

**DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION
FLOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
January 13, 2016**



The DRBC Flood Advisory Committee meeting, chaired by Joseph Ruggeri, NJDEP, was held on January 13, 2016 at the DRBC offices in West Trenton, New Jersey. Presentations from the meeting are available online at <http://www.state.nj.us/drbc/about/advisory/flood/>

Action Items:

1. Chris Testa, NJOEM, was nominated and has accepted the position of Vice Chair for 2016
2. DRBC will issue letter with FAC recommendations for improved tidal forecasting to Eastern Region Director of NWS and Maritime Services Project Manager of NOS
3. DRBC to encourage higher standards by creating an annotated bibliography and compiling a comparison matrix of state model ordinances
4. Future meeting presentations may include: a) [Delaware Coastal Flood Warning System](#), b) Coastal Storm Severity Index (CSSI) for the Mid-Atlantic region c) Briefing from National Water Center on plans for coastal/riverine interface modeling
5. September 23, 2015 minutes were approved

Discussion Items:

- Hydrologic Conditions Report, DRBC and Hydrologic Outlook, NWS
- Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Adoptions for Southern NJ, A. Chris Gould, NJDEP
 - Flood study updates are underway in 18 NJ counties. Ordinance adoption is required following new Flood Insurance Rate Maps. Counties in the DRB include Mercer, Burlington, Camden, Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland and Cape May.
 - Near-term include Salem and Cumberland with Gloucester and Camden soon to follow
 - Sample Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances for NJ are online at: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/floodcontrol/modelord.htm>
 - New model ordinances are color coded. Yellow = unique to the community. Green = new minimum requirements. Optional Higher standards are highlighted in blue.
 - Higher standards mentioned include:
 - Accumulative Substantial Improvement
 - Substantial Damage – Accumulative and Lower Threshold
 - Substantial Improvement – Accumulative and Lower Threshold
 - Restrict/Remove Critical Facilities
 - Realtor Disclosure
 - Greater Than One (1) Foot Freeboard
 - Manufactured Home Moratorium
- State Model Floodplain Ordinances – Promotion of Higher Standards, Laura Tessieri, DRBC
 - Conference call was held between states, DRBC and FEMA on 12/21. States conferred that they are in the best position to promote higher standards and state they have been making strides.
 - FAC discussed whether Riparian Buffers and Stormwater ordinances were a state or local issue.
- Updates from Members on Current Issues/Interests
 - FEMA Flood Mitigation Assistance 2015 grant round targeting Severe Repetitive Loss properties in Hunterdon and Warren, NJ
 - USGS has installed a "stage-only" sensor in the tidal portion of the Schuylkill River in collaboration with the City of Philadelphia. If the gage meets NOS specifications, the FAC would like to encourage NOS to accept the gage data into its DBOFS model.

Next Meeting: May 24, 2016

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NAME	AGENCY
BURD, David	Local Emergency Management: Lambertville, NJ
FRAZIER, Dean	Delaware County, NY Watershed Affairs
GOULD, Chris	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
HOGAN, Laurie	National Weather Service (NWS), Eastern Region Headquarters
LIAGHAT, Hoss	Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP)
MILLER, Jason	United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Philadelphia District
MOYLE, John	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
OLIVIO, Dana	New York City Department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP)
OLIVER, Molly	Delaware County, NY Watershed Affairs
PAREAGO, Vince*	National Park Service – Upper Delaware
PAUL, Arthur*	Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA)
PIZARRO, Dana	O’Brien & Gere
REISER, Bob	United States Geological Survey (USGS) – NJ
RUGGERI, Joseph	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
RUPERT, Clarke	Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)
SCORDATO, John	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP)
SHALLCROSS, Amy	Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)
STRASSER, Meredith	Talen Energy
SURO, Tom	United States Geological Survey (USGS) – NJ
STROUSE, Edward*	Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA)
SZATKOWSKI, Gary	National Weather Service (NWS), Mount Holly WFO
TESSIERI, Laura	Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)
TESTA, Chris	New Jersey Office of Emergency Management (NJOEM)
TUTHILL, Gary*	NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services (NYS DHSES)
van ROSSUM, Maya	Delaware Riverkeeper
VOWINKEL, Eric	Rutgers
WESTFALL, Greg	New Jersey Association for Floodplain Management (NJAFM)
WHITE, Kirk	United States Geological Survey (USGS) – PA
WILLIAMS, David*	Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

*attended via phone