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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) 20th 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:

- **Irrigation and Drainage Council** whose purpose is to promote responsible use of water resources and protection/enhancement of the environment through the development, collection and dissemination of information regarding the use and application of irrigation and drainage systems.
- **Planning and Management Council** whose purpose is to create, organize, and manage the activities of various technical committees dealing with water resources planning and management.

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A Framework for Managing Irrigation Water Requirements under Climatic Uncertainties over Beed District, Maharashtra, India

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ABSTRACT

The "water use efficiency" has become a familiar term amongst the researchers and policy makers around the globe. Water use efficiency is of paramount concern for India, as majority of population and land use are dedicated to agriculture. This paper presents a framework for assessing the water demand and irrigation requirements over Beed District (Maharashtra, India), which is notorious for frequent droughts and a very high number of farmer suicides. In this study, standardized precipitation index (SPI) was used to characterize the historical droughts over the district using the long-term rainfall records. Remotely sensed land use maps were obtained and detailed classification was carried out. Additionally, the crop water requirement over the area was estimated by CropWat 8.0 model. From the ground truth verification, it was concluded that the framework is fairly capable in estimating the agricultural water demand over the district. The results were validated for the year 1972, when the district faced a severe water deficit condition. The irrigation network in Maharashtra is ineffectual despite of having highest number of dams in the country. The proposed framework will help to boost the efficiency of agricultural water use and thus, effective planning and management of available water.

Keywords: Water use efficiency, SPI, CropWat, Beed district, Marathwada, Irrigation water requirements.

INTRODUCTION

With the increasing world's population, the additional food required to feed future generations will put further enormous pressure on freshwater resources. This is because agriculture is the largest single user of fresh water, accounting for over 75% of current human water use (Wallace 2000). Hence, proper management of available water has become necessary. This has become a serious issue under climate change. The droughts have become more sever and frequent in past few decades over the whole world (Mishra and Singh 2010; Amrit et al. 2017). For a country like India, this is a crucial issue as our country is having an agro-based economy, which largely depends on rainfall due to monsoon (Swain et al. 2017a; Aadhar et al. 2019; Dayal et al. 2019). Thus any change in that phase of a year may ruin the agricultural