

Operations and Maintenance Workgroup

Operations and Maintenance (O&M) is the physical operation of the flood control system, as well as the ongoing maintenance of the associated infrastructure. This includes but is not limited to: erosion repair and prevention, crack control resulting from settlement, through seepage and under-seepage, animal burrow control and repair, maintaining and removal and repair of penetrations through the levee, managing encroachments and vegetation, and providing for the security of the levee system against vandalism and terrorism. O&M must be performed in accordance with the manuals and procedures provided and updated with construction and inspection of the system.

Over time, O&M of the flood control system has become more difficult to execute for many reasons. These include challenges in complying with a variety of State and Federal environmental permitting and mitigation requirements, original system design and construction deficiencies that have become the burden of the O&M agency, lack of financial support from the State and Federal government, changes in engineering standards and criteria, and inadequate local funding.

The O&M Workgroup will provide an avenue for stakeholders to highlight and prioritize their O&M issues. The Workgroup will assist in developing planning, financing, and implementation strategies and solutions that the RFPM can help articulate, amplify, and advance to State, and perhaps even the Federal level.