



2026 Annual KAFM Conference - Lawrence, KS

Time	Day 1- Wednesday, September 2, 2026		
8:30 - 10:15	KAFM Sub-Committee Meetings		
9:00 - 10:45	Participant Check-In and Booth Set-Up		
10:45 - 11:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks - KAFM Chairman, Jon Bristor Regency ABC		
11:00 - 12:00	The Ways in Which Rivers Shape our Lives- Rex Buchanan and Kelly Kindscher Regency ABC		
12:00 - 12:45	Lunch Buffet (Regency ABC)		
12:45 - 1:30	What to Know about Flood Insurance- Kenneth Scott, Kansas Department of Insurance Regency ABC		
1:30-2:30	Mapping Progress and Impact: Advancing Education and Data-Driven Planning- Laura Algeo, SNA Partners Regency ABC		
2:30-2:45	Break		
	Track 1- Floodplain Management Regency D	Track 2- Community Topics Brazilian AB	Track 3- Modeling and Mapping Brazilian CD
2:45 - 3:15	Tabletop Exercise #1 Introduction and Permitting KDA-DWR Team	Gypsum Levee Certification - A Success Story for Managing Flood Risk in a Small Town Jeff Holste, Wilson & Company and Tom Morey, Stantec	Not Just a Coincidence: Checking Assumptions With 2D Floodways Ben Rufenacht, WSP
3:15-3:45		Countywide Models for Community Impact: Applying 2D Flood Modeling to Inform Local Stormwater Decisions Teddy Gillespie and Colby Reavis, Olsson	Where Models Meet Reality: Lessons Learned from Floodplain Projects in the Midwest Binay Sapkota, Stantec
3:45 - 4:00	Break		
4:00 - 4:30	KDA-DWR Program Update- Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources Team Regency ABC		
4:30 - 5:00	Break and Hotel Check-in		
5:00 - 6:00	Meet & Greet (Regency ABC)		
6:00 - 6:15	Transportation to Evening Event		
6:15 - 10:00	Dinner and Evening Event at The Ristick		

Time	Day 2- Thursday, September 3, 2026		
7:45 - 8:30	Breakfast Buffet (Regency ABC)		
8-30 - 9:30	Navigating Difficult Conversations - Elijah Kaufman, Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment Regency ABC		
9:30 - 9:45	Break		
	Track 1- Floodplain Management Regency D	Track 2- Floodplain Management B Brazilian AB	Track 3 - Flood Mitigation Brazilian CD
9:45 -10:15	Tabletop Exercise #2 Flood Response KDA-DWR Team	Floodplain Management Fundamentals: Essential Knowledge for the Job KDA-DWR Team	Scaling Flood Mitigation: Tailoring Mitigation Strategies to Context and Community Needs Chris Shultz, JEO Consulting Group
10:15-10:45			A Practical Workflow for Identifying Erosion Prone Channel Segments Amirreza Zarnaghsh, Atkins Realis
10:45-11:00	Break		
	Track 1- Floodplain Management Regency D	Track 2- Advanced Technologies Brazilian AB	Track 3- Modeling and Mapping Brazilian CD
11:00 - 11:30	Tabletop Exercise #3 Post-Disaster Recovery KDA-DWR Team	Using Drones for Emergency Response Bret Tremblay, Benesch	Mitigation Strategies in Communities with Limited Capacity: A Case Study of Moffett, Oklahoma Austin Duggar- Freese and Nichols
11:30-12:00		Opportunities with FloodVue Kevin Heeney, WSP	Using Unique Modeling Software and a Multi-pronged Approach to Address Frequent Flooding in the Historic Muncie Bluff-Armourdale Watershed Nate Blanton and Brian Fairchild, HDR
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Buffet & Annual Business Meeting (Regency ABC)		
	Track 1- Floodplain Management Regency D	Track 1- Floodplain Management Brazilian AB	Track 3- Modeling and Mapping Brazilian CD
1:00-1:30	Communicating Floodplain Management with Local Leadership Elijah Kaufman, Nebraska DWEE	It's not that Deep: Shallow Mapping Considerations Joanna Rohlf, KDA-DWR; Maria Neeland, Benesch; Lisa Tuckwin, WSP	Enhancing Probabilistic Flood Risk Analysis and AAL Estimations Dilip Neupane, Stantec
1:30-2:00	Navigating Floodplain Management Challenges in Urbanized Areas Panel and Open Discussion	Communicating Flood Risk in Western Kansas Panel and Open Discussion	Incorporating Future Projections of Precipitation and Land Use into H&H Modeling: Practical Guidance for Flood Risk Assessments Dano Wilusz, Dewberry
2:00 - 2:30			The Multiple Paths to Implementation of Future Flood Risk Data Stephen Noe and John Covey, WSP
2:30-2:45	Conference Send-Off		
2:45-3:15	Board of Directors Meeting (Regency D)		

*Agenda Subject to Change