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## Preface

Welcome to the proceedings of the 2020 World Environmental and Water Resources Congress! These proceedings contain technical papers associated with the diverse set of talks, posters, and workshops presented at the American Society of Engineers' (ASCE) Environmental and Water Resources Institute's (EWRI) 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress, held in Henderson, NV, May 17-21, 2020. Engineers and scientists from around the world gather at the EWRI Congress to discuss the latest innovative research, case studies, and developing best practices in water resources and the environment.

The theme of this year's conference is, "Be Smart and Sustainable: Don't Gamble with your Infrastructure." Across the globe, infrastructure is in urgent need of investment and careful attention. ASCE's 2017 Infrastructure Report Card found the national grade for infrastructure remains near the bottom of the scale at a "D+" and estimates that an investment of over \$4.5 trillion is needed to return the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair. The ASCE Failure to Act study notes that "deteriorating infrastructure, long known to be a public safety issue, has a cascading impact on our nation's economy, impacting business productivity, gross domestic product (GDP), employment, personal income, and international competitiveness". If this investment gap is not addressed throughout the nation's infrastructure sectors by 2025, the economy is expected to lose almost \$4 trillion in GDP.

Internationally, water infrastructure is critically important to the public's health, safety and security. The ASCE Report Card rated components of water infrastructure separately, assigning America's drinking water, inland waters and dams a "D," wastewater a D+, and bridges a "C+". The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 6 focuses on ensuring availability and sustainable management of water infrastructure and sanitation for all. Compounding the state of water infrastructure are the variability and uncertainty of future changes in climate. A systems approach is needed to address these complex challenges that cross the boundaries of water, energy, health, environment and the economy. Professionals in the water and environmental fields are in the best position to find creative and practical solutions to build resilience and sustainability into the world's water infrastructure.

The 2020 EWRI Congress covers a wide range of topic areas related to drinking water, groundwater, wastewater, stormwater, waterways, and irrigation and drainage infrastructure. Many overarching themes such as sustainability, smart water, security, systems analysis, and innovative technologies will also be addressed.

Within the six (6) volumes of the proceedings, more than 160 written scientific and technical papers from nearly 850 oral and poster presentations focusing on the subject areas of various EWRI Councils are included. A list of the subject area technical tracks is included in the acknowledgements below. We hope these proceedings enhance your knowledge base and inspire you to read other publications by the same authors or on similar topics that can be found in ASCE technical journals and publications.

The collection of papers in this volume of the Proceedings of the *World Environmental and Water Resources Congress, 2020, Be Smart and Sustainable: Don't Gamble With Your Infrastructure* contains papers organized by the following EWRI Councils:

- **Desalination and Water Reuse:** Develop appropriate educational material, symposiums, webinars, and/or workshops on concentrate management in desalination and water reuse facilities; develop ASCE/EWRI guidance or guideline documents on concentrate management in desalination and water reuse and support the development of ANSI standards and/or other manuals of practice for the professional practice of concentrate management in desalination and water reuse.
- **Water, Wastewater and Stormwater Council** whose purpose is to create, organize and manage the activities of various technical committees dealing with the engineered infrastructure and its effect on the environment, particularly water resources. Attention will be focused on assessing the effects and the important interrelationships of water resources, facilities and installations and necessary environmental and public health protection measures/systems needed for the functioning and sustainability of an adequate infrastructure.
- **Symposium: Stormwater**  
**Urban Water Resources Council** whose purpose is to advance engineering knowledge and practice through stimulating and guiding research and assisting the financing thereof in the field of urban hydrology; to organize research projects; in cooperation with professional committees, to interpret the findings of research; and to make available information and recommendations resulting from such research. The content fosters the development of improved or advanced urban watershed management and best management practices.
- **Municipal Water Infrastructure Council** whose purpose is to provide a community for practical professional practice individuals to join together in developing papers, preparing products that advance the water and environmental industry and for disseminating this information to the water and environmental industry.

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