



March 2013

Full Alliance Meeting

FULL ALLIANCE MEETING AGENDA

MARCH 14, 2013

11:00AM – 12:00PM PST

Welcome

Agricultural Floodplain Management Study

- Status of request for the study
- Strategy for implementation of study

Member Advocacy Efforts

- Communications with congressional delegation
- Reaching out to your neighbors
- Relay stories of impacts to AFMA staff

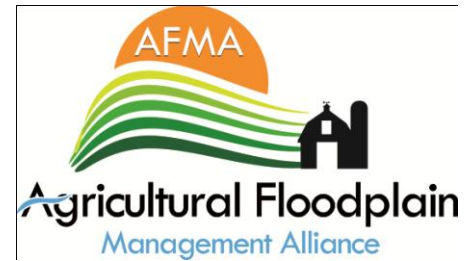
AFMA Executive Committee

- Executive Committee membership and responsibilities
- Election of a new Executive Committee

Administrative Issues

- Participation in AFMA Advisory Committees

Next Alliance Meeting: Thursday, April 11 from 11:00am to 12:00am PST



Agricultural Floodplain Management Study

The Agricultural Floodplain Management Study is underway!

- Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Congressman John Garamendi (D-CA) sent a letter to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) on December 5, 2012 requesting a study be performed on the impact of floodplain management practices on agricultural areas and rural communities.
- GAO has confirmed receipt of the letter and is in initial stages of starting the study.

Escalating Priority of the Study

- Three prioritization levels for GAO studies
 1. Congressional authorization and/or direction through legislation.
 2. Signature of a committee or subcommittee chairman or ranking member with jurisdiction over the issues addressed in the study.
 3. Request from a member.

Member Advocacy Efforts

Letters of Support

- Template letter is posted under the Advocacy section of the website.
- Link to contact information for your congressional delegation is on the website.
- Please send a copy of any letters of support to AFMA staff.
- Reach out to your neighbors and encourage them to send letters of support as well.

AFMA Member Survey

- Survey will collect stories and information about your experiences.
- Please forward to your neighbors, local businesses, and community organizations to help expand our voice.
- Survey will be distributed on Friday, March 15

AFMA Executive Committee

Executive Committee Membership

- Consists of seven members:
 - One farmer or landowner
 - One elected county supervisor/commissioner
 - One representative of a flood control or flood management agency
 - One representative of an agricultural based organization
 - Three at-large members
- Membership terms are staggered two-year terms.
- Only full AFMA members are eligible to serve on the Executive Committee.

Responsibilities

- Reviews input from the Advisory Committees.
- Serves as leadership for the full Alliance.
- Oversees Alliance staff and consultants.
- Reviews finances and makes financial decisions for the Alliance.

AFMA Executive Committee

First Executive Committee

- Lewis Bair, Reclamation District 108
- Tara Bocker, Landowner
- Supervisor Denise Carter, Colusa County
- Supervisor James Gallagher, Sutter County
- Elisa Noble, California Farm Bureau
- Supervisor Don Nottoli, Sacramento County
- Melinda Terry, California Central Valley Flood Control Association

Executive Committee Election

Nomination Process

- Anyone can nominate an individual to serve on the Executive Committee.
- Nominations will be submitted electronically to AFMA Federal Director
- Nomination period will be open for one week.

Election Process

- Once all nominations are collected and confirmed, a ballot will be sent to AFMA members.
- Only full AFMA members are able to cast a vote and each member/agency will have one vote.
 - It is up to the agency to determine how its vote will be cast.
- Ballots will be collected for one week.

Executive Committee Election

March Election Timeline

- March 18 – 22, 2013 Nominations collected
- March 25 – 29, 2013 Ballots distributed and collected
- April 1, 2013 Executive Committee announced

**** Information on the nomination and election process will be distributed by AFMA staff on Friday, March 17. ****

Administrative Issues

Advisory Committee Membership

- We will be re-engaging the AFMA Advisory Committees.
 - Technical Advisory Committee led by Scott Shapiro and Ric Reinhardt
 - Advocacy and Outreach Committee led by Kristi More and Amanda Wood
- Please sign up for one or both of the advisory committees to help shape our policy recommendations and advocacy efforts.
- The Member Survey will ask for your preference in committee membership



THANK YOU!

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