

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

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Greetings from the President, Sandeep Karkal

Annual Awards Function and Changing of the Guard

As we come to the end of yet another calendar year, and our thoughts turn to visions of mistletoe and fruit cake, leave us pause to think of that which is to come in the New Year. I refer to the Section's Annual Awards function. By now, you should have received (or will soon receive) a flyer announcing the day time, place, and other random details of this gala function. Please take a moment to review it and make a New Year's resolution forthwith to be there and cheer on the various awards nominees and winners.

The other thing that will happen at the Awards function is the annual rotation of the SFSB Board. Yours truly gets to move into the Past Chair category, thus sparing one and all of my monthly ramblings in this space. However, have no fear, our incoming chair Ray Busch is willing, eager, and happy to take over that challenge. We also get to welcome a new Second Year Director, who while still unknown at this writing, is sure to be a winner.....

Newsletter and Dinner "subsidy" Reminders

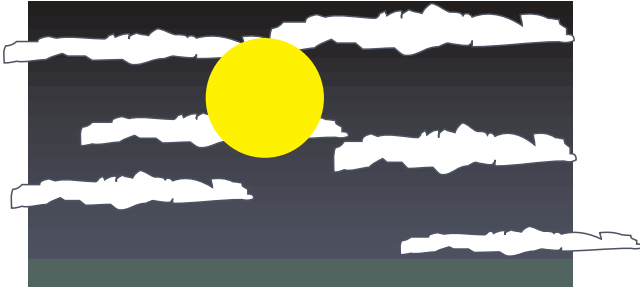
Last month, in this space I spoke of our ongoing move to electronic newsletter delivery. This transition seems to have begun well with last month's issue, if well means, well, no complaints. Therefore, we will continue to forge ahead with this plan, and starting with the March

2004 issue, when the newsletter is posted to the Section's Website, an electronic reminder will be sent to all members with an e-mail address on file. All others will continue to receive a hard copy newsletter, as will those who specifically request a hard copy. However, we will continue to encourage everybody to opt for the electronic delivery option at some point.

Also, for the last two years, to encourage attendance at its monthly dinner meetings, the Section has provided a subsidy of up to \$5 per member attendee to limit the cost to \$25/person. This subsidy will be reviewed against the options of either limiting dinner meetings to venues that cost \$20/person, or moving to a \$30/person cost. A final decision will be made at the Board's 2004 kick-off meeting, and will go into effect at the April 2004 meeting.

As I've said before, we still have some time to go before either of these measures are permanently implemented, so please let us know if you have any thoughts on these issues.

That's all for this month. Here's hoping that you will have (or will have had, by the time you read this), a great holiday season and a wonderful new year!. Also, please be sure to show up and support your local section, whether it's at a SFBS specialty seminar, or a monthly dinner, and especially the Annual Awards function. Hope to see you there!!



Musings from the Editor...

As Sandeep states... we are in a new calendar year, with all the changes and resolutions and intentions that usually elicits in us. There are actually several 'New Years', depending upon the tradition and culture one is brought up in. Last October was the turning of the wheel in the pagan tradition. January 22 will be Chinese New Year, bringing in the Year 4701 and the Year of the Monkey. Whatever one's belief system is... welcoming in a new year gives us the opportunity to reflect on what changes we want to bring into our lives and decide, or not, to implement those changes.

I was reading, recently, about choice. And the choices that we make in our day-to-day lives, whether small and seemingly inconsequential or recognized to be large with the potential for great change. What's interesting about making decisions is that, the minute a decision is made means that something has to change. When we make a choice, we give something else up. Do you know that the root of the word 'decide' means 'slay'? So that, when we choose one thing, we 'kill off' the possibility of another! Interesting way to look at it, isn't it?

BUT! What's also interesting is that by deciding upon one thing, while it kills off a possibility of another, it also opens up other, new possibilities. It's really quite mind-boggling if one thinks of the implications of even the simplest of decisions. So, what this tells me is that I cannot take anything for granted. That all the choices I make have consequences and that those consequences may be far-reaching, which is why serious consideration should be given to seemingly insignificant issues. Because, perhaps those issues are not insignificant at all!

So, as we embark on a new calendar year (whether 2004 or 4701), may our choices be thoughtful and our intentions clear. And may we have the strength and courage to live with the consequences of each and every choice.

Take care and be safe.



~~~~~ When someone asks what there is to do...

Light the candle in their hand. ~~~~~



**The  
San Francisco Bay Section  
of the  
California Water Environment  
Association**

**cordially invites you and your guests  
to attend the**

***Annual Awards and Installation Dinner***

***Friday, January 16, 2004***

at the

***Walnut Creek Marriott Hotel***

***(North Main Street at Parkside Drive)***

**6:30 p.m. No-Host Social Hour**

***(with complimentary hors d'oeuvres)***

**7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program**

***(the installation of 2004 officers  
and awards to individuals and agencies)***

**The Menu:**

**Grilled Rosemary Chicken**

**Roast Sirloin of Beef**

**Grilled Filet of Salmon**

**Mediterranean-Style Pasta (Vegetarian Entrée)**

**– includes Caesar salad, dessert, coffee –**

**Member cost: \$40.00 per person**

**Non-members: \$46.00 per person**

**Students: \$25.00 per person**

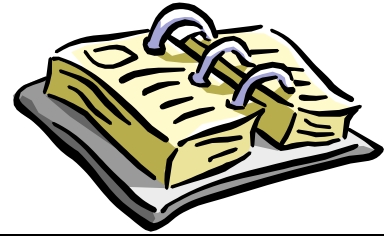
**(remember, "a reservation is a financial obligation")**

**To make your reservation:**

**Contact Roseanna Barrett no later than **Monday, January 12****

**at (925) 229-7155 or [roseanna@centralsan.dst.ca.us](mailto:roseanna@centralsan.dst.ca.us)**

**with your name, agency and menu selection**

**SFBS CALENDAR**

| <b>JANUARY 2004</b>   |                                                                                |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>7</b>              | <b>TCP PREPARATION CLASS, Oro Loma... Sergio Ramirez for info 510-537-0757</b> |
| <b>16</b>             | <b>SFBS ANNUAL AWARDS &amp; INSTALLATION BANQUET</b>                           |
| <b>21-24</b>          | <b>CASA MID-YEAR CONFERENCE, Palm Springs Hilton</b>                           |
| <b>30-31</b>          | <b>CWEA BOARD MEETING, San Diego</b>                                           |
| <b>FEBRUARY 2004</b>  |                                                                                |
| <b>23-25</b>          | <b>PRETREATMENT POLLUTION PREVENTION &amp; STORMWATER Conference</b>           |
| <b>26</b>             | <b>PIPE USERS GROUP SEMINAR-Sharing Technologies, Berkeley</b>                 |
| <b>APRIL 2004</b>     |                                                                                |
| <b>27-30</b>          | <b>CWEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Fresno Convention Center</b>                        |
| <b>SEPTEMBER 2004</b> |                                                                                |
| <b>12-15</b>          | <b>NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE</b>                                   |

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**NEW CAN-SPAM LAW...**

Effective January 1, 2004, new legislation has been put into place that limits the ability of email promotion and marketing. This may have an impact on the Bay Section's ability to email reminder notices to our members for dinner meetings and seminars (basically those events that have a fee associated with them). The CWEA office staff is working with our attorneys to determine some guidelines that can be used by the Local Sections, Committees, and CWEA. Stay tuned!

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