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Preface

We are excited to offer the proceedings of the 2019 World Environmental and Water Resources Congress. The proceedings include published papers from an engaging and challenging array of technical sessions, posters, and workshops at the Environmental and Water Resources Institute's (EWRI) 19th Annual Congress, held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 19-23, 2019. This conference is a leading venue for professional interaction among engineers and scientists, covering disciplines related to water and environmental resources and infrastructure.

America's infrastructure is in urgent need of attention. The 2017 American Society of Civil Engineers' Report Card for America's Infrastructure estimates that an investment of over $4.5 trillion is needed to return the nation's infrastructure to a state of good repair. Of critical importance to the public's health and safety are the needs of water focused infrastructure. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that wastewater and stormwater collection and treatment needs are $271 billion as of January 2012 and drinking water utilities needs are $472.6 billion as of March 2018. While significant, the needs are not limited to the United States alone. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), contaminated drinking water is estimated to cause 502,000 diarrheal deaths each year, and by 2025, half of the world's population will be living in water-stressed areas. Compounding the state of water infrastructure are on-going changes to the climate. Scientific evidence unequivocally indicates these changes are accelerating. While debate remains as to the causes and how best to slow, stop and/or reverse these changes, it falls to professionals in the water fields to address the challenges to rebuilding the world's water infrastructure to be more resilient and reducing direct impacts such as flooding and indirect impacts such as disruption of critical economical services.

The 2019 EWRI Congress covers a wide range of topics that attempt to provide innovative and sustainable solutions to ensure that our water and environmental infrastructure and resources will be improved and built to secure and protect them for the future. We proudly host the Congress under the auspices of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Within the six (6) volumes of the proceedings, more than 150 written scientific and technical papers from nearly 800 oral and poster presentations focusing on the subject areas of various EWRI Councils are included. A list of subject area tracks is included in the acknowledgements below. We hope these proceedings serve to enhance your knowledge and encourage you to follow up with more detailed publications by the same authors, and related papers, typically found in ASCE technical journals.

This collection contains papers organized by the following EWRI Councils:

- **Environmental Council** whose purpose is to establish a focal point and provide a forum for civil engineers and scientists to participate and exchange ideas on the full range of innovative and emerging environmental engineering topics.
- **Symposium: Groundwater (Council)** whose purpose is the dissemination of knowledge on many aspects of groundwater including groundwater hydrology, ground water planning and management, and groundwater quality.
- **Sustainability Committee (Interdisciplinary Council)** whose purpose is to promote sustainability as a central discipline of EWRI by helping coordinate and optimize sustainability initiatives throughout EWRI, and with external organizations seeking to promote a more sustainable built environment.
- **Symposium: Hydro-Climate/Climate Change (Committee)** whose purpose is to provide a formal organizational structure within ASCE/EWRI for addressing the various engineering problems that are created by hydroclimate phenomena and climate change, fostering their science-based engineering solutions.

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