



CSO Coastal Hazards Planning & Adaptation Work Group

April 13, 2021 Call Notes

Attendees

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Benjamin Wilson (TX)
Casey Sebetto (IL)
David Green (TX)
Erin Wilson (DE)
Jennifer Kline (GA)
Jeremy Smith (CA-CCC)
Joseph Bauer (FL)
Kari Gathen (NY)
Kathleen Angel (WI)
Kathryn Vallis (IN)
Kelly Hill (GA)
Mark Hogan (LA)
Matt Warner (MI)
Matthew Baumgardner (NJ)
Michelle Jespersion (CA-CCC)
Nathalie DiGeronimo (NH)
Nick Angarone (NJ)
Nicole Carlozo (MD)
Patricia Bowie (MA)
Samantha Burdick (NC)
Whitney Gray (FL)
Steve Goldbeck (CA-BCDC)

Notes.

1. Welcome

a. Staff Updates

- i. Cadijah: I will be creating technical one pagers on various mitigation measures. This work will be completed on the FEMA side and formatted for CSO members. Are there specific mitigation measures members would like to have as a resource? Please email me at cwalcott@coastalstates.org

2. Chair's Initiative: Reviewing policy positions and sign up for subcommittees

- a. *What is missing and should be included? Does any statements in the draft raise concerns and should be removed or reworked? Does the structure of the of the draft make sense? Should some statements fall under a different category?*

b. Members uploaded comments to the word file/PDF. The below comments were mentioned during the call.

c. Policy 1

- i. Ensure that national resilience policies are developed and implemented in partnership with the coastal states, including by engaging in proactive coordination and cooperation through CZMA federal consistency review;
 - 1. *Members are concerned the wording of this specific point is suggesting changes to the CZMA. Clarification and rewording are needed to make a clear point.*

d. Policy 3

- i. Environmental Justice should be included in all policy topics. An example is given for Policy 4.

e. Policy 4

- i. Ensure that uncontaminated dredged sediment is *equitably distributed* and is beneficially used as a valuable resource for ecosystem restoration projects which provide mitigation benefits;
 - 1. Suggested language in italic highlights one way to include environmental justice in specific policy positions.

f. Next Steps:

- i. Please upload comments and edits to the draft file by May 6th. File is located in [BOX folder](#). Check your inbox for an email with subject line “Cadajah Walcott shared a folder with you on Box!” to access the folder and add revisions.
- ii. Complete subcommittee survey by April 30th to sign up to workshop language on specific policy language.

3. Regulatory Update: New Administration Priorities

- a. Executive Order 13990: Protecting Public Health & the Environment & Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis
 - i. Federal Flood Risk Management Standard reinstated
 - ii. DOI review of recent changes to National Monument boundary changes (incl Northeast Canyons and Seamounts)
 - iii. NEPA guidance revoked
 - iv. Review of previous deregulatory actions
- b. 14007: President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology
- c. 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
 - i. 30x30: 30% of U.S. land and 30% of waters protected by 2030
 - ii. 40% of climate investments to disadvantaged communities
 - iii. Permitting decisions consider GHG and climate change
 - iv. Accelerate deployment of clean energy and transmission projects
 - v. Civilian Climate Corps
 - vi. Ocean fisheries and protected resources RFI
- d. FEMA Flood mapping Consistency Determination Update:

- i. Late 2020, FEMA issued a [new standard](#) requiring FEMA Regions to release consistency determinations for NFIP flood mapping.
- ii. FEMA HQs intention is to develop one consistency determination for each state or territory that has a coastal program and it will apply to the mapping process and not map boundary.
- iii. The CD will be administered at the regional level.
- iv. For most states, the region will issue the CD during the next map update in the coastal zone. For states with ongoing map updates, FEMA HQ directed regions to reach out to coastal programs.
- v. FEMA HQ recommends coastal programs reach out to regions to find out when the next mapping update will occur.
- vi. FEMA intends CDs to cover all flood mapping going forward unless there is a change to the mapping process or coastal programs.
- vii. FEMA's guidance to regional offices:
https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_coastal-zone-management-act-guidance.pdf

4. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's National Coastal Resilience Funds discussion

- a. Pre-proposals for this year's RFP were due April 7th. They anticipate invitations to submit a full proposal to be sent out mid-May and a full proposal webinar will follow shortly thereafter.
- b. Nathalie DiGeronimo (NH): The NH Coastal Program submitted a proposal to develop a dynamic sea-level rise and storm surge model for coastal NH to replace existing bathtub inundation maps; use the model to test the effectiveness of community-driven conceptual adaptation alternatives for eight transportation and local development pilot projects; and publish best practices for considering a suite of adaptation options and prioritizing options that consider future flooding, social vulnerability, and nature-based approaches.
- c. Nicole Carlozo (MD): Not aware of any applications from a state entity. MD's coastal program did encourage the City of Havre de Grace to apply and a pre-proposal was submitted by the City for implementation of a ~3,000 linear ft living shoreline. Last year, MD was successful in partnering with the Town of Oxford and National Wildlife Federation (lead) to submit a proposal for implementation of a living shoreline. In the past, MD has not been successful with implementation proposals as a lead, but MD has had success as a partner to local applicants.
- d. Samantha Burlock (NC): NC submitted a preproposal to expand upon their new Resilient Coastal Communities Program to increase the number of communities that complete phases 1 and 2 of the framework. NC applied under NFWF's "Community Capacity Building and Planning" Priority and "Innovative" Project Type. NC requested \$550,000 to match \$650,000 in state funding received through the NC General Assembly under Session Law 2019-2020. With this funding, approximately 10 more communities will be able to complete phases 1 and 2 and develop a Resilience Strategy. Phase 1 includes community engagement and risk and vulnerability assessments, and Phase 2 includes the

development of a project portfolio. Recently, NC coastal program awarded 26 communities to complete phases 1 and 2 with previously-awarded 2019 NFWF ECRF funds. Communities who complete a Resilience Strategy will be eligible to receive Phase 3 and 4 funds for engineering, design, and implementation, some of which have been secured and will be available at the end of this calendar year.

- e. Jennifer Kline (GA): Attempted to put together a proposal with a local municipality for green and nature-based infrastructure to mitigate in high-risk flood area. Needed more time and support to complete the budget requirements, therefore they did not submit this round. Hopeful for next time.
- f. Yusraa Tadj (HI): Hawaii's coastal program did not submit, but a county applied for a NFWF project. The county is going to focus on coastal homestead using traditional ecological knowledge

1. Briefing on Conversation w/ CZM program managers and NOAA's Senior Advisor meeting

- a. Derek Brockbank: Letise Lafeir, NOAA Senior Advisor, was invited for a conversation discussing how state CZM programs are currently (or with additional resources could be) helping advance the Administration's agenda on resilience, conservation ("30x30"), offshore renewable energy, and supporting underserved communities and addressing racial inequality.

6. Announce Hawaii's Shoreline Setback Disclosure Statement Request

- a. The Hawaii coastal program has requested information from CHPA members regarding **disclosure statement requirements for shoreline setbacks**. Under new amendments to its Shoreline Setback Ordinance, a Hawaii county will now require property owners to sign a new, stand-alone "Coastal Hazard Disclosure Statement" acknowledging risks and the possibility of future development restrictions in order to obtain a setback determination. The coastal program requests to hear from any other coastal states with similar disclosure requirements that could help draft the disclosure (see attached draft). Please send any example documents or feedback on the draft to Justine Nihipali (justine.w.nihipali@hawaii.gov) by **Monday, April 19, 2021**. See request in call materials.

7. Closing remarks

- a. Next Call: June 8, 2021

8. Adjourn