

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 What is the EWRI?

The EWRI is an organization whose membership includes both ASCE and non-ASCE members who volunteer their services to advance the objective of the EWRI. It is chartered within the American Society of Civil Engineers ("ASCE" or the "Society").

1.2 What is the Objective of the EWRI?

As stated in Article II of the EWRI Bylaws, the objective of EWRI shall be “to provide for the technical, educational and professional needs of its members, and to serve the public in the use, conservation, and protection of the environment and water for the enhancement of human well-being by:

- Advancing the knowledge and improving the practice of engineering and the related sciences;
- Lending expertise to the development of public policy, and;
- Partnering with governmental, industrial, educational and other organizations.”

1.3 Who is Responsible for the Handbook?

This Handbook is produced under the authority of the Environmental and Water Resources Institute (EWRI) Governing Board (GB). The responsibility for making changes to the Handbook to accommodate the needs of the EWRI membership is vested in the EWRI GB. The users of this Handbook are encouraged to offer comments on its content and suggestions for its improvement directly to the GB.

1.4 What is the Purpose of the Handbook?

The Handbook provides an operating framework for the EWRI. All active EWRI members are encouraged to read the entire handbook to understand how to get things done within the EWRI structure.

EWRI members should also be acquainted with the EWRI Bylaws, the various Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with ASCE and other organizations and the *ASCE Official Register*. The sections of the *ASCE Official Register* dealing with codes and standards activities, educational activities, student activities, professional activities, technical activities, and the other Institutes chartered by ASCEA are particularly relevant.

Copies of the ASCE Official Register are available from the EWRI Executive Director. Copies of the Bylaws and the MOU are available from the EWRI Executive Director or at www.ewrinstitute.org.