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Ms. Kristina Cydzik is a Senior Managing Consultant at Engineering Systems Inc. (ESI) in the Civil, Structural, and Environmental Practice. She is a licensed Professional Engineer in the states of Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Illinois, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, South Carolina, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Ms. Cydzik specializes in Civil Engineering with a focus in water resources, hydrology, and hydraulics and has extensive experience in the assessment and mitigation of natural hazards. Such assessments often relate to analyzing the cause of damages, determining impacts to life and property, evaluating infrastructure design, preparing recommendations to reduce risks, and developing strategic plans for land and water management.

In a forensic capacity, Ms. Cydzik performs analyses of surface water, groundwater, flow diversion, land use change, flooding, alluvial fan flooding, erosion and debris flows, water availability and allocation, and water consumption. A significant area of her work involves the assessment of post-wildfire land, infrastructure, and watershed impacts as well as damages related to extreme weather and incidents such as hurricanes and earthquakes. In these investigations, she evaluates the design, performance, and failure of infrastructure, including dams, debris basins, flood control channels, roads, highways, storm drains, culverts, and sewers. Ms. Cydzik develops and applies state-of-the-art numerical models to evaluate various aspects of water resources, hydrology, hydraulics, and sediment transport.

Ms. Cydzik works with communities, government entities, stakeholder groups, and private sector clients to develop plans related to emergency management, natural hazard mitigation, integrated water resources management, floodplain management, and water rights. This work is informed by technical analysis of surface water and groundwater resources, including those in international or transboundary watersheds. Additionally, she consults with clients regarding pre-wildfire planning and post-wildfire damage prevention measures that encompass land and vegetation management, structure management, utilities, and materials selection for temporary and permanent facilities.

Areas of Specialization

Civil Engineering
Erosion, Sediment Transport, and Debris
Flows
Hydrology & Hydraulics
Infrastructure Design & Planning

Surface Water & Groundwater Investigations
Water Resources Planning & Risk Analysis
Wildfire Watershed Impacts & Post-Fire
Recovery
Construction Cost Estimation

Education

M.S., Civil Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles, 2006

B.S., Civil Engineering, University of California, Los Angeles, 2005

Licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.)

State of Arizona	License No. 50940
State of California	License No. 74858
State of Colorado	License No. PE.0061214
State of Hawaii	License No. PE-20509
State of Illinois	License No. 062-070997
State of Missouri	License No. 2022032380
State of Nevada	License No. 030646
State of New Mexico	License No. 28043
State of New York	License No. 109780
State of Oregon	License No. 94419PE
State of South Carolina	License No. 42641
State of Texas	License No. 133370
State of Washington	License No. 56521
State of Wisconsin	License No. 100051 - 6
State of Wyoming	License No. 18069

U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)

Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional (LEED AP)

Previous Experience

Prior to joining ESi, Ms. Cydzik worked as an independent consultant and as a Senior Engineer at Exponent, Inc. In these roles, she led distributed teams in both domestic and international settings and served as a principal investigator for clients in the legal, insurance, government, and private sectors. While a graduate student, she was a research assistant and a teaching assistant at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Professional Associations and Affiliations

American Society of Civil Engineers, ASCE

American Geophysical Union, AGU

American Meteorological Society, AMS

International Water Resources Association, IWRA

Chi Epsilon, Civil Engineering Honor Society

Academic Honors

Undergraduate Edward K. Rice Award, Henry Samueli School of Engineering and Applied Science, UCLA
UCLA Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Outstanding Bachelor of Science Student
Harbin Polytechnic Society Scholarship recipient
Applera Corporation Scholar
UCLA Alumni Scholar

Languages

Russian, Native Speaker
Italian and French, Beginner

Professional Training and Continuing Education

California Easements, Rights-of-Way, and Eminent Domain Seminar, Santa Ana, CA, February 2019
Water Laws and Regulations Seminar, San Diego, CA, April 2017
ASCE Post-Disaster Safety Assessment Program (SAP) Evaluator & Coordinator Training, Lakewood, CA, May 2016
Tufts University & Massachusetts Institute of Technology, The Water Diplomacy Program (5-day workshop), Cambridge, MA, June 2013
UCLA Extension, Technical Management Program (5-day workshop), Los Angeles, CA, March 2009
Harvard University, Program on Negotiation for Lawyers Beginning Negotiation Workshop (5-day workshop), Cambridge, MA, June 2008
ASCE HEC-RAS Training Workshop, Seattle, WA, October 2006
American Meteorological Society Summer Policy Colloquium, Washington, DC, June 2006

Positions Held

Engineering Systems Inc., Irvine, CA

Senior Managing Consultant, 2022 – Present
Senior Consultant, 2014 – 2021

Independent Consultant, Irvine, CA

2013 – 2014

Exponent, Inc., Irvine, CA

Senior Engineer & Engineer, Civil Engineering Practice, 2008 – 2013

Exponent, Inc., Menlo Park, CA

Engineer & Associate, Civil Engineering Practice, 2006 – 2008

University of California, Los Angeles, CA
Research Assistant, 2005

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, UCLA Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, CEE 157L
Hydrologic Design Laboratory, Winter 2006

Professional Community Service

Peer reviewer for the ASCE Journal of Hydrologic Engineering and the National Science Foundation
Member of the UCLA Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering Alumni Advisory Board

Selected Project Experience

Wildfire Damage Assessments & Pre-Fire Planning

Principal investigator performing assessments of debris flow, flooding, erosion, and other property damages resulting from rainfall events, debris removal, and reconstruction efforts following wildfires in the states of California, Colorado, Texas, Utah, and Washington. Assessed watershed conditions, extent of wildfire damage, and origin and composition of debris, as well as land use and land management strategies. Developed damage mitigation strategies, repair plans, and cost estimates for engineering works based on field surveys at individual properties and within the affected watersheds. Estimated debris production volumes using various methodologies, including USGS regression equations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Debris Method, Los Angeles County Sedimentation Manual guidance, and other accepted methodologies.

Water and Land Resources Planning & Management

Project task manager of a multimillion-dollar planning study for the development of a national water and land resources investment strategy for a client in the Middle East. Organized a three-year stakeholder engagement process. Implemented a systematic way of comparing alternative development scenarios, coordinating and interacting with diverse stakeholder groups, and producing visual and written communication tools to illustrate outcomes of plan alternatives. Through the stakeholder engagement process, facilitated discussions around long-term water resources management strategies, introducing water use efficiencies across multiple sectors (i.e., agricultural, municipal, and industrial) and developing a suite of policy and institutional measures to support sustainable water resources management.

Prepared a national strategy for water and land resource development. Managed a multidisciplinary and distributed team of subcontractors. Prepared technical reports and guiding documents. Delivered technical presentations to the client and stakeholders.

Project involved collaborating with an international team of engineers and scientists and extensive international travel in Europe and the Middle East. Co-author of the resulting 20-year national investment strategy, including surface water and groundwater management strategies.

International Water Resources Management & Water Rights

Co-author of an international watercourse negotiation strategy based upon the principles of international water law and environmental law. Conducted a review of international water treaties and prepared a comprehensive database of international water laws, regulations, and water quality standards relevant to the watercourses under study.

Assessment of Groundwater Management in the Los Angeles Basin

Performed research and analysis of historical groundwater data within the Los Angeles Basin, including assessment of groundwater management strategies.

Infrastructure Design Review

Conducted third-party reviews of hydrology studies and infrastructure design to assess assumptions, basis of design, and construction of water management systems.

Investigation of Storm Drain System Performance

Performed investigations of street drainage and storm drain systems during storm events at various locations in the western United States. The studies included analysis of historical aerial photography, topographic maps, LiDAR data, engineering drawings and plans, design assumptions, meteorological conditions, and manmade influences in the subject drainage areas. Performed hydrologic and hydraulic computations to assess the performance of the systems for different storm events.

Assessment of Sanitary Sewer Performance

Investigated a sanitary sewer system to analyze its design, history, operations, maintenance, and performance. Analyzed sewer line video inspection data, reviewed historical building permits and site development plans, analyzed engineering plans and documents, reviewed sewer maintenance records, and prepared maps and graphical exhibits.

Floodplain Management

Performed a screening-level analysis of scour velocities and erosion potential in a river and its adjacent marsh environment to understand the potential for the creation of erosional or depositional areas based on known particle sizes and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) estimates of typical discharge velocities in the area.

Involved in a hurricane-induced flood mapping study for the State of Hawaii encompassing the six major islands of Hawaii: Kauai, Lanai, Maui, Molokai, Hawaii (the Big Island), and Oahu. The study team selected representative historical tropical storms and hurricanes

from the Eastern and Central North Pacific Basin Hurricane database of the National Hurricane Center. Used the historical storms to generate a series of hypothetical storms. Modeled historical and hypothetical storm tracks using the Advanced Circulation Model (ADCIRC) and applied the Empirical Simulation Technique (EST) to probabilistically model the coastal storm surge along the southern extents of the islands of interest.

Post-Earthquake Hazard Analysis and Mitigation

Performed field reconnaissance in Sichuan, China to evaluate the damage following the May 12, 2008 magnitude 7.9 Wenchuan Earthquake. Investigated the natural hazards (e.g., “quake lakes” formed by landslide dams, avalanches, debris flows, landslides, fault displacements, and liquefaction) that resulted from the seismic activity associated with this incident.

Floodplain Hazard Analysis and Development Planning

Performed hydrologic and hydraulic analyses to identify flood hazard conditions at an undeveloped property in a residential and commercial development near the Coachella Valley in Southern California. The analysis supported land planning and identification of development constraints. Assessed the flood conditions associated with the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) as well as the 100-year and regional Standard Project Flood (SPF) conditions.

Alluvial Fan Flooding

Provided technical consulting to the California Governor’s Alluvial Fan Task Force to develop guidelines for hazard mitigation for projects sited near or on alluvial fan landforms. Prepared presentations for the task force plenary sessions to describe the history of alluvial fan flooding incidents and the development of policies and guidelines. Co-authored chapters of the California Governor’s Alluvial Fan Task Force Model Ordinance, including the Task Force Findings and Recommendations and the Integrated Approach to Sustainable Development on Alluvial Fans.

Water Resources Investigation in a Possible Wetland

Performed long-term water balance calculations to explore the water availability at an arid region coastal site in order to determine whether favorable conditions existed to support a wetland based on minimum water availability criteria. Evaluated long-term rainfall data, soils data, historical aerial photographs, topographic maps, runoff, and evaporation conditions at the site to formulate conclusions.

Assessment of Application of USGBC LEED NC Criteria

Principal investigator for a confidential engagement assessing the performance of a designer who provided consulting services for a building design involving a potential US Green Building Council (USGBC) Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Certification for New Construction. The building failed to earn a certification. Identified why the building failed to achieve the certification and developed alternative

remedies for how the existing building could achieve certification using LEED 2009 Operations and Maintenance criteria.

Publications and Presentations

- Cydzik, K.** History Repeats: The Influence of Fire on Hydrology & Erosion Patterns in the Western United States, National Wildland Fire Conference, Monterey, CA. April 27, 2025.
- Cydzik, K.** Community Impacts of Wildfire. In: Steinberg SL, Sprigg WA, editors. Climate Vulnerability and Health. 2nd ed. Cham, Switzerland: Springer Nature; 2025. p. 9-22.
- Navigation Channel Sedimentation Task Committee. Navigation Channel Sedimentation Solutions. ASCE Press, Reston, VA, October 2023.
- Cydzik, K.** Adapting to Climate Change and Thinking Beyond Resilience in the Construction Industry, 2022 Fall Meeting, ABA Forum on Construction Law, Memphis, TN, September 28-30, 2022.
- Shrestha, PL, Shaller, PJ, Doroudian, M, **Cydzik, K.** Evaluating sediment dynamics in waterways. Proceedings, 10th International Conference on Scour and Erosion (ICSE-10), pp. 237-250, October 18-21, 2021 (Virtual).
- Shaller, PJ, Doroudian, M, **Cydzik, K.** Shrestha, P. Construction, Operation, and Failure of Ka Loko Dam, Kauai, Hawaii. Association of Engineering Geologists 2020 Annual Meeting, Dams and Levees Lesson Learned Symposium, Part 1. September 17, 2020.
- Cydzik, K.** Shaller, P, Doroudian, M, Jirschevske, J. July 2019 Ridgecrest Earthquake Sequence: Observations from a Post-earthquake Reconnaissance. White Paper. Irvine, CA. December 2019.
- Cydzik, K.** Shaller, PJ, Shrestha, PL, and Doroudian, M. Post-fire planning, policy, and natural hazards mitigation: lessons learned during recovery from wildfires in the state of California, USA, 2015-2019. American Geophysical Union 2019 Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA. December 9-13, 2019.
- Cydzik, K.** Wildfires: Planning, Response, and Recovery. Dealing with Natural Disasters, Here Comes the Flood (of Legal Issues), 2019 Annual Meeting, ABA Forum on Construction Law, Hollywood, FL, April 24-27, 2019.
- Cattarossi, A, Mastrocola, P, Cattarossi, E, **Cydzik, K.** Loss and Recovery of the Garden of Eden: A Decade of Planning for Sustainable Restoration and Conservation of the Landscape and Environment of the Mesopotamian Marshes of Southern Iraq. International Federation of Landscape Architects, 53rd IFLA World Congress, Torino, Italy, April 20-22, 2016.
- Wade, RL, Jokar, A, **Cydzik, K.** Dershowitz, A, Bronstein, R. Wildland fire ash and particulate distribution in adjacent residential areas. International Journal of Wildland Fire, v. 22, no. 8. 2013.
- Cydzik, K.** Shaller, PJ, Wren, JR, Hamilton, D. Post-Fire Watershed Response Following the 2009 Station Fire in Southern California, USA. Proceedings, World Environmental and Water Resources Congress, Palm Springs, CA, May 22-26, 2011.

- Cydzik, K**, Hamilton, D, Stenner, H, Cattarossi, A, Shrestha, PL. Reconnaissance following the May 12, 2008 M7.9 Wenchuan Earthquake, Sichuan, China. Abstract, World Environmental and Water Resources Congress, Palm Springs, CA, May 22-26, 2011.
- Shrestha, PL, Lenaburg, RT, Scheffner, NW, Rezakhani, M, Hamilton, D, **Cydzik, K**. Storm surge study of the Hawaiian Islands using the EST method. Proceedings, World Environmental and Water Resources Congress, Palm Springs, CA, May 22-26, 2011.
- Shaller, PJ, **Cydzik, K**, Wren, J, Hamilton, D, Shrestha, PL. A case study of the fire-flood sequence in Southern California. Presentation, Wildland Fire Litigation Conference, San Diego, CA, April 15-17, 2011.
- Cydzik, K**, Hamilton, D, Stenner, H, Cattarossi, A, Shrestha, PL. Natural hazard public policy implications of the May 12, 2008 M7.9 Wenchuan earthquake, Sichuan, China. American Geophysical Union 2009 Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 14–18, 2009.
- Cydzik, K**, Shrestha, PL, Hamilton, D, Rezakhani, M, Scheffner, NW, Lenaburg, RT. Numerical modeling to support floodplain mapping in coastal areas. American Geophysical Union 2009 Fall Meeting, San Francisco, CA, December 14–18, 2009.
- Cydzik, K**, Hogue, TS. Modeling postfire response and recovery using the Hydrologic Engineering Center Hydrologic Modeling System (HEC-HMS). JAWRA 2009; 45(3):702–714.
- Cydzik, K**. Careers in water resources engineering. Presentation to the UCLA Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering CEE 157L – Hydrologic Analysis and Design, Los Angeles, CA, March 3, 2009.
- Shrestha, PL, Hamilton, DL, **Cydzik, K**, Wardak, S, Jordan, N, Shaller, PJ, Doroudian, M. Flood hazard analysis and mitigation. Proceedings, International Conference on Water, Environment, Energy and Society (WEES-2009), New Delhi, India, January 12–16, 2009.
- Murillo, B, Wardak, S, Hamilton, DL, Shrestha, PL, **Cydzik, K**, Doroudian, M. Sedimentation analysis for existing and proposed development conditions. Proceedings, International Conference on Water, Environment, Energy and Society (WEES-2009), New Delhi, India, January 12–16, 2009.
- Lenaburg, RT, Scheffner, NW, Shrestha, PL, **Cydzik, K**, Rezakhani, M, Hamilton, DL. EST-based tropical storm flood mapping of the Hawaiian Islands. Proceedings, An International Perspective on Environmental and Water Resources, Bangkok, Thailand, January 5–7, 2009.
- Stenner, H, Hamilton, D, **Cydzik, K**, Cattarossi, A, Mathieson, E. Landslides and quake lakes from the M7.9 China earthquake – Are Californians in the same boat? 3rd Conference on Earthquake Hazards in the Eastern San Francisco Bay Area, October 24, 2008.
- Hamilton, D, **Cydzik, K**, Stenner, H, Cattarossi, A. May 12, 2008 M7.9 Wenchuan earthquake, August 2008 field trip to Sichuan, China. Presentation during bi-monthly Exponent internal John Osteraas Group meeting, via WebEx, September 29, 2008, and October 6, 2008.

Stenner, H, Hamilton, D, **Cydzik, K**, Cattarossi, A. Landslide hazards of the M7.9 Wenchuan, China earthquake and geologists' role in response. Annual Association of Engineering and Environmental Geologists, New Orleans, LA, September 19, 2008.

Wardak, S, Murillo, B, Hamilton, D, Shrestha, PL, Doroudian, M, **Cydzik, K**, Medellin, J, Shaller, PJ. Sedimentation analysis in an open channel network for existing and proposed development conditions. ASCE-EWRI World Environmental & Water Resources Conference, Honolulu, HI, May 12–16, 2008.

Shrestha, PL, Hamilton, D, Jordan, N, Lyle, JE, Doroudian, M, Shaller, PJ, Wardak, S, **Cydzik, K**, Medellin, J. Inland flood hazard analysis and mitigation. ASCE-EWRI World Environmental and Water Resources Conference, Honolulu, HI, May 12–16, 2008.