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Jacob Powell, P.E., CFM Named 2020 Floodplain Manager of the Year

The Texas Floodplain Manager Association recognizes

Jacob Powell, P.E., CFM for his work on Atlas 14

San Antonio, TX – The Texas Floodplain Management Association (TFMA) has recognized Pape-Dawson’s Senior Project Manager, Jacob Powell, P.E., CFM, as the 2020 Floodplain Manager of the Year for Texas. TFMA announced the award during their 2020 Virtual Summit event at the end of September.

From 2015-2020, Mr. Powell served as the Floodplain Administrator for the City of San Antonio. Through his unique approach and the creation of technical and policy stakeholder task forces, Mr. Powell effectively led the City’s efforts to adopt the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Atlas 14 precipitation data changes into the City’s code. Under his guidance, the City developed precipitation areas to represent rainfall patterns across Bexar County, providing conservative intensities for analysis and protection of the community, while maintaining continuity for land development and capital projects.

“Mr. Powell made it a point to reach out to stakeholders throughout the process so that public agencies, engineers, developers, and the community were aware of the upcoming change and how it may affect the current floodplains,” said John Johnston, P.E., CFM (Vice President, TFMA).

Mr. Powell is experienced in civil engineering design and construction management. He is co-chair of the American Society of Civil Engineers – Environmental and Water Resources Institute; Treasurer of the Construction Management Association of America, South Central Texas Chapter; and is a member of the Texas A&M - San Antonio Water Resources Science & Technology Program Advisory Group.

Mr. Powell earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering and a Master of Science in Biological and Agricultural Engineering from Texas A&M University. He is a Certified Floodplain Manager and a registered Professional Engineer in the state of Texas.

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