

BOARD REPORT

Committee Name:	Environment & Sustainability Committee
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Committee Mission/Purpose

The Committee on the Environment & Sustainability fosters discussion and advocates for continuous improvement in the planning, design and construction of dams and levees to enhance their performance as environmentally, socially, and financially sustainable water resource and hydropower systems.

2021 Goals/Accomplishments

- Identified a new Young Professional Vice Chairman, Usayd Casewit.
- Continued to explore opportunities for sponsoring a workshop for 2022/2023. Our primary focus is to sponsor a workshop titled “Aging dams – Rehabilitate or Removal”. This workshop will require a partnership with another committee (probably dam de-commissioning) and possibly representatives from other organizations such as The Nature Conservancy and American Rivers.
- Developed draft revised Position Statements on Planning & Permitting of Water Storage and Principles of Sustainability for Dam, Reservoir, and Levee Systems.

2022 Goals

- Prepare final Position Statement on Planning & Permitting of Water Storage
- Prepare final Position Statement on Principles of Sustainability for Dam, Reservoir, and Levee Systems
- Submit both Position Statements to the Board for approval
- If required, address Board comments and submit final Position Statements to the Board
- Successfully plan a workshop for 2022/2023.
- Increase committee members and participation

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What do you need to accomplish your 2022 goals?

- **Board review, comments, and further guidance, if necessary, on revised Position Statements**
 - **Support for our proposed 2022/2023 Workshop**
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