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Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA):

- Who is TFMA:
 - Made up of over 3,000 members across the state
 - Incorporated in 2006 (501c3)
 - Promote public awareness of proper floodplain management
 - Promote the professional status of floodplain management
 - Enhance cooperation with private organizations, individuals, and local, state and federal agencies
 - Provide education and seminars to individuals and floodplain managers
 - Monitor and inform of pending floodplain legislation and other matters
 - Study and support legislation pertinent to effective floodplain management regulations
 - State chapter for the Association of State Floodplain Managers
 - Manage the Certified Floodplain Manager credentialing process

Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA):

- Who is TFMA:
 - Board of Directors – Elected by our members
 - President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President
 - Executive Director – Chris Steubing, CPE, CFM
 - Office Administrator – Selina Mirza
 - Paula Hill – Credentialing Coordinator
- 2023 – 2027 Strategic Plan - <https://www.tfma.org/page/strategic-plan>
 - Vision – Working together to build resiliency for Texas
 - Mission – Save life and property from flooding and other hazards
 - Goals and Objectives:
 - Excellence
 - Integrity
 - Stewardship

TFMA Technical Summit – August 2026

- Technical Summit in San Antonio
- August 25 thru 28, 2026
 - Over 70 sessions that range in topics
 - H&H modeling
 - Available resources
 - Community projects and studies
 - And more
 - Opportunity to connect with state agency representatives
 - Learn about everything flood
 - Network with community members from around the state

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Higher Standards Survey

- Annual member supported survey of communities around the state
- Helps provide insight and feedback on current standards being deployed
- Questions focused on elevation requirements for Special Flood Hazard Areas
- Asks about other floodplain management practices being used by communities
- Inquires about other flood related issues that communities are facing

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Why Higher Standards

- People don't want to get flooded!
- Higher Finished Floors = Increased Resiliency
 - Higher Finished Floors = Reduced Risk
- Building to FEMA's Published Elevation is the minimum requirement
- Identifying and using the best available information can reduce overall risk

TFMA Higher Standards Survey: Legislative Standards

- Higher Standards exceed NFIP Requirements
- Texas Communities responsible for their own standards
- Available flood information is changing with local modeling/mapping efforts and state efforts (BLE)
 - Survey encourages Regional Conformity
- Regional Flood Planning Groups use the Data

TFMA Higher Standards Survey: Survey Schedule

- Updated Annually by Special Projects Committee
 - Starts at TFMA Annual Conference
 - **2026 Due Date: July 31**
- Results delivered at TFMA Technical Summit
 - After Summit, Posted to TFMA Website

TFMA Higher Standards Survey: Survey Specifics

- Email to all TFMA Membership
- Data Needed for Municipalities and Counties
 - Rely heavily on FPA Responses
 - No Validation of Responses
- Anonymous: Only Community Name Published

Local Ordinance Information

- TWDB has updated their draft ordinance

State Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinances

-  [Model 60.3 \(a\)](#): No FEMA flood map available
-  [Model 60.3 \(b\)\(c\)\(d\)](#): FEMA flood map available with riverine floodplains and floodways
-  [Model 60.3 \(c\)\(d\)\(e\)](#): FEMA flood map available with coastal floodplains and floodways

Recognizing that the cost to produce flood maps is often prohibitive for communities, the model ordinances now address using [Base Level Engineering](#) as a method for mapping flood hazard areas that can be adopted and enforced through the ordinance. All model ordinances have been updated to be current with the NFIP minimum regulations and include optional language (**purple text**) from 44 CFR §60.4 and §60.5 for communities that choose to regulate mudslide/mudflow-prone areas and flood-related, erosion-prone areas (respectively) through their floodplain management ordinance.