

Agricultural Floodplain Ordinance Task Force
Work Group Topics
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The Agricultural Floodplain Ordinance Task Force is a renewed initiative to improve FEMA/NFIP administration of rural/agricultural areas. This effort is a collaboration of three regional flood management plans under the auspices of the California Central Valley Flood Protection Plan: Upper/ Mid Sacramento River, Lower Sacramento River/Delta North, and the Feather River regions. Refer to the December 4, 2015 Memorandum by MBK Engineers (www.frrfmp.com) for background information and the scope of work.

To date, AFOTF has developed three work groups that have been working on the following topics:

- Work Group 1 (Land Use and Structures) discussing and evaluating:
 - Changes to FEMA's agricultural structures definition
 - Changes to wet floodproofing requirements for agricultural structures
 - Emergency plans for levee relief cuts and related changes for BFEs for agricultural structures through a special floodplain management ordinance
 - Use of Zone D instead of Zones A/AE with a special floodplain management ordinance
 - Use of Zone X (Shaded) instead of Zone D behind levee reaches meeting the requirement of 44 CFR 65.10

- Work Group 2 (FEMA Insurance) discussing and evaluating:
 - Changes to FEMA's insurance rate tables for areas protected by non-accredited levees documented to provide specified levels of flood protection
 - Changes to Zone D insurance rates for areas protected by levees evaluated under Levee Analysis Mapping Procedure (LAMP)
 - Development of FEMA insurance rates unique to agricultural structures
 - Recommendations for FEMA insurance rates for wet floodproofed structures

- Work Group 3 (Private Insurance, CRS, Risk Management) discussing and evaluating:
 - Recommendations that would enable use of private flood insurance
 - Recommendations related to CRS and risk management in leveed areas