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Ricardo Pineda is a registered civil engineer in California and a certified floodplain manager and is the current Chair of the Association of State Floodplain Managers (ASFPM). Ricardo earned a BS in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara University in 1980 and a MSCE from California State University Sacramento in 1986. Ricardo has been a member of ASFPM for over 21 years and a CFM since 2003. Since 1980, Ricardo has worked as a civil engineer with the California Department of Water Resources (CaDWR). Ricardo has worked in the areas of civil maintenance of the State Water Project (SWP), water and power system modeling of the SWP, financial analysis of the SWP, flood hydrology and flood hydraulics, planning and construction of flood projects (with Army Corps), chief engineer for the California Reclamation Board, chief of CaDWR's Floodplain Management and FloodSAFE program management. Ricardo is currently a supervising water resources engineer. Ricardo served on the ASFPM Board as a regional director and as an advisor to the California-Nevada Floodplain Management Association. Ricardo has served as program manager for two state FPM task forces and as a member of multiple federal flood management working groups. Ricardo supported the rebuilding of the New Orleans area flood defenses after Hurricane Katrina as a commissioner on the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East. With over 39 years of service in water and flood management and work experience in New Orleans, Ricardo has the technical, leadership and policy knowledge and skills necessary to serve ASFPM members. Born and raised in Los Angeles, Ricardo has spent extensive time in Central America and is completely fluent in Spanish.

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