

Date:	5/30/21
Committee Name:	Environment & Sustainability
Report completed by:	John P. Osterle, PE - Chairman
Member count:	13

**Recent/Past Accomplishments:**

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- Charter updated and posted to the USSD web site.

**What are the committee’s priorities during the next three to six months?**

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- Revise and re-submit the Position Statements on Planning & Permitting of Water Storage and Principles of Sustainability for Dam, Reservoir, and Levee Systems. In 2020, the Board chose not to endorse both Position Statements as submitted in 2019.
- Continue to explore opportunities for sponsoring workshops for 2022
  - Dam removal/dam decommissioning (see additional information below under Workshop)
  - Other topics to be developed during upcoming meeting
- Identify a new Vice Chair and new YP Vice Chair
- Continue to reach out to interested members and non-members

**Committee White Paper/Guideline Status:**

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- Nothing currently in development but will be explored during our upcoming meeting

**Is the Committee Planning a Workshop?**

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- Yes, we have begun preliminary planning activities related to holding a joint workshop with the Dam Decommissioning and possibly another interested committee. The proposed schedule for this Workshop is October 2022 as part of the Fall Workshop Series. The theme of the workshop would be how to address aging dams – rehabilitate or removal. The focus of the workshop will be the issues that dam Owners need to consider when faced with the decision to remove or rehabilitate aging dams and how sustainability factors into the decision process.

**Items for Board consideration at the Next Board Meeting:**

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- No current items for the Board’s consideration