

# Application of No Adverse Impact for Coastal Communities Workshop

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Biloxi Visitors Center

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## Speaker Biographies

**Niki L. Pace, JD, LLM, CFM**

**Sustainability Coordinator – Louisiana Sea Grant Law & Policy Program, LSU**

Niki Pace is the sustainability coordinator with Louisiana Sea Grant Law & Policy Program at LSU. She received her law degree from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2002 and a Masters in Environmental Law in 2008. In addition, Ms. Pace is also a certified floodplain manager. Prior to joining Louisiana Sea Grant, she worked for seven years with the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Legal Program.

**Al W. Goodman, Jr., CFM**

**Principal – AWG Consulting LLC**

Mr. Goodman has 19 years of experience in mitigation and floodplain management at both the state and national level. Additionally, he worked extensively in the Mississippi State Emergency Response Team as the Planning Section Chief and in the State Emergency Operations Center as a damage assessment team leader and as the deputy state logistics officer. During his time at MEMA, he developed the floodplain management portion of the state hazard mitigation plan. As the Floodplain Management Bureau Director/NFIP State Coordinator, he was responsible for the oversight of the 300+ local NFIP member communities and the 29 CRS program community members.

**Larissa Womack, JD**

**Senior Attorney – Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA)**

Larissa Womack a graduate of the Mississippi College School of Law. Larissa previously attended the University of San Diego and later graduated from Belhaven University with her degree in Political Science. Prior to completing her Bachelor's degree, Larissa served five years active duty in the Marine Corps. Currently, she enjoys her work as the Senior Attorney at the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) in Pearl, MS.

**Richard Stickler, CFM, Floodplain Administrator**

**City of Biloxi**

Richard is the Floodplain Administrator for the City of Biloxi. He started working for the city in February 2007. He was born in Lebanon, PA, but moved to the Gulf Coast in 1986 while serving in the United States Navy Seabees. He retired from the Navy in July 2005. Richard has been a Certified Floodplain Manager since May 2007. In 2008, he was selected as the Floodplain Manager of the Year for AFMM. He is an active member of AFMM and currently serving as the Vice President. He was Chairman of Coastal Hazard Outreach Strategy Team (C-HOST) in 2010-2011. He is also a member of the National Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM).

**Steven Mikulencak, AICP**

**Program Coordinator – Texas Coastal Watershed Program, Texas Sea Grant**

Steven Mikulencak is certified planner and Extension Program Specialist for the Texas Coastal Watershed Program. He works from Houston, TX and specializes in stakeholder participation and planning tools for local decision-makers. He has worked in the private sector on comprehensive plans, zoning, design guidelines, and GIS analyses for local governments. He now develops planning and outreach programs for TX coastal communities using the weTable and GIS modeling tools. Projects under his management include [Coastal CHARM](#), [Texas Coastal Citizen Planner Program](#), [CERC Resiliency](#), the [Highland Bayou Watershed Protection Plan](#) in Galveston County, and is the lead facilitator for the [TX RESTORE](#)

Roundtables. Projects are supported through partnership with the National Sea Grant Office, FEMA Region 6, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, the US EPA Gulf of Mexico Program, and the Galveston Bay Estuary Program. He earned his BS in Geology from Virginia Tech and his Masters in Urban Planning from Cornell University.

**Tracie Sempier, Ph.D.**

**Coastal Storms Outreach Coordinator – Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant**

Tracie Sempier is the Coastal Storms Outreach Coordinator for the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium. In this capacity she works with local communities, state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, port authorities, emergency and floodplain managers, residents, and other audiences to try and decrease the negative impacts of coastal storms on families, communities, the environment, natural resources, and property. Tracie is also the Regional Program Manager for the Gulf of Mexico Alliance. In this capacity she works to connect partners and projects on a regional level through the implementation of the Governor's Action Plan and GOMA's six priority issue teams. Tracie has over nineteen years of professional experience in education and outreach with various audiences in formal and informal learning environments. She completed her Ph.D. at Mississippi State University in Curriculum and Instruction, has a M.S. in Science and Mathematics Education from Oregon State University, and holds a B.S. in Marine Science and Biology from the University of Alabama.

**Jeff Stone, GISP, CFM**

**Sr. Research Manager – Association of State Floodplain Managers**

Jeff Stone is a Senior Research Manager with the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). As part ASFPM's Flood Science Program, he manages research and outreach projects that focus on informing flood policy through science. Projects include, but are not limited to developing and evaluating tools, websites and software; researching the legal, practical and technological issues related to flood management policy and practices; and communicating effective use of GIS tools and applications aimed at floodplain management through webinars and workshops. He earned his B.S. and M.S. in Geographic Information Sciences with a strong emphasis on coastal and fluvial geomorphology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.