



2014 NHMA Symposium: Hazards Ahead, All Hands on Deck!

The [2014 International Hazard Mitigation Practitioners Symposium](#) is fast approaching! We will be gathering in Broomfield, CO on Wednesday, June 25 - Thursday, June 26, following the [Natural Hazards Workshop](#).

We hope you'll be able to join us as we discuss *commencing effective action to prevent future damage*. For those unable to attend in person, we are pleased to announce that the Symposium will be available [via webinar](#).

Please see below for full details on this year's program and we look forward to seeing you in Colorado!

2014 Symposium brings together hazard mitigation community to focus on community level

mitigation

Having safer communities through mitigation means working at the community level, where leadership exists at the municipal or county elected boards. Inherent in that is a need to increase participation or involve the “whole community.” Toward that end, the 2014 Symposium will include discussion of:

- *participatory and broad-based approaches to mitigation;*
- *useful lessons learned at the individual and community levels;*
- *creative collaboration ideas that integrate bottom-up and top down-approaches to mitigation; and*
- *effective mitigation management techniques.*

While mitigation begins at the local level, we can encourage shifts in focus and attitudes by learning from global success stories. Encouraging changes in practices locally requires education, awareness, and commitment, which is optimal when practices are globally accepted and inspired through effective and rational engagement.

Throughout the 2014 Symposium, the Natural Hazards Mitigation Association hopes to build on the momentum of mitigation through collaboration and networking. By sharing mitigation success stories, participants have the opportunity to learn from each other as well as from some of the nation’s brightest and best mitigation subject matter experts. Collectively we will work through difficult issues such as increasing risk awareness, adapting to environmental uncertainty during challenging economic times, and mobilizing a constituency for sustainable

recovery that does not simply reconstruct but actually reduces future risk.

2014 Program Agenda

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

4:00 – 4:15

p.m. **Registration**

4:15 – 4:45

p.m. **Welcome**

Overview of the Natural Hazards Mitigation Association:

Edward A. Thomas, President, NHMA

Alessandra Jerolleman, Executive Director, NHMA

Overview of the Symposium Theme, by Co-Chairs:

Lincoln Walther, Planning Director, CSA Ocean Sciences Inc.

J. Barry Hokanson, Urban Planning Consultant

4:45 – 6:00 p.m. **Keynote Address (Webinar Accessible)**

The Elected Official and Hazard Mitigation

Keynote Speaker: Linda Langston, President, National Association of Counties

Open discussion will follow the presentation.

6:15 – 7:00 p.m. **Joint Reception with**

Researchers

7:30 – 9:00 p.m. **Offsite casual dinner with update from FEMA and NOAA leadership**

Thursday, June 26, 2014

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

7:15 – 8:15 a.m. **Informal Meeting Time for NHMA Committees**

Breakfast Roundtable #1:

What They Didn't Tell You: Transitioning from academia to hazard mitigation practitioner

Breakfast Roundtable #2:

Climate Adaptation: Atmospheric Science meets Hazard Practitioner

8:15 – 9:45 a.m. **Plenary (Webinar Accessible)**

Resilient Cities at the Cutting Edge

Moderator: Lincoln Walther, CSA Ocean Sciences, Inc.

Speakers:

- Jeff Hebert, Executive Director, New Orleans Redevelopment Authority
- Grant Ervin, Sustainability Manager, City of Pittsburgh
- Micah Hilt, Planner, San Francisco Earthquake Safety Implementation Program

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Break**

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Breakout Sessions (Webinar Accessible)**

Integrating Hazards in Local Planning Efforts

Moderator: Darrin Punchard, MWH Global

Speakers:

- Kasey Jacobs, Partnership and Outreach Coordinator, Caribbean Landscape Conservation Cooperative
- Charles Latini, Jr., L&G Planning, and President of the American Planning Association, New Jersey Chapter (APA-NJ)

Understanding Catastrophe Insurance

Moderator: Bruce Patton, California Earthquake Authority

Speakers:

- Janiele Maffei, California Earthquake Authority
- Shana Ackerman, California Earthquake Authority
- Andrew Castaldi, Swiss Re

11:15 – 12:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions (Webinar Accessible)**

Tips, Hints & Tricks for Successful Grant Programs

Moderator: Erin Capps, H2O Partners

Speakers:

- Annie Mack Vest, Oklahoma State Hazard Mitigation Officer
- Adele Balmer, Florida Division of Emergency Management

Making Community Growth and Development a Hazard-Friendly Process

Moderator: Molly Mowery, Wildfire Planning International

Speakers:

- Tareq Wafaie, Clarion Associates, Denver
- Gene Henry, Hillsborough County, FL

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**

1:30 – 2:45 p.m. **Breakout Sessions (Webinar Accessible)**

Improving Local Hazard Mitigation Planning

Moderator: Darrin Punchard, MWH Global

Speakers:

- Erin Capps, H2O Partners, and Co-Chair of NHMA Hazard Mitigation Planning Committee
- Rebecca Joyce, Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
- Nathan Slaughter, Atkins

Communicating: Reaching the Public

Moderator: Kevin Nelson, US Environmental Protection Agency

Speakers:

- Adam Crowe, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Rebecca Williams, Joplin, MO
- Genevieve Williams, Joplin, MO

2:45 – 4:00 p.m. **Breakout Sessions (Webinar Accessible)**

Mitigation in Short and Long Term Recovery: Colorado and Vermont Case Studies

Moderator: Jeff Brislawn, AMEC

Speakers:

- Nezette Rydell, National Weather Service
- Steve Board, Colorado Office of Emergency Management, Mitigation and Recovery Section
- The Honorable Tara Schoedinger, Mayor, Jamestown, CO
- Joshua Schwartz, Mad River Valley (VT) Planning District
- Mike Kline, Vermont Rivers Program

State and Federal Assistance Programs for Practitioners

Moderator: Kevin Nelson, US Environmental Protection Agency

Speakers:

- Julie Baxter, US Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region 8
- Adele Balmer, Florida Division of Emergency Management.

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. **Break**

4:15 - 5:30 p.m. **Breakout Sessions (Webinar Accessible)**

Learning from Peer Community Networks

Moderator: Tim Lovell, Tulsa, OK, Tulsa Partners, Inc

Speakers:

- Brett KenCairn, Boulder, CO, Rockefeller Foundation Resilience Challenge Cohort
- Molly Mowery, Denver, CO, Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network
- Bill Robinson, Tulsa, OK, CRS Users Group
- Terri Turner, Augusta, GA, Resilient Neighbors Network

Legal/Legislative Issues Update

Moderator: Ed Thomas

Speakers:

- Jim Mullen, Consultant, past president of the National Emergency Management Association
- Windell Curole, South Lafourche Levee District, Louisiana
- Rachael Sears, FEMA's Federal Insurance & Mitigation Administration

5:30 – 5:45 p.m. **Closing, Next Steps, and Acknowledgements**

Natural Hazard Mitigation Association

The National Hazard Mitigation Association (NHMA) was founded in 2008 by practitioners in the hazard mitigation field. NHMA serves as a respected voice in hazard mitigation policy in the United States and throughout the world. We represent interests of communities, governments, the research community, the insurance industry and fields of engineering, emergency response, water resources, planning and mitigation related fields.



[Facebook](#)



[LinkedIn](#)



[Website](#)

Copyright © 2014, Natural Hazard Mitigation Association, All rights reserved.

Our mailing address is:

P.O. Box 55352

Metairie, Louisiana 70055

[unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)