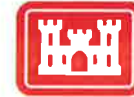




North Dakota
State Water Commission



US Army Corps
of Engineers

North Dakota Silver Jackets Team Charter



September 2013

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This charter establishes and formalizes the expectations for implementation of the North Dakota Silver Jackets Flood Risk Management Team (FRMT). This charter may be revised at any time per the consent of the core agencies.

VISION STATEMENT

To enhance intergovernmental partnerships that will result in the development of comprehensive and sustainable flood risk reduction measures for North Dakota.

LIMITATIONS

Each member agency will bear its own cost of participation in the North Dakota Silver Jackets Team.

The North Dakota Silver Jackets Team is made up of a variety of different agencies with different missions. Consequently, there may be circumstances where some members of the North Dakota Silver Jackets are unable to participate in a given effort due to funding limitations, legal limitations, or program and policy limitations.

MISSION STATEMENT

To establish an intergovernmental team of State and Federal agencies, that through a collaborative process will:

- facilitate strategic, integrated life-cycle mitigation actions to reduce the threat, vulnerability and consequences of flooding in the State of North Dakota;
- create a mechanism to help solve flood risk issues and recommend mitigation measures;
- foster leveraging of agency resources and information;
- increase and improve flood risk communication and outreach; and
- develop comprehensive flood risk management strategies.

GOALS

- Establish an interagency mechanism to ensure continuous pre- and post-disaster collaboration among charter members and allows for involvement of entities that are not charter members.
- Establish regularly scheduled forums to examine flood risks and identify potential flood risk management mitigation measures.
- Develop and maintain a common information matrix on State and Federal programs which identifies funding and resources limitations and opportunities.
- Develop a unified set of recommendations on agency programs that could be combined or amended to create integrated, comprehensive and sustainable solutions.
- Jointly develop and deliver a unified flood risk outreach message to better communicate and advise counties, communities and the general public.

- Jointly provide specific input to agencies on barriers that their existing programs, policies or processes present to effectively manage flood risk.
- Periodically review progress in implementing high priority actions identified in the State's hazard mitigation plans.
- Catalog and share information on past and future projects and initiatives.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Flood Risk Management Team will involve interagency cooperation. Membership will vary based on available resources and team project focus. Representatives may be from the regional and State levels of the organizations. All participating agencies will contribute experience and information to team efforts as necessary and appropriate. Special subcommittees can be established by the FRMT to address particular problem areas.

As this team evolves, other State and Federal agencies may choose to participate in this initiative, however; the core agencies that will provide guidance and coordination will include:

- North Dakota State Water Commission
- North Dakota Department of Emergency Services
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District
- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA Region VIII)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- National Weather Service (NWS)
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- United States Geological Survey (USGS)
- North Dakota Geological Survey (NDGS)

The North Dakota State Water Commission/Office of State Engineer is designated the lead state office and chairs the FRMT, and the Omaha District (District) US Army Corps of Engineers will act as the lead Federal Agency. The District will maintain and distribute a contact database for the core members.

The FRMT will also be cognizant of the needs and desires of Native American Tribes located within the jurisdictional boundaries of the state and will commit themselves to contributing information and available resources towards mitigation activities which will reduce the threat, vulnerability and consequences of flooding on or effecting tribal lands and/or infrastructure.

MEETINGS

At a minimum, meetings will be conducted on a schedule agreed to by the FRMT. The District will coordinate and facilitate the Silver Jacket meetings with the support of all core members. Draft meeting minutes shall be distributed for review prior to the next meeting and presented for formal approval at the following meeting. The District will maintain final minutes.

DECISIONS

Decisions related to the implementation of solutions to North Dakota flood risk hazards will remain the independent prerogative of each of the FRMT members. Those decisions will be a matter for discussion by the FRMT so as to coordinate actions and avoid duplications or conflicts.

RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS, and LIABILITIES

Participation in the North Dakota Silver Jackets Team is purely voluntary and for the purpose of coordinating, sharing information, leveraging resources, avoiding programmatic duplication, and educating the public. All commitments and participation by each Federal or State agency or organization in the actions and activities covered by this Charter is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds and budget priorities. This charter creates no enforceable rights or obligations either amongst the members or in favor of any third party. Nothing in this Charter, in and of itself, or any decisions made by the team, obligates the parties to expend appropriations or to enter into any contract, assistance agreement, interagency agreement or other financial obligation.

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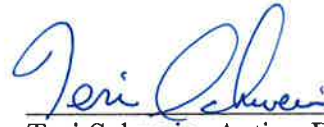
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