordinated with Ken Morris at the State. Once everything is sent in, the funding is allocated to do the actual production of the map. Having a community that is able and willing to keep up with the required work is critical to have a CTP work. The local government has to be familiar with handling grant programs.

Remondini mentioned the Oklahoma Floodplain Managers Association will have a conference in September, which will include workshops and training. Information regarding this Association was distributed to those interested.


Chairman credited Commissioner Wilbert Collins with the idea to use “4-to-Fix the County” funds for the flood mitigation study. He thanked those in attendance and reminded them the “4-to-Fix the County” funds would pay for the County’s flood mitigation study and for a few small flood mitigation projects. However, there would not be enough funding to pay for all that will need to be done. He asked communities to start thinking about resources available and ways communities can work together to share costs in order to make the job more efficient and to better serve citizens. Chairman added that the Corps is doing a separate study on the Arkansas River Corridor to show the effects development would have upstream and downstream. Information from the study will be helpful during the City/County Vision 2025 planning stage for future local development.

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

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