



## **MEMBER UPDATE April 20, 2015**

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### **I. Message from NHMA President Ed Thomas**

#### **EPA's Regional Flood Resilience Project for a Group of Water and Wastewater Utilities.**

EPA has asked me to serve on the Advisory Committee for an effort to improve hazard mitigation for water and wastewater utilities. This is an incredibly important initiative which I very much hope will lead to significant Disaster Risk Reduction for these critical facilities. Sadly, last time I looked, the single greatest damage line item in the FEMA Public Assistance Program was for fixing damaged water and waste water treatment facilities.

EPA has selected Florida for a **Regional Flood Resilience Project for a Group of Water and Wastewater Utilities**. The project will involve the three western-most counties in the Panhandle (Escambia, Santa Rosa, and Okaloosa Counties). They suffer from spring flooding, hurricanes, etc. EPA reports that they have engaged the following organizations/agencies in planning and conducting the project in Florida.

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection
- Florida Division of Emergency Management; Bureau of Mitigation
- Florida Rural Water Association
- FEMA Region 4
- Local Mitigation Planners/Floodplain Managers in the 3 counties
- Water/Wastewater Utilities in the 3 counties

The project schedule includes a Workshop #1 (April 22), followed by on-site utility visits to propose flood mitigation measures (June 2-4), and a concluding Workshop#2 (June 24). EPA indicates they are looking forward to the first workshop this week and having water/wastewater utilities and mitigation planners begin to engage in addressing flooding issues in the region.

As further information becomes available I will update all of you.

**Cheers!**

**Ed**

## **II. Items of Particular Importance**

- 1.) Survey re Messages to People with Disabilities  
<http://recoverydiva.com/2015/04/18/survey-re-messages-to-people-with-disabilities/>
- 2.) Resilience of H. Katrina Victims  
<http://recoverydiva.com/2015/04/17/resilience-of-h-katrina-victims/>
- 3.) NEEF Announces Extreme Weather & Climate Change Free Online Course  
<https://www.udemy.com/extreme-weather-101/>
- 4.) MA Not Happy With Declaration for Record Snow  
<http://recoverydiva.com/2015/04/17/ma-not-happy-with-declaration-for-record-snow/>

## **III Online Courses**

- 1.) NEEF Announces Extreme Weather & Climate Change Free Online Course  
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## **IV Major Articles & Editorials**

- 1.) Filipino scientist lauded for disaster research  
<http://www.gmanetwork.com/news/story/471666>

## **V Conferences**

- 1.) **National Flood Conference May 17-20, 2015 Washington DC**

**Are you up to speed on all that's happening with the National Flood Insurance Program?**

You could be if you attend the National Flood Conference, May 17-20, in Washington, D.C.

**Learn** about the latest NFIP developments.

**Hear** directly from flood authorities.

**Network** with hundreds of fellow flood insurance professionals, including FEMA representatives, insurance company executives, adjusters and agents.

Click on the “REGISTER NOW” button to get started, or find more information on the conference [homepage](#).

## **VI Jobs**

1.) The Centre for the Study of Existential Risk (University of Cambridge; <http://cser.org>) is recruiting for postdoctoral research associates to work on the study of extreme risks arising from technological advances.

CSER welcomes proposals from a range of fields. For more information, visit: <http://www.jobs.cam.ac.uk/job/6554/>

2.) The Food Recovery Network is seeking an Executive Director to oversee their rapidly expanding organization, and take the Network to the next level. As the first leader of FRN that is not the Founder, the Executive Director will be responsible for crafting and setting priorities for the organization going forward, while maintaining the growth trajectory that the Board and founding team has set. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, and an additional sheet containing three references, salary history, and any compensation requirements to [hiring@foodrecoverynetwork.org](mailto:hiring@foodrecoverynetwork.org).

3.) The University of Michigan announces two post-doctoral research opportunities, beginning August or September 2015 and focusing on land-cover, social, and livelihood impacts of (1) large-scale land transactions and (2) forest sector investments in sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America through statistical analysis of remote sensing and social survey data. Applicants should send 1) a copy of their CV, 2) a 1-2 page cover letter that a) explains their interest in the position, and b) outlines their relevant skills and experience, 3) a recent publication or dissertation chapter, and 4) names and contact details (email addresses and telephone numbers) for three references, to Joan Wolf ([ifri@umich.edu](mailto:ifri@umich.edu)), the IFRI administrator at the University of Michigan. Please also contact Joan in case of further questions. The application deadline is **April 15, 2015**.

4.) [Organic Health Response](#), a growing, community-based organization in Kenya, is looking for an Executive Director. Their work supports the health and environmental resilience of a fishing community. All the details about the position and how to apply can be found on the [OHR website](#). Please distribute widely!

5.) Department of Recreation, Sport, and Tourism at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has two years of funding for a doctoral student to work 10 hr/wk as a teaching assistant and 10 hrs/wk as a research assistant. The assistantship would include a modest stipend and tuition waiver. For more information, please contact me, Matt Browning, at [bmatth17@vt.edu](mailto:bmatth17@vt.edu) or 540-315-7095 (call or text is fine). Interested students should do so immediately so that they can start the application process for August 2015

admissions.

6.) Interested in the environment, working in a federal facility and living in a cool location? The EPA Environmental Research and Business Support Program is hiring! We currently have four open positions in a variety of environmental disciplines and academic levels:

[http://aess.info/content.aspx?page\\_id=22&club\\_id=939971&module\\_id=165353](http://aess.info/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=939971&module_id=165353)

**Note to our members:**

With your member support and involvement, we look forward to continuing the promotion of natural hazard risk reduction and climate adaptation through a Whole Community approach. Please consider supporting this mission by maintaining your membership (which can be renewed [here](#)) or through a tax-deductible donation (which can be done [here](#)). If you prefer to donate via check, please download [this form](#).

**Note about website changes:**

In an effort to better serve our membership, some changes have been made to our [website](#). Job post submissions can now be made online using the link at the top of the [job post page](#). Also, NHMA's work is made possible by the dedication of volunteers. Please visit our [volunteer page](#) and consider contributing your time to the cause of natural hazard risk reduction.

Please remember to send any mitigation related announcements, articles, and resources to [nathazma@gmail.com](mailto:nathazma@gmail.com) for inclusion in our updates.