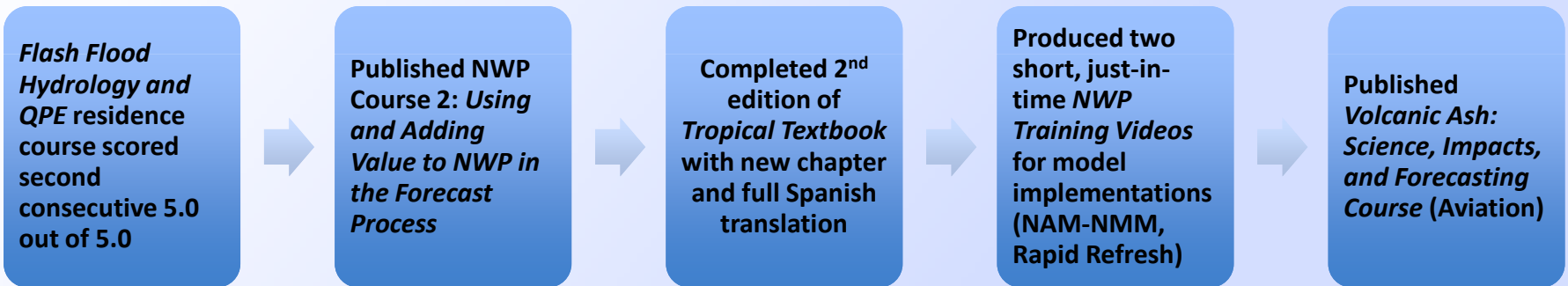


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COMET® Changes

- Dr. Tim Spangler (Director) retired January 31.
- Dr. Rich Jeffries is new Director as of 1 March 2013.
- COMET® funding model is 100% from government funding
 - 60% NOAA (NWS and NESDIS)
 - 40% Other (State Dept., MSC, Navy, EUMETSAT, WMO)
 - New Funding Model – Private Sector, Donations, More International!
- NWS has funded all COMET® administration, budget, and IT costs since inception in 1990
 - Peaked at nearly \$2M/year in FY 2009 but dropping rapidly.
 - U.S. Congress mandated National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) report on the NWS released in April. NAPA report recommends NWS Training Program budget be restored to previous levels. New NWS Director supports recommendations.