



# FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

## newsletter

June 30, 1984

### PUBLIC AWARENESS

If this is June in Texas it must be the beginning of hurricane season along the Gulf Coast. It will last until November. Hurricane "Alicia" struck Galveston on August 18, 1983, and went all the way to Oklahoma, causing over \$800 million in damage and twenty-two lost lives.

Coastal community officials and long time residents are well aware of the potential dangers of another storm like "Alicia", but many communities have some newcomers. What have you done to prepare them for another "Alicia" or "Allen" (Port Mansfield, 1980) or "Celia" (Corpus Christi, 1970) or "Beulah" (Brownsville, 1967). Do they know about evacuation routes, emergency radio broadcasts, and surge tides? Lack of preparedness is an insidious pitfall for government officials, whether it is caused by newcomer "ignorance" or old-timers "complacency." Proper planning and an energetic public awareness campaign can help keep your populace prepared. You will not be surprised by any storm event this season. Don't let your people be surprised.

Several state-level campaigns are already underway to help.

- o The Governor formally proclaimed June 3-9, 1984 as Hurricane Awareness Week in Texas.
- o Major newspapers along the Gulf Coast have received camera-ready material about Hurricane Safety Information, including detailed tips of what to do BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER the storm to lessen the impact on people and property.
- o At least fifteen (15) food store chains are again using grocery bags that have hurricane safety information imprinted on the bag.
- o Public Service Announcements have been distributed to radio stations and TV material is being prepared for distribution to coastal areas.
- o The Texas Division of Emergency Management staff has conducted two (2) hurricane exercises for major areas of the coast, the Corpus Christi-Harlingen area on May 24, and the Beaumont-Houston-Pierce area on June 14.

In the 1950s, 60s, and 70s, an average of seven (7) Hurricane/Tropical storms struck Texas in each decade. Most weather analysts are estimating at least three potential hurricane intensity storms will enter the Gulf of Mexico this season. ENOUGH SAID ? ? ? ?

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FY 1985, LAST YEAR FOR STATE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

Since October 1, 1980, the Flood Insurance Assistance Program has been a part of the floodplain management/flood insurance picture in Texas, supplementing the efforts of the Texas Department of Water Resources. FIAP personnel and projects have been funded by FEMA through the State Assistance Program designed to expand each State's role in helping local communities manage the flood prone areas of the nation.

Some major achievements of the FIAP include: identified a Floodplain Administrator for each of the 1,236 flood prone communities in Texas, published and distributed the State Floodplain Management Manual, conducted annual Regional Meetings for the Administrators, conducted legal Seminars about the legal issues of the National Flood Insurance Program, conducted local workshops as requested by cities and counties, published a quarterly Newsletter for Floodplain Administrators, created and distributed a wide range of public awareness materials about flooding, floodplain management and flood insurance.

FEMA has achieved its purpose of getting states involved and will phase out the State Assistance Program on September 30, 1985. The success of the Program nation-wide has almost guaranteed that there will be a follow-on program of some sort, but the development of such a program is still in the planning stages. We will keep you informed.

A Possible Revenue Source:

F I A P and T D W R have entered into dialogue with the Texas Department of Labor and Standards to enlist their support in expanding the Manufactured Housing Standards Act to include concern for the National Flood Insurance Program. The Act currently addresses problems associated with fire and wind, and since 90% of disasters in the state are flood related, NFIP criteria is an area of concern for mobile and modular homes. In pursuing this matter, it was pointed out that the current Act makes provisions for, and the Department of Labor and Standards is actively seeking, contracts with cities to do inspection and enforcement activities related to construction of foundation systems and the erection and installation of manufactured housing at homesites. Cities must request the contract; the Department of Labor and Standards supplied the following for our Newsletter:

Cities may choose to enter into contract with the Texas Department of labor and Standards and be reimbursed for performing the inspection (and enforcement) of manufactured housing installation standards within their jurisdiction.

The Texas Manufactured Housing Standards Act authorizes the department to reimburse cities the amounts shown for each installation inspection:

- a. \$15 for a mobile home or HUD-Code manufactured home on a temporary foundation.
- b. \$100 for a modular or HUD-Code manufactured home (designed for one to four families) on a permanent foundation plus \$25 for each family dwelling unit in excess of two.

- c. Up to \$750 for a residential structure which exceeds two stories in height (or is designed for the separate living use, of more than four families) plus \$25 for each family dwelling unit.

If your city is interested contact.

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#### COMING EVENTS

FIAP and TDWR events scheduled for the July-August-September quarter:

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| July 10         | Meeting with Travis County regarding development of evacuation plan for sub-division.          |
| July 11         | Workshop and Community Assistance Visit - Sherman.   |
| July 12         | Community Assistance Visit - Pflugerville.   |
| July 18         | Emergency Management Coordinator's Workshop - Austin.  |
| July 19         | Region 2 Meeting for Floodplain Administrators - Beaumont.                                     |
| July 24         | Meeting of Interagency Hazard Mitigation Team - Baytown.                                       |
| July 26         | City of Seguin/Guadalupe County Floodplain Management Workshop - Seguin.                       |
| September 17-21 | Floodplain Hydrology Course, University of Texas at Austin. (Jointly sponsored by UT and TDWR) |

#### AVAILABILITY OF AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Some Floodplain Administrators have expressed an interest in obtaining aerial photography to assist in identifying structures in their respective floodplain. Information on High Altitude Photography was recently sent to all Floodplain Administrators by the U. S. Department of the Interior, Geological Survey.

In addition, assistance in locating as well as ordering aerial photographic coverage for any area of the state is available through the Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS) located in the Stephen F. Austin Building, 1700 North Congress Avenue, Room 360, Telephone (512) 475-3321. Their mailing address is TNRIS Systems Central, Post Office Box 13087, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. In addition to giving assistance with locating as well as ordering aerial photography, TNRIS has some photography to loan.

FLOOD INSURANCE SALES WORKSHOPS

The NFIP Insurance Sales Workshops have been scheduled for Texas in July, August and September. Floodplain Administrators are encouraged to pass this information to insurance companies in their jurisdiction. Although Floodplain Administrators do not sell insurance, the computation of insurance premiums is based on structure type and lowest floor relationship to the base flood elevation. Your permit records should contain that information. There is a \$10.00 fee for attending this four-hour workshop. If you are interested in attending the workshops, call Keith Krause or Ashley Eledge toll-free at 1-800-792-1123 for a registration form. The schedule is as follows:

Amarillo	Holiday Inn 1911 I-40 at Ross	Thurs., July 26, 1984
Lubbock	Holiday Inn Casa Grande Loop 289, Exit at Avenue H	Fri., July 27, 1984
Houston	Holiday Inn North I-45 and 1960, Exit at Richey Road	Tues., Aug. 21, 1984
Houston	Holiday Inn Crown Plaza 2222 W. Loop South, Galleria Area	Wed., Aug. 22, 1984
Dallas	Holiday Inn Park Central Area 8102 LBJ at Coit Road	Thurs., Aug. 30, 1984
Galveston	Holiday Inn Seawall Blvd. 5202 Seawall Blvd.	Wed., Sept. 5, 1984
Lake Jackson	Holiday Inn 915 Highway 332	Thurs., Sept. 6, 1984
San Antonio	Holiday Inn Airport 77 NE Loop 410	Tues., Sept. 11, 1984
Austin	Ramada Inn Town Lake 1001 S. IH 35	Wed., Sept. 12, 1984
Beaumont	Holiday Inn I-10 and Walden	Wed., Sept. 19, 1984

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ACTION ACTION ACTION

Dear Floodplain Administrator:

The person named on the address label on this newsletter is on our list as the Floodplain Administrator for your community.

Floodplain Management activities in the State of Texas have increased dramatically in 1983 and 1984 and will continue to do so. State, federal and local agencies are involved in these activities and it is important that all Floodplain Administrators are kept informed. In many of the Regional meetings we conducted around the state this year, we found that people performing the Floodplain Administrator tasks are not always receiving the information which we distribute.

By completing and returning this form you will insure that the correct person is on our list as your Floodplain Administrator and will receive Floodplain Management and National Flood Insurance Program information. Please return the form as soon as possible to Flood Insurance Assistance Program, 5805 N. Lamar, Austin, Texas 78773, Attention: Keith Krause

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR DESIGNATION FORM

JURISDICTION: \_\_\_\_\_

CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Floodplain Administrator:

Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Official Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of person completing this form

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