



## *Interagency Coordination and Hurricane Disaster Response Reauthorization and Updates to the National Flood Insurance program*

*How have interagency coordination and policy evolved with respect to disaster response, flood insurance and flood risk management? Have major storms spanning from Hurricanes Katrina to Maria prompted changes in these approaches? What are some of the current challenges resulting from hurricane impacts in Puerto Rico, Texas and Florida?*

**Wednesday, January 17, 2018**

5:30 pm registration and light refreshments; 6:15 presentations and discussion; 7:30 wrap-up

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments**

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**Gordon Strassberg** serves as the National Weather Service (NWS) Liaison to FEMA's National Incident Management Assistance Team East-2 (N-IMAT E-2). The N-IMATs are deployment-ready teams designed to immediately respond to and establish the Incident Command System (ICS) framework to manage an incident response. As the team's NWS Liaison, Gordon is responsible for maintaining constant situational awareness concerning hazardous weather that may initiate a deployment; conducting weather-related training to further the teams' knowledge and understanding of weather impacts; and deploying with the team for disaster response to provide constant weather information as a subject-matter expert. He recently deployed with his team to Puerto Rico prior to Hurricane Maria's landfall. Gordon holds a bachelor's degree in Meteorology from Penn State University and a master's degree in Geography from Ball State University.

**David Conrad** currently serves as a Consultant to the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM) on federal water resources policy. His work is focused on reauthorization of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and on the series of disaster assistance legislation responding to 2017 major hurricanes and storms. For more than forty years, David has served to advocate for policies and practices supporting wise water resources management. He has written extensively on flood and floodplain management policy, including serving as Project Manager and a principal author of the National Wildlife Federation's landmark **Higher Ground** report in 1998, which brought national attention to problems with "repetitive flood losses" and which highlighted and described the first extensive use of voluntary buyouts as a flood risk mitigation technique. David received a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Sciences from the University of Virginia.

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