



**39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CONFERENCE AND  
EXHIBITION**

**April 8-11, 2019  
Hilton Chicago  
Chicago, IL**

**SECOND CITY, SECOND CHANCES:  
STORIES OF REHABILITATION,  
MODIFICATION AND REVITALIZATION**

# **CONFERENCE GUIDE**

## Table of Contents

Our Sponsors.....	3
Awards and Recognitions.....	4
Conference Highlights.....	6
5K FUNds Run/Walk.....	5
Exhibition .....	6
Program .....	7

## Conference Local Host



**Planning Committee Chair**  
**Rachael Bisnett, Stantec**

## Save the Date

**April 20-24, 2020**  
**Denver, Colorado**

**Call for Papers: Mid-May 2019**

**Technical Program Chair:**  
**Elena Sossenkina, HDR**

## Important Information

### Conference App

The AttendeeHub is your place to easily plan out your conference experience, network with other attendees, and learn more about speakers, sponsors and exhibitors.

### Conference Proceedings

<http://ussd2019.conferencespot.org>

Here you'll find abstracts, final papers, author bio-sketches, links to exhibitors and sponsors and more.

### STEM Donations

Your STEM donation supports the Young Women's Leadership Charter School in Chicago. The school has an enrollment of 150 students, of which 90% are on the free or reduced lunch program; 33% are special education students. The school is focused on STEM education and works to get all students ready and accepted to college. To learn more: <https://ywllcs.org>.



**President**  
**Dean Durkee**  
**Gannett Fleming**



**Vice President**  
**Denise Bunte-Bisnett**  
**Santee Cooper**



**Secretary-Treasurer**  
**Stuart Harris**  
**TVA**



**Executive Director**  
**Sharon Powers**



United States Society on Dams  
9975 Wadsworth Parkway,  
Suite K-2, 145  
Westminster, CO 80021  
[info@ussdams.org](mailto:info@ussdams.org)  
Phone: 303-792-8753  
Fax: 303-792-8782  
[www.ussdams.org](http://www.ussdams.org)

### USSD Code of Conduct/Anti-Harassment Policy

*The U.S. Society on Dams is committed to providing its employees, directors, officers, volunteers, members, contractors and event participants with an environment that is free from harassment, in any form.*

*USSD will not tolerate any form of harassment of or by an individual. Any person guilty of such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include loss of employment or contract, revocation of membership and/or immediate expulsion from the USSD-sponsored event.*

*The policy can be read in its entirety at [www.ussdams.org/about/governance/](http://www.ussdams.org/about/governance/).*

## Sponsors

### Platinum



Closing Party at the Crystal Gardens

### Gold



Conference Bags



Kickoff Reception



Conference Lanyards

### Silver



YP Luncheon



Wednesday Breaks



YP Networking Social



Tuesday Breaks

### Bronze



Poster Session





The Bureau of Reclamation has several mid-level civil engineering positions that it is looking to fill in its Waterways and Concrete Dams Groups at the Technical Service Center in Denver, Colorado. By working for the Bureau of Reclamation you will become part of the world-recognized center of technical excellence in dam engineering and related water resources.

The Waterways and Concrete Dams Groups are responsible for developing solutions to a wide variety of engineering problems involving both structural and hydraulic analyses, evaluations, and designs of major concrete dams, spillways, outlet works and other appurtenant features associated with both concrete and embankment dams.

Structural analyses and evaluations can vary from use of simple traditional methods to significantly more complex studies that include development of two- or three-dimensional non-linear finite element models. Responsibilities also include hydraulic assessments for new and existing spillways and outlet works features such as performing reservoir flood routings, developing water surface profiles for spillways, designing energy dissipation structures and development of diversion concepts.

Project work is prioritized using risk analysis techniques through development of potential failure modes. Dams identified for dam safety modifications require development of detailed design plans and specifications using software such as ACAD, Civil 3D, and Revit.

Engineering support during construction activities provides engineers the opportunity to foster projects from conceptual design through construction.

Applications are currently being accepted through the USAJobs web site using the following links:

Civil Engineer, GS-0810-11  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/526156700>

Civil Engineer, GS-0810-12  
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/526158800>

## Lifetime Achievement

**David E. Kleiner** has 56 years of experience in hydropower, dams and water resources projects and has participated as project manager and lead geotechnical engineer in a broad mix of assignments with Harza and MWH. He has supported more than 75 large hydropower and dam projects in more than 25 countries. He has been an active member of USSD and ICOLD for many years, and served as Vice President for USSD.

## Excellence in the Constructed Project

**Calaveras Dam Replacement Project** restores the Calaveras Reservoir to full capacity, previously restricted to 40%. The New Calaveras Dam is a zoned earth and rockfill dam with a structural height of 220 feet and a crest length of 1,210 feet. **Owner:** San Francisco Public Utilities Commission. **Design Consultant:** AECOM. **Construction Management Consultant:** Black & Veatch. **Contractor (JV):** Dragados USA, Flatiron West Inc., Sukut Construction.

## Public Safety and Security for Dams Recognition

**Frank Calcagno** is a senior security advisor/engineering geologist for Gannett Fleming. He has 36 years of Federal dam safety and security experience with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Bureau of Reclamation.

## Scholarship Finalists

**Jack Cadigan**, Louisiana State University, *Design Trends and Guidance for Substratum Pressure Relief Wells for Dams and Levees Using Computational Methods*

**Amy Getchell**, Purdue University, *Alternative Use of Synthetic Nanoclay for Permeation Grouting in Dam and Levee Engineering*

**Michael Kiernan**, Auburn University, *Improving Methods to Evaluate the Effect of Strain-Softening Clays on the Stability of Dams*

**Tyler Oathes**, University of California, Davis, *Implementing the Effect of Strain-Rate on Strain-Softening Clays into Nonlinear Dynamic Analyses*



Run, walk, or be a virtual runner and sleep in. The 5th Annual 5k FUNds Run will take place in Grant Park on Wednesday, April 10th. Net proceeds benefit the USSD Scholarship Program. The event will begin at 6:30 am on a scenic course that begins and ends in Grant Park, across the street from the Chicago Hilton. Stop by the 5K registration desk in the Lower Level Lobby on Tuesday to receive your bib and/or register for the run.

Race registration is \$40 until March 27th; \$50 after March 27th.

## Partners in Education

The following contributed at least \$350 to support the USSD Scholarship Program (as of March 24)

ACF  
AECOM  
ASI Group  
Ballard Marine  
Construction  
Barnard  
Construction  
Bechtel  
BenCor  
Bisnett Family  
Black & Veatch  
Brayman  
Construction  
Brookfield Renewable  
Byers Group  
Canary Systems  
CEATI

Council Oak  
Resources, LLC  
Crux Subsurface  
D'Appolonia  
Flow Science  
Freese and Nichols  
Gannett Fleming  
GEI Consultants, Inc.  
GENTERRA  
Geokon  
Geosyntec  
Consultants, Inc.  
Golder  
Hatch  
HDR  
KC Construction  
Kleinschmidt

Knight Piesold  
McMillen Jacobs  
Associates  
Mead & Hunt  
Measurand  
OBG  
Phillips & Jordan  
Schnabel Engineering  
Stantec  
TREVILCOS  
WEST Consultants  
Wood Group/Amec  
Foster Wheeler  
Worthington Products  
W.W. Wheeler



# Exhibition



## Exhibit Hall Highlights

- Networking opportunities during breaks, lunches and receptions
- Poster Session in the USSD Pavilion 3:30 - 6 pm on Tuesday
- Earn points and win prizes with the new USSD Gamification
- Meet colleagues and recharge your devices in the USSD Pavilion
- Four recharge stations in Salon C (lower part of map)

- |      |   |      |                                    |
|------|---|------|------------------------------------|
| 904  | AECOM   | 205  | Hydro Component Systems            |
| 1108 | Alpine Rockwell                                 | 521  | hydroGEOPHYSICS                    |
| 920  | Arcadis   | 212  | Hydroplus, Inc.                    |
| 214  | ASI Construction LLC                            | 218  | Keller: Hayward Baker & Bencor     |
| 915  | ASI Marine                                      | 412  | Kleinschmidt Associates            |
| 519  | Associated Underwater Services                  | 513  | Knight Construction & Supply, Inc. |
| 1012 | Axter Colentanche Inc.                          | 222  | Measurand                          |
| 907  | Ballard Marine Construction                     | 1114 | Mecan-Hydro                        |
| 115  | Barnard Construction                            | 320  | Nicholson Construction             |
| 520  | Barr Engineering Co.                            | 221  | OBG                                |
| 917  | Bauer Foundation Corp.                          | 116  | Olson Engineering, Inc.            |
| 911  | Black & Veatch                                  | 810  | OneRain Incorporated               |
| 223  | Brayman Construction Corporation                | 102  | Pacific Netting Products           |
| 913  | Bureau of Reclamation                           | 808  | Phillips & Jordan                  |
| 219  | Campbell Scientific                             | 1009 | Plaxis Americas LLC                |
| 814  | ICOLD 2019                                      | 919  | Quake Wrap                         |
| 512  | Canary Systems, Inc.                            | 322  | RIZZO International, Inc.          |
| 422  | Carpi USA, Inc.                                 | 916  | Rocscience                         |
| 518  | Cascade Drilling                                | 517  | RST Instruments Ltd.               |
| 515  | CDM Smith                                       | 418  | Sage Engineers, Inc.               |
| 1015 | CMI Limited Co.                                 | 213  | Schnabel Engineering               |
| 816  | Collier Geophysics                              | 220  | Sensemetrics                       |
| 420  | ConeTec   | 1013 | SIXENSE INC.                       |
| 1008 | Contech Engineered Solutions                    | 413  | SNC Lavalin                        |
| 1010 | DeWind One Pass Trenching LLC                   | 1000 | Stantec                            |
| 1104 | Emagineered Solutions                           | 416  | Tetra Tech                         |
| 914  | FEMA National Dam Safety Program                | 1001 | The Reinforced Earth Company       |
| 514  | Flow Science                                    | 909  | Traylor SRG LLC                    |
| 1102 | Freese and Nichols, Inc.                        | 1111 | Underwater Acoustics International |
| 1116 | Foth/CLE Engineering                            | 912  | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers       |
| 1001 | Gannett Fleming                                 | 1110 | VideoRay                           |
| 804  | GEI Consultants, Inc.                           | 1109 | WALO USA                           |
| 522  | Geocomp   | 812  | Watershed Geo                      |
| 217  | Geokon, Inc.                                    | 1106 | WEST Consultants, Inc.             |
| 419  | GEOSLOPE International                          | 918  | Willowstick Technologies           |
| 417  | Geosyntec Consultants                           | 910  | Wood                               |
| 1007 | Global Diving & Salvage                         | 204  | Worthington Products               |
| 119  | Golder  |      |                                    |
| 516  | Great Lakes Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC |      |                                    |
| 112  | Griffin Dewatering                              |      |                                    |
| 114  | GZA   |      |                                    |
| 1112 | Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc.              |      |                                    |
| 903  | HDR   |      |                                    |

# Program

## Sunday, April 7

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Hilton Lower Level
-------------------	------------------------	--------------------

## Monday, April 8

7:30 am - 7:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Hilton Lower Level
8:30 am - 12:00 noon	Conference Opening Session Recognition of Outgoing Board Members and Committee Chairs Legacy Lecture Series: Dr. Donald Bruce, President of Geosystems, L.P.	Boulevard ABC
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Committee Meetings Session 1	Various
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	Various
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Committee Meetings Session 2	Various
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Kickoff Reception and Exhibition Opening	Salon CD, Lower Level

## Tuesday, April 9

7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Registration Desk Open	Hilton Lower Level
8:30 am - 10:15 am	Plenary Session I — Engineering in the Second City Moderator — Rachael Bisnett, Stantec Welcome and Introductions, Dean Durkee, USSD President, Gannett Fleming, Inc. Welcome from the Conference Local Host, FERC Chicago Flood Relief from Chicago's TARP System, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago USACE Electric Fish Barrier — Protecting the Great Lakes, Chuck Shea, USACE Chicago District History of the Chicago Hilton, Kevin Griebenow, FERC Chicago Development of Chicago's Skyline through Foundation Engineering, Bill Walton, GEI Award Presentations *Excellence in the Constructed Project *Public Safety and Security for Dams Recognition *Lifetime Achievement	Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor
10:15 am - 10:45 am	Break in Exhibit Hall	Salon CD, Lower Level
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Concurrent Technical Sessions Track 1 1A Advocacy 1B Scholarship Finalist Presentations 1C Concrete I 1D Dam Safety I 1E Construction (General)	Salon A, Lower Level A2 A4 A1 A3 A5
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch in Exhibit Hall	Salon CD, Lower Level
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Concurrent Technical Sessions Track 2 2A Embankment Dams I 2B Earthquakes (Concrete) 2C Conference Theme I 2D H&H (Hydraulics) 2E Construction (Rehabilitation)	Salon A, Lower Level A2 A4 A1 A3 A5
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Break in Exhibit Hall	Salon CD, Lower Level
3:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Poster Session in USSD Pavilion	Salon CD, Lower Level
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Committee Meetings Session 3	Various
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Reception in Exhibit Hall	Salon CD, Lower Level
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm	Young Professional and First-Time Attendee Networking Social	Buddy Guy's Legends, 700 South Wabash

# Program

## Wednesday, April 10

7:00 am - 5:00pm	<b>Registration Desk Open</b>	<i>Hilton Lower Level</i>
8:30 am - 10:15 am	<b>Plenary Session II — Dam History and Future Trends</b> <b>Moderator</b> — Rachael Bisnett, Stantec <b>USSD Historical Milestones</b> , Keith Ferguson, HDR <b>30+ Years of Dam Rehabilitation in the United States</b> , Greg Paxson and Brian Toombs, Schnabel Engineering; Elena Sossenkina, HDR; Nate Snorteland and Rebecca Ragon, USACE; and Stephanie Williams, HDR <b>Australian Perspective on Risk Informed Decision Making in the Context of a Regulatory Framework</b> , Shane McGrath, ANCOLD Chairman <b>United States Regulatory Future</b> , Commissioner Cheryl A. LaFleur, FERC <b>Award Presentations</b> *USSD Scholarships *President's Award	<i>Grand Ballroom, 2nd Floor</i>
10:15 am - 10:45 am	<b>Break in Exhibit Hall</b>	<i>Salon CD, Lower Level</i>
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<b>Concurrent Technical Sessions Track 3</b> <b>3A Embankment Dams II</b> <b>3B Environment/Decommissioning</b> <b>3C Public Safety, Security and Emergency Management</b> <b>3D Dam Safety II</b> <b>3E Conference Theme II</b>	<i>Salon A, Lower Level</i> <b>A2</b> <b>A4</b> <b>A1</b> <b>A3</b> <b>A5</b>
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch in Exhibit Hall</b>	<i>Salon CD, Lower Level</i>
12:15 pm - 1:30 pm	<b>Young Professional Mentoring Luncheon (pre-registration required)</b>	<i>Grand Ballroom</i>
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm	<b>Concurrent Technical Sessions Track 4</b> <b>4A Concrete II</b> <b>4B Earthquakes (Embankments)</b> <b>4C Conference Theme III</b> <b>4D H&amp;H (Hydrology)</b> <b>4E Construction (Seepage)</b>	<i>Salon A, Lower Level</i> <b>A2</b> <b>A4</b> <b>A1</b> <b>A3</b> <b>A5</b>
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Break in Exhibit Hall</b>	<i>Salon CD, Lower Level</i>
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Concurrent Technical Sessions Track 5</b> <b>5A Levees</b> <b>5B Monitoring</b> <b>5C Dam Safety III</b>	<i>Salon A, Lower Level</i> <b>A2</b> <b>A4</b> <b>A1</b>
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>USACE TownHall Meeting</b>	<i>Salon A3, Lower Level</i>
6:30 pm - 9:30 pm	<b>Closing Party (ticketed)</b>	<i>The Crystal Gardens</i>

## Thursday, April 11

7:30 am - 1:00 pm	<b>Workshop Registration</b>	<i>Salon A, Lower Level</i>
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>TARP Project Field Tour (extra fee)</b>	
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>Workshop 1: Flood Consequence Estimation with HEC-LifeSim</b>	<b>A1</b>
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>Workshop 2: Introducing ICOLD Bulletin 177 on RCC</b>	<b>A3</b>
8:00 am - 12:00 noon	<b>Workshop 3: Threshold and Action Levels</b>	<b>A5</b>
11:30 am - 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	<i>Salon A, Lower Level</i>
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>TARP Project Field Tour (extra fee)</b>	
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Workshop 1: Flood Consequence Estimation with HEC-LifeSim (continued)</b>	<b>A1</b>
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	<b>Workshop 4: Seismic Evaluation of Concrete Dams</b>	<b>A3</b>
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm	<b>Workshop 5: Emergency Communication Primer</b>	<b>A5</b>



## 1A: Advocacy

### Room: Salon A2

Moderators: Yulia Zakrevskaya, Stantec; and Keith Ferguson, HDR

#### Dam and Levee Safety Leaders Library

Lee Mauney, Bureau of Indian Affairs

#### Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Dam Safety Technical Assistance Program

Molly Finster, Argonne National Laboratory  
 Preston Wilson, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
 Lesley Edgemon, Argonne National Laboratory  
 Kyle Pfeiffer, Argonne National Laboratory;

#### Rehabilitation of High Hazard dams - FEMA Grants to Non-Federal Sponsors

Edward Beadenkopf, Atkins - a member of the SNC Lavalin Group  
 James Demby, Federal Emergency Management Agency  
 Jon Keeling, Stantec

#### Practical Retrofit at Low-Head Dams to Reduce Drowning

Rollin Hotchkiss, Brigham Young University  
 Ronald McGhin, Kiewit Engineering Group, Inc.

## 1B: Scholarship

### Finalist Presentations

#### Room: Salon A4

Moderators: Tina (Stanard) McMartin, Freese and Nichols, Inc.; and Stuart Harris, TVA

#### Design Trends and Guidance for Substratum Pressure Relief Wells for Dams and Levees Using Computational Methods

Jack Kadigan, Louisiana State University

#### Alternative Use of Synthetic Nanoclay for Permeation Grouting in Dam and Levee Engineering

Amy Getchell, Purdue University

#### Improving Methods to Evaluate the Effect of Strain-Softening Clays on the Stability of Dams

Michael Kiernan, Auburn University

#### Implementing the Effect of Strain-Rate on Strain-Softening Clays into Nonlinear Dynamic Analyses

Tyler Oathes, University of California, Davis

## 1C: Concrete I

### Room: Salon A1

Moderators: Hillery Venturini and Jerzy Salamon, Bureau of Reclamation; and David Queen and Soheil Razavi Darbar, BC Hydro

#### A Novel Approach for Characterizing Shear Strength of Mass Concrete Lift Joints: Experimental Procedure and Empirical Model

Jeff Yathon, BC Hydro  
 Samita Chakrabarti, BC Hydro  
 Osmar Penner, BC Hydro  
 Evan Lindenbach, Bureau of Reclamation  
 Brent Bergman, BC Hydro  
 Soheil Razavi-Darbar, BC Hydro

#### Seismic Input and Topographic Effects: A Rigorous Approach to Simulating 3D Dam-Foundation Interaction in LS-DYNA

Mina Shahbazi, BC Hydro  
 Osmar Penner, BC Hydro  
 Brent Bergman, BC Hydro

#### Design and Construction of Seismic and Reliability Upgrades of Ruskin Dam

Saman Vazinkhoo, BC Hydro  
 David Queen, BC Hydro  
 David Lautner, BC Hydro  
 Minjin Luo, BC Hydro

#### Best Practices for Seismic Response Analysis of Concrete Dams: A Proposed Industry Guideline

Osmar Penner, BC Hydro  
 Brent Bergman, BC Hydro  
 Jeff Yathon, BC Hydro

## 1D: Dam Safety I

### Room: Salon A3

Moderators: Emily Schwartz, Black & Veatch; and Miguel Rocha, Bureau of Reclamation

#### How to Make a Business Case to Justify Dam Safety Improvements?

Ali Reza Firoozfar, HDR  
 Keith Moen, HDR  
 Adam Jones, HDR

#### Decision Making in Dam Engineering

Daniel Osmun, HDR  
 William Fiedler, HDR

#### Pilot Study for Dam Safety Considerations Related to Low Failure Probability High Consequence Facilities

Dom Galic, Bureau of Reclamation  
 Miguel Rocha, Bureau of Reclamation

#### Safety Culture - What it Is and How it Will Help Improve Dam Safety

Ahmad Faramarzi, Analysis Planning and Management Institute, Inc.  
 Charles Hutton, Hutton Consulting  
 Miguel Rocha, Bureau of Reclamation

## 1E: Construction (General)

### Room: Salon A5

Moderators: Jared Williams, Great Lakes E&I; and Susan Hou, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

#### Revitalization of the Kentucky River System

Benjamin Webster, Stantec

#### Calaveras Dam Replacement Project: From Conception in 2003 to Reality in 2018

Michael Forrest, AECOM  
 Erik Newman, AECOM  
 Susan Hou, SFPUC  
 John Roadifer, AECOM  
 Tedman Lee, SFPUC  
 Daniel Wade, SFPUC

#### Calaveras Dam Replacement Project - Challenges of Constructing the Second Dam

Jim McClain, Black & Veatch  
 Susan Hou, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
 Manuel Morejon, Dragados USA, Inc.

#### Underpinning Prairie: Micropiles Support Prairie Du Sac Dam — Part One

Brian D. Barkauskas, Nicholson Construction  
 Joshua Timmreck, Nicholson Construction  
 Alexander Sherman, Nicholson Construction

## In the Exhibit Hall

**\*Discover the latest in products and services from top industry exhibitors**

**\*Networking opportunities abound during breaks, lunches, and receptions**

**\*Conference attendees can earn points and win prizes with the new USSD Gamification**

**\*Exhibitors will compete for 'Best in Show' awards**

**\*USSD Pavilion is the place to meet colleagues and recharge your devices**

**\*Poster Session in the USSD Pavilion, Tuesday 3:30 - 6 pm**

## 2A: Embankment Dams I

### Room: Salon A2

Moderators: Justin Stoeber, AECOM; and Gabriel Martinez, Stantec

#### Seepage-Induced Internal Instability Testing for Dam Safety Assessments

Paul Slangen, Geosyntec  
 Jonathan Fannin, University of British Columbia

#### Comparison of Methodologies for Preliminarily Evaluating Internal Erosion of Earthen Embankment Dams

Clinton Carlson, Geosyntec  
 Wesley MacDonald, Geosyntec  
 Glenn Rix, Geosyntec  
 Lucas DeMelo, Geosyntec  
 Caleb Douglas, TVA

#### Numerical Approach to Modeling Internal Erosion in Embankment Dams and Levees

Biswajit Dasgupta, Southwest Research Institute  
 Gordon Wittmayer, Southwest Research Institute  
 Goodluck Ofoegbu, GNO Modeling Research

#### Study of Embankment Cracking for Small Dams

Ana Avendano, Universidad Nacional de Colombia  
 Guillermo Ávila, Universidad Nacional de Colombia

#### Selection Factors and Performance of Overtopping Protection Alternatives

Jeremy Young, Schnabel Engineering  
 Thomas Hepler, Schnabel Engineering

## 2B: Earthquakes (Concrete)

### Room: Salon A4

Moderators: Melanie Walling; GeoEngineers; and Mark Schultz, USACE

#### Vector-Hazard Approach for Liquefaction Assessment

Melanie Walling, GeoEngineers

#### Developing Design Ground Motions for the Expansion of Gross Reservoir

Christine Weber, Stantec  
 Dina Hunt, Gannett Fleming

#### State-of-the-Art Dam-Foundation Interaction Procedure for Non-linear Arch Dam Analysis

Gurinderbir Singh Sooch, Hatch  
 Dan Curtis, Hatch

#### Crossvalley Performance of Piers

Iman Ghorbani, Hatch  
 James Rutherford, Hatch  
 John Werner, Hatch  
 Max Mantola, Hatch  
 John Stanton, University of Washington

#### Comparing Simplified Added Mass and Advanced Numerical Methods for Evaluating Hydrodynamic Effects on Free-Standing Intake Towers

Harpreet Hansra, DRW, Division of Safety of Dams  
 Vojislav Cvijanovic, California DRW, Division of Safety of Dams  
 Ian Maki, DRW, Division of Safety of Dam

## 2C: Conference Theme I

### Room: Salon A1

Moderators: Darrin Harris, Black & Veatch; and Bob Eichinger, Stantec

#### Santee Cooper Upstream Slope Protection Project – An Owner's Perspective

Denise Bunte-Bisnett, Santee Cooper  
 John Osterle, WSP

#### Extreme Repurposing: from Guard Wall to Cofferdam at Monongahela River Locks and Dam No. 4

Timothy Hampshire, DLZ National, Inc.

#### Evaluation and Stabilization of Steep Rock Slopes to Mitigate Rockfall Hazard during Construction

Erik Newman, AECOM  
 Holly Nichols, California DWR  
 Jennifer Dean, California DWR  
 Nicholas Hightower, California DWR  
 Andrew Tate, California DWR  
 Jennifer Bauer, Appalachian Landslide Consultants

#### Roller Compacted Concrete Placed with a High Density Paver for Use as a Flood Barrier - Application to TVA Dam

Husein Hasan, TVA  
 Quincy Anderson, Barnard Construction Company, Inc.  
 Aaron Nottis, TVA

#### Cedar Rapids, Iowa - A Second Chance for a Flooded City

Matthew Redington, HDR  
 Michael Butterfield, HDR

## 2D: H&H (Hydraulics)

### Room: Salon A3

Moderators: Brian Crookston, Utah State University; and Steve Barfuss, Utah State University

#### Performance of a Wire Rope Hoist Leaf Gate during Emergency Closure (Unbalanced Loading)

Nathan Cox, McMillen Jacobs Associates  
 Ethan Thompson, USACE

#### Physical Model of Morning Glory Spillway and Reservoir Debris Interaction

Kent Walker, Bureau of Reclamation

#### Using Stochastic Modeling to Assess Operational Risk at Center Hill Dam

Jim Garner, USACE  
 David Bogema, USACE

## 2E: Construction (Rehabilitation)

### Room: Salon A5

Moderators: Masood Kafash, AECOM; and Scott Korab, Ballard Marine Construction

#### Nepal Dam Mitigates Impacts of GLOF Hazard On Downstream Communities

Michael Bruen, Stantec  
 Zbigniew Matus, Stantec  
 Bikram Sthapit, Bhote Koshi Power Corporation

#### Upgrades for a Second Century at Duke Energy's Bridgewater Hydroelectric Project

Brian Reinicker, HDR  
 Brian Chrisman, HDR  
 Brad Keaton, Duke Energy  
 Jon Wise, Duke Energy  
 David Gerlach, HDR

#### Buckeye Lake Dam Remediation: Unique Design & Construction at a Unique Structure

Boyd Howard, Gannett Fleming, Inc.  
 Robert Kline, Gannett Fleming, Inc.  
 Daniel Stare, Gannett Fleming, Inc.  
 James Hilovsky, Ohio Department of Natural Resources

#### From Ideal to Unconventional: Case Study of the Atoka Dam and Spillway Rehabilitation

Brad Kirksey, Freese & Nichols, Inc.  
 John Rutledge, Freese & Nichols, Inc.  
 Nicole Wiesner, Freese & Nichols, Inc.  
 Larry Hare, Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust  
 Andrew Mishler, Oklahoma City Water Utilities Trust

#### A Rehabilitated Outlet for St. Charles No. 2

Micah Smidt, RJH Consultants, Inc.  
 Michael Graber, RJH Consultants, Inc.  
 Eric Hahn, RJH Consultants, Inc.

## Tuesday, April 9 ■ 3:30 pm to 6:00pm POSTER SESSION

### On the Probabilistic Nonlinear Seismic Analysis of Concrete Arch Dams

Omid Abdi, Arup  
Mohammad Amin Hariri Ardebili,  
University of Colorado Boulder

### Seismic Earth-Dam Damage Identification

Richard Armstrong, CSU, Sacramento  
Tadahiro Kishida, Khalifa University, UAE  
Dongsoo Park, K-water, South Korea

### Design and Construction of Dam Rehabilitation with Weighted Filter Overlay

Doug Carr, AECOM  
Gabe Lang, AECOM

### Designing from Inside the Box: Developing an Innovative Temporary Closure Structure for Two USACE Dams with Numerous Design Constraints

Miroslav Kurka, Mead & Hunt, Inc.  
Jeffrey Anderson, Mead & Hunt, Inc.

### Increasing the Resiliency and Reducing the Carbon Footprint of Earthen Flood Defense Structures with High Performance Turf Reinforcement Mat Reinforced Vegetation

Drew Loizeaux, Propex Operating Company  
Randy Thompson, Propex Operating Company

### Seismic Fragility Relationships for Embankment Dams from Empirical Performance Data

Glenn Rix, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.  
Lynnae Luetlich, Georgia Institute of Technology  
Chris Hunt, Geosyntec Consultants, Inc.

### Design Details – Concrete Chute Spillways

Paul Rizzo, RIZZO International, Inc.

### Effects of Gate-Wall Interaction on Spillway Tainter Gates

Anurag Singhal, HDR

### A Numerical Study of the Effect of Hysteresis on Transient Seepage Flow

Fred Tracy, Engineer Research and Development Center  
Maureen Corcoran, Engineer Research and Development Center

### Three-Dimensional Finite Element Analysis of Levee Through Seepage Considering End-Around Effects

Joseph Weber, Loyola Marymount University  
Robert Jaeger, GEI Consultants, Inc.  
Mark Stanley, HDR  
Page Hval, Loyola Marymount University

## Wednesday, April 10 ■ 10:45am to 12:15 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS TRACK 3

### 3A: Embankment Dams II

#### Room: Salon A2

Moderators: Clinton Carlson, Geosyntec Consultants; and Chris Krage, GEI Consultants

### 3B: Environment/Decommissioning

#### Room: Salon A4

Moderators: Ali Reza Firoozfar, HDR; and Glen DeWillie, Kleinschmidt Group

### 3C: Public Safety, Security and Emergency Management

#### Room: Salon A1

Moderators: Megan Puncke, Black & Veatch; and Stewart Vaghti, Gannett Fleming

### 3D: Dam Safety II

#### Room: Salon A3

Moderators: Bruce R. Rogers, USACE; and Rafael Prieto, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

### 3E: Conference Theme II

#### Room: Salon A5

Moderators: Seth Krause, WSP; and Andrew Verity, Terracon Consultants

### Numerical Evaluation of Strain-Rate Effects on Strain-Softening and Localization in Saturated Clays

Tyler Oathes, University of California, Davis  
Ross Boulanger, University of California, Davis

### Weak Rock Foundation Characterization From Laboratory Cyclic Testing

Evan Lindenbach, Bureau of Reclamation  
Richard Bearce, Bureau of Reclamation

### Determination of Material Properties for a Fine-grained Embankment Foundation Layer

Robert Rinehart, Bureau of Reclamation  
Peter Irey, Bureau of Reclamation

### Evaluation of Earthquake-Induced Cracking of Embankment Dams

Lelio Mejia, Geosyntec Consultants  
Ethan Dawson, AECOM

### Hydraulic Modeling of a Nature-Like Fishway using 2-Dimensional HEC-RAS

Michael Hross, Kleinschmidt  
Jennifer Jones, Kleinschmidt  
Chris Goodell, Kleinschmidt  
Trevor Lykens, Kleinschmidt  
Jose Zayas, Cube Hydro Partners, LLC

### Retrofitting Fish Passes at Dams and Weirs: International Best Practice, Current Research and Foreseeable Developments

Marq Redeker, CDM Smith

### Dam Decommissioning in Mississippi: Maintain It or Drain It

Johnathon Atkins, MS DEQ

### Dam Removal Allows Boardman River to Reclaim Natural Alignment

Craig Seger, Contech Engineered Solutions  
Dan DeVau, AECOM

### Making an Entrance - Security Upgrades at the Entrance to Boundary Hydroelectric Project

Brandon Vavrek, Seattle City Light  
Jon Gray, Seattle City Light

### Public Safety - Emergency Management in a Crisis

William Foos, Gannett Fleming  
Matthew Balven, Gannett Fleming

### CFD Modelling to Evaluate and Improve Public Safety Around Dams

Benjamin Israel Devadason, Gannett Fleming, Inc.  
Paul Schweiger, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

### Hazard and Biodynamic Responses for Evaluation of Public Safety at Dams and Spillways

Brian Crookston, Utah State University  
Steven Barfuss, Utah Water Research Laboratory

### Evaluation of Hydrological and Geological Hazards to Support PFMA of Large High Hazard Dams

M. Logan Cline, RIZZO  
Cagri Cinkilic, RIZZO  
Tom Edwards, RIZZO  
Priyanka Jain, East Bay Municipal Utility District  
Doug Raszewski, RIZZO  
Joe Tam, East Bay MUD

### Evaluating Human Consequences of Dam-Break Floods Using DSS-WISE™ HCOM Module

Mustafa Altinakar, U. Mississippi  
Marcus McGrath, U. Mississippi  
Vijay Ramalingam, U. Mississippi  
Kyle Burke Pfeiffer, Argonne National Laboratory  
James E. Demby, FEMA  
Gokhan Inci, FEMA

### Predicting High Dam Flood Discharge-Induced Ground Vibrations with Improved Stochastic Transfer Functions

Yan Zhang, China Institute of Water Resources and Hydropower Research  
Guoxin Zhang, CIWRHR  
Yi Liu, CIWRHR  
Songhui Li, CIWRHR

### 3D Ground Modelling for a Dyke Reconstruction Project (HaLiMa) in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany

Myles Lawler, CDM Smith Europe GmbH  
Oriol Ciurana, CDM Smith Europe GmbH  
Aloys Kisse, CDM Smith Europe GmbH  
Ilja Prinz, CDM Smith Europe GmbH

### Improving Engineering Judgement Using 3-Dimensional Data Management Techniques

Nate Bolles, Stantec  
Andrew Higgins, Geosyntec  
Rozh Mohamadameen, Tennessee Valley Authority

### Using Technology and Old-Fashioned Detective Work to Predict Low-Level Outlet Tunnel Performance under Catastrophic Loading

Miroslav Kurka, Mead & Hunt  
George Webb, Terracon

### Automated Crack Width Calculation

Iman Ghorbani, Hatch  
James Rutherford, Hatch  
John Werner, Hatch  
Colleen Woods, Hatch



#### 4A: Concrete II

##### Room: Salon A2

Moderators: Eric Kennedy, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission; and Robert Hall, Engineering Innovations, LLC

##### Concretes for Concrete Dams

Quentin Shaw, ARQ Consulting Engineers

##### Implementation of Bathymetric and LiDAR Surveys into Sliding Stability Assessment of Concrete Gravity Dams

Tarik Saichi, Polytechnique Montreal  
Sylvain Renaud, Polytechnique Montreal  
Najib Bouaanani, Polytechnique Montreal  
Benjamin Miquel, Hydro-Quebec

##### Fontana Dam Spillway Crack Investigation

Michael Morrison, Tennessee Valley Authority  
James Rossillon, Tennessee Valley Authority  
Dan Curtis, Hatch Associates Consultants, Inc.

##### Performance-Based Assessment of Post-Tensioned Anchors in a Large Concrete Dam

Casey Gardner, Harvey Mudd College  
Maggie Gelber, Harvey Mudd College  
Andrew Pham, Harvey Mudd College  
Dana ShangGuan, Harvey Mudd College  
Flora Xia, Harvey Mudd College  
Ziyad Duron, Harvey Mudd College  
Robert Hall, Engineering Innovations, LLC

##### Application of Response Surface Meta-model in Probabilistic Analysis of Concrete Dams

Mohammad Amin Hariri-Ardebili, University of Colorado Boulder  
Mohammad Noori, CalPoly S. Mahdi Seyed-Kolbadi, X-Elastica LLC

#### 4B: Earthquakes (Embankments)

##### Room: Salon A4

Moderators: Zara Plasencia, Consultant; and Biswajit Dasgupta, Southwest Research Institute

##### Development of Seismic Thresholds in ShakeCast for FERC Post-Earthquake Notification and Response

Justin Smith, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Edgar Salire, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
Chris Wang, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

##### Seismic Deformation of Different Size Embankments on a Spatially Variable Liquefiable Deposit

Nicholas Paull, University of California Davis  
Ross Boulanger, University of California Davis  
Jason DeJong, University of California Davis

##### Use of Horizontal to Vertical (H/V) Ambient Noise Measurements to Determine Natural Frequency of Embankment Dams

Albert Kottke, Pacific Gas and Electric  
Emily Steen, Pacific Gas and Electric

##### Lessons Learned from Re-Evaluation of the Upper and Lower San Fernando Dams Using Current State of Practice in Numerical Modeling

Khaled Chowdhury, USACE  
Raymond Seed, University of California, Berkeley  
Vlad Perlea, AECOM  
Michael Beaty, Beaty Engineering  
Fenggang Ma, Kleinfelder  
George Hu, USACE

##### Modulus Reduction and Damping Ratio of Compacted Earth Cores of Dams

DongSoon Park, K-Water  
Convergence Research Institute  
Seong-Bae Jo, K-water  
Convergence Research Institute

#### 4C: Conference Theme III

##### Room: Salon A1

Moderators: Brandon Vavrek, Seattle City Light; and Travis Tutka, USACE

##### Thornton Composite Reservoir – Limited Accessibility Leads to Challenging Instrumentation and Monitoring

Hannah Maas, Stantec  
Rachael Bisnett, Stantec  
Louis Storino, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

##### Case Study: Automated Movement Monitoring with Grouped AMTS in Prairie Du Sac Dam

Raphael Victor, Sixense Group, USA  
Loic Galisson, Sixense Group USA  
Zhangwei Ning, Sixense Group, USA

##### Implementing an Instrumentation Monitoring Program for the Staged Construction of the Red Rock Hydroelectric Project

Hannah Maas, Stantec

Thomas Andrews, Stantec

Rachael Bisnett, Stantec

##### Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal at Lockport Rehabilitation Case Study

Thomas Mack, USACE  
Andrew Goodall, USACE

##### Design and Construction of the Norway Hydroelectric Project Spillway Capacity Expansion

Manoshree Sundaram, Stantec  
Jason Hedien, Stantec  
Justin Darling, NIPSCO, LLC

#### 4D: H&H (Hydrology)

##### Room: Salon A3

Moderators: Melinda Dirdal, Schnabel Engineering; and Om Prakash, California Department of Water Resources

##### Flood Model for the World-Record Rainfall from July 1942 Smethport, PA Storm – Supporting the Pennsylvania Probable Maximum Precipitation Study

Joe Bellini, Aterra Solutions  
Bill Kappel, Applied Weather Associates

##### Inflow Design Flood Selection for Long Embankment Dams

Bob Eichinger, Stantec Consulting Services Inc.  
Zach Whitten, Stantec Consulting Services, Inc.

##### Stochastic Framework for Flood Risk Analysis

Siamak Esfandiary, FEMA  
Sean McNabb, FEMA  
Andrew Bonner, AECOM  
Mathew Mampara, Dewberry

##### A Holistic Evaluation of Potential Downstream Inundation for the Baker River Hydroelectric Project

Loring Crowley, Schnabel Engineering  
Ali Tabrizi, Schnabel Engineering  
Kevin Ruswick, Schnabel Engineering  
Joshua Gile, Puget Sound Energy  
Alex Rutledge, Schnabel Engineering

##### Dam and Levee Break Modeling with HEC-RAS Simulation and Risk Analysis (SimRAS)

Brent Travis, WEST Consultants, Inc.  
Chris Bahner, WEST Consultants, Inc.  
Gyan Basyal, WEST Consultants, Inc.  
Brian Wahlin, WEST Consultants

#### 4E: Construction (Seepage)

##### Room: Salon A5

Moderators: Dimitri Ivanov, Advanced Construction Techniques; and Philippe Bourdeau, Purdue University

##### Lessons Learned from More Than 35 Years of Cofferdam Construction

Steve Jamieson, W. W. Wheeler & Associates, Inc.

##### Treating Excessive Foundation Seepage at a Dam Site in the Lower Himalayas

Joseph Kovacich, Stantec  
Hafiz M. Kashif Bajwa, National Engineering Services Pakistan (NESPAK)

##### Practical Application of Seepage Analyses for Rehabilitation of Existing Dams and Levees

Lucas Carr, Geosyntec Consultants  
Tom Cooling, AECOM  
G. Richard Bird, AECOM  
Scott Morgan, AECOM

##### Using Piezometer Data to Better Understand the Rehabilitation Performance of the C.W. "Bill" Young Regional Reservoir

Jason Valeria, Gannett Fleming, Inc.  
Scott Burch, Gannett Fleming, Inc.

**5A: Levees**

**Room: Salon A2**

Moderators: Elena Sossenkina;  
HDR; and Adda Zekkos,  
University of Michigan

**Hazard Potential  
Classification within  
Levee Safety Programs**  
Jasmine Austin, USACE  
Rick Hauck, USACE

**The Lower Wood River  
Levee Risk Informed  
Formulation Case  
History**

Chris Redell, USACE  
Jose R. Lopez, USACE

**Intermittent  
Embankment  
Overtopping: Erosion  
Protection Options**

Bryan Scholl, Watershed Geo  
Brad Cooley, Watershed Geo

**Levee Remediation  
Alternatives Analysis  
of a Partially Failed  
Rio Grande Levee in  
Brownsville, TX**

Charlie Wildman, Arcadis,  
U.S., Inc.

**Improving Levee  
Resiliency - Mitigating  
Failure Modes to Avoid  
Disasters in Great  
Britain and the United  
States**

Robert Beduhn, HDR  
Engineering Inc.  
Jonathon Simm, HR Wallingford

**5B: Monitoring**

**Room: Salon A4**

Moderators: John Hynes, Stantec;  
and Amanda Sutter, USACE

**Case History on  
Monitoring Seepage  
on Large Zoned  
Embankment Dams**

Thomas Solano, ISAGEN S.A.  
E.S.P.  
Rafael Prieto, Gannett Fleming,  
Inc.

**Phased Approach in  
Evaluating Existing  
Piezometers to Inform  
a Risk Assessment,  
Blakely Mountain  
Dam, Ouachita River,  
Arkansas**

Suzanne Hess-Brittelle, USACE  
Amy LeFebvre, USACE  
Ryan Reves, USACE  
Tracy Phillips, USACE

**Jerry F Costello Lock  
and Dam Unwatering  
Monitoring**

Lucas Krumwiede, USACE  
Amanda Sutter, USACE  
Sean Hibbits, USACE  
Keith Thole, USACE  
Samuel Ross, USACE

**How Old is Too Old?  
Deciding When to  
Upgrade or Replace  
the Equipment in  
Automated Data  
Acquisition Systems**

Greg Dutton, Canary Systems,  
Inc.  
Darren Olguin, Canary Systems,  
Inc.  
Daryl Jordan, Oglethorpe Power  
Corporation  
Carol Leung, Los Angeles  
County Public Works  
Martin Hieronymi, Brookfield  
Renewable

**Applications of  
Underwater Acoustic  
Remote Sensing**

Kenneth LaBry, Underwater  
Acoustics International, L.L.C.

**5C: Dam Safety III**

**Room: Salon A1**

Moderators: Mohammad Amin  
Hariri-Ardebili, University of  
Colorado; and Peter Haug, Ayres  
Associates

**Use of Risk Assessment  
Information to Inform  
Design of Dams and  
Levees**

Michael Sharp, USACE  
Elena Sossenkina, HDR, Inc.  
Noah Vroman, USACE

**Managing Risk During  
Major Earth Fill Dam  
Seismic Retrofit Project**

Scott Huntsman, Black & Veatch  
Megan Puncke, Black & Veatch

**How a Little Seepage  
and Minor Spillway Slab  
Displacement Led to  
Reservoir Restrictions  
and Remediation**

Becky Allen, Kleinschmidt  
Associates  
Keenan Goslin, Kleinschmidt  
Associates  
Wade Osborne, Cornforth  
Consultants  
Jeff Coffin, Kleinschmidt  
Associates

**Simulating Spillway  
Gate Availability in Dam  
Safety Risk Studies**

Gregory Baecher, University of  
Maryland  
Robert Patev, USACE  
Adiel Komey, University of  
Maryland

**Trees on Dikes - Flood  
Protection Versus  
Ecological Landscape  
Planning?**

Aloys Kisse, CDM Smith Consult  
GmbH, Bochum, Germany

The conference closing party will take place at the indoor one-acre botanical garden at historic Navy Pier. Event ticket is included with all full conference and guest registration fees.

This six-story glass atrium with a 50-foot arched ceiling holds over 80 live palm trees, lush foliage, and fountains.

A highlight of the evening will be these special announcements:

- \* Outstanding paper awards
- \* Exceptional Young Professional of the Year
- \* FUNds Run/Walk results
- \* STEM donation
- \* Recognitions
- \* Introduction of new Board Directors
- \* Passing the Presidential Gavel

Wander through the one-acre indoor tropical garden while enjoying various Chicago-themed foods and drink. Don't forget to take your selfie in the special photo booth to capture the moment. Surprise entertainment throughout the gardens promises to make this closing party the talk of the town.

Transportation will be provided at the Chicago Hilton to and from the Crystal Gardens. Buses will depart from the 8th Street entrance to the hotel, beginning at 6 p.m.

