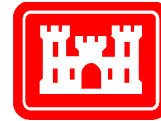


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Preface

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Symbols

ΔS	=	change in water storage in the wetlands impoundment, m^3
P	=	direct precipitation on the wetland impoundment, m^3
I_r	=	runoff through overland flow into the wetland, m^3
I_s	=	streamflow directly into the wetland, m^3
I_f	=	inflow from adjacent stream flooding, m^3
G_i	=	wetland inflow from groundwater, m^3
T_i	=	tidal inflows, m^3
P_i	=	inflow from pumping, diversions, or other artificial water source, m^3
E	=	evaporation from the wetland surface, m^3
T	=	transpiration, m^3
O_s	=	outflow from streams leaving the wetland, m^3
O_f	=	overland outflow due to wetland flooding, m^3
G_o	=	groundwater percolation below the root zone, m^3
T_o	=	tidal outflows, m^3
P_o	=	outflows from pumping, diversions, or other artificial sinks, m^3
n	=	size of sample (number of sample units) required
s	=	sample standard deviation
t	=	a factor obtained from Statistical Tables of t
E	=	maximum acceptable error between the sample average and the unknown population average
R	=	the range of values from samples obtained (i.e., the maximum test value minus the minimum test value)
s_o^2	=	overall measurement variance
s_q^2	=	variance due to material quality (i.e., the combined variance due to material composition and placement process variability)
s_t^2	=	variance due to the testing process.
q_{ult}	=	ultimate bearing capacity, kPa
c	=	cohesion (50 percent of unconfined compressive strength), kPa
σ	=	normal force on the shear plane, kPa
u	=	pore water pressure, kPa
$\tan \phi$	=	coefficient of internal friction, unitless
Q	=	flow rate, m^3/sec
C	=	discharge coefficient, $m^{0.5}/sec$
L	=	the effective horizontal length of the weir in feet, m
h	=	the height of the energy line above the weir in feet, m
V	=	horizontal velocity of flow, m/sec
g	=	gravitational acceleration, m/sec^2
HGL	=	hydraulic grade line
EGL	=	energy grade line
W_L	=	actual weir length, m

- W_L' = actual weir length, m
 ΔW_L = change in weir length (note that all changes *shorten* the weir length), m
 $W_{\text{obstruction}}$ = width of weir obstruction at widest point, m.
 U = wind speed, m/sec
 U_A = wind stress, m/sec.
 H = wave height, m
 d = water depth, m
 F = wind fetch, m.
 T = wave period, sec.
 W = weight of an individual armor stone (N)
 H = wave height (m)
 S_r = specific gravity of the armor stone, unitless,
 $\cot \theta$ = slope of the structure expressed as horizontal units / vertical unit
 K_D = stability coefficient
 w_r = unit weight of the rock (N/m³)
 w_w = unit weight of water (N/m³)
 D_{30} = riprap size of which 30 percent is finer by weight, m
 S_f = safety factor, unitless
 C_s = stability coefficient for incipient failure, thickness
 D_{85}/D_{15} = gradation uniformity coefficient
 C_v = vertical velocity distribution coefficient
 R = centerline radius of bend
 W = water surface width at upstream end of bend
 C_T = blanket thickness coefficient
 d = local depth of flow
 γ_w = unit weight of water
 γ_s = unit weight of stone
 V = local depth averaged velocity
 g = gravitational constant
 K_1 = side slope correction factor
 N_s = stability number (lower value more stable), unitless
 H_s = significant wave height, m
 D_{50} = median stone diameter, m
 w_r = unit weight of the stone, g/cm³
 w_w = unit weight of water, g/cm³ (fresh water: 1.000 g/cm³, seawater: 1.025 g/cm³)
 L_o = deepwater wavelength, m
 H_s = deepwater significant wave height, m.

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