

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

California Water Environment Association

INKSPOT

APRIL 2004

### Greetings from the President, Ray Busch

#### **HIGH ALTITUDE KICK OFF**

On March 6<sup>th</sup> the San Francisco Bay Section Board and Committee Leaders met to focus on the vision and direction of this organization in the upcoming year. This year's kick off meeting took place in a hangar at the Livermore airport. In addition to the Board, committee members and guests were invited, and many brave souls went, for a flight in a single engine Cessna airplane.

There have been reports that Student Activities Committee Chair Alex Park took over the controls and was clocked speeding at 150 miles/hour over the Los Vaqueros reservoir. Another report stated that Committee chairs Leo Gonzalez and Jason Warner were given an opportunity to fly anywhere in the Bay Area but the clear choice from both was to tour the Delta Diablo Wastewater plant from 3,500 feet. These are wastewater guys true to form!

Once the flying was done it was time to get down to business. Due to the previous efforts of past leaders, the general consensus was that the Section is in great shape! Although we are a strong and vibrant Section, one may question, "why not strive for even more greatness"? I feel this organization, like the company you work for, should take some risks to seek the only evidence of life ...

#### **GROWTH!**

Our membership is at an all time high of 1,200 members, so growth in actual numbers is not the focus we are seeking. Growth in the number of involved members, growth in the quality of the SFBS dinner meetings and seminars, and growth in meeting our mission is what we should seek.

Our course is set, the tanks are full, and there are clear skies on the horizon. We are mission ready. Having the kick off meeting at the hangar now seems like it was the best place since I see this section flying to new heights in the future!



## Musings from the Editor...

This month's musings revolve around courage. Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the acknowledgment of fear and moving forward regardless. Courage is the embrace of the unknown, the unfamiliar, the mystery of life.

And why would we want to do this? Because entering into the mystery of life is the path to growth, love, and wholeness...to life itself! To remain in our familiar lives, to be afraid of making mistakes, to cling to old beliefs that no longer fit, cause us to stagnate. Life becomes routine, we become bored, and we seek fulfillment outside ourselves.

You've all heard it said... "change is the only constant". A spiritual master says: "Life does not listen to your logic; it goes on its own way, undisturbed. You have to listen to life; life will not listen to your logic, it does not bother about your logic."<sup>1</sup> And so... we all live with change. We can either fight it, or accept it. I pose to you that it is so much more in alignment with life to accept it and, to go even further than that ... to welcome it with open arms! And, yes, we may feel uncomfortable at first but I know that the discomfort is present because of our resistance. When we release resistance, we release the discomfort.

So, once again... tying it back into our working roles. It is imperative for us to do the right thing, to be in alignment with life. This will, at times, take great courage because it may go against popular opinion or against the 'way things are normally done'. If we notice something that is not 'right', we need to have the courage to change it. We need to have the courage to take responsibility. We need to have the courage to flow with our ever-changing environment.

We have chosen to enter into this field and, thus, have named ourselves as stewards of the environment. What we do, each and every day, will impact the world we live in. It is a great responsibility, from the field mechanic who ensures a pump is operating correctly to the manager of a design firm who oversees a multi-million dollar treatment plant expansion. We are all necessary parts to this field. And we are each responsible—to ourselves and to our profession—for having the courage to always do the right thing.

<sup>1</sup>Osho: Courage; The Joy of Living Dangerously



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## CWEA San Francisco Bay and Santa Clara Valley Sections

### *April 2004 Dinner Meeting*

**Featuring:** Hany Gerges, HDR, Inc.  
"Electronic O&M Manuals Between Yesterday and Tomorrow"

Electronic O&M manuals have become a key ingredient for greater success in the operation of wastewater treatment systems. With the help of E-O&M manuals, wastewater operators, mechanics, engineers and managers are staying in closer touch with the living data around them and adapting more quickly to changing conditions. Join us to learn more about the different levels of E-O&M manuals wastewater utilities need, how the E-O&M world will change in the next few years, and what wastewater utilities need to do to make sure they are keeping up with the changes.

**Where:** **Beck's Steak and Seafood**  
36665 Cedar Boulevard  
Newark, California

**Dinner:** \$25.00 CWEA Members  
\$33.00 Non-CWEA Members

**When:** **Thursday, April 1, 2004**  
5:00 – Board Meeting  
6:00 – Social Hour  
7:00 – Dinner  
8:00 - Presentation

**Choice of:** Oven-Roasted Prime Rib  
Baked Half-Chicken  
Salmon  
Vegetarian Entree

**Contact:** Deanna Tanner at (925) 210-2436 or [dtanner@brwncald.com](mailto:dtanner@brwncald.com) for dinner reservations.  
**Reservation deadline is Monday, March 29, 2004.**

**REMEMBER – a reservation is a commitment to pay.**

**Directions:** **From the East Bay/South Bay:** Highway 880 to the Thornton Ave exit in Newark. Go southwest on Thornton Ave. to Cedar Blvd. Turn right on Cedar Blvd., and follow to the restaurant, 36665 Cedar Blvd.

**From the Peninsula:** Take Highway 84 across the Dumbarton Bridge to Highway 880. Take 880 south to the Thornton Avenue exit in Newark. Go southwest on Thornton Ave. to Cedar Blvd. Turn right on Cedar Blvd., and follow to the restaurant, 36665 Cedar Blvd.

**TIME TO TRAIN... because we're  
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**2004 NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE**

**SEPTEMBER 12-14 2004**



HEY! Come one, come all... to this year's Annual Northern Regional Training Conference! This year, we're GOING FOR THE GOLD ... and training is a crucial part of becoming THE BEST in our field! This year's training is focused on first line supervisors, front line operators, maintenance workers, collection system personnel and entry-level engineers. Come and get your contact hours, visit with manufacturer's and equipment representatives, join your fellow wastewater professionals at this most-valuable training.

This year's NRTC will be in Sparks... at the Nugget. We've chosen this location to keep the cost of this training low, while providing attendees with a first-class venue. The conference facilities are all newly remodeled ... and the hotel is spectacular. The Nugget boasts 8 restaurants on the facility site, as well as other restaurants within a 2-block radius. There is also a 14-screen movie theatre across the street, and a multitude of activities for families with children.

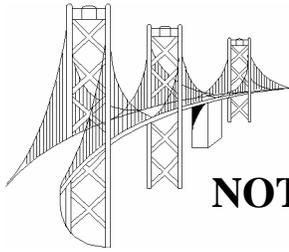


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**NOTICE OF CWEA TECHNICAL CERTIFICATION EXAM**

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS**

Your next opportunity to take the California Water Environment Association Technical Certification Exam for:

- Collection Systems Maintenance
- Environmental Compliance (Industrial Waste) Inspector
- Laboratory Analysis
- Operator, Industrial Waste Treatment Plant
- Plant Maintenance (Grade I & IV only)
- Plant Maintenance Mechanical Technology (Grade II & III only)
- Plant Maintenance Electrical/Instrumentation (Grade II & III only)

Will be on **Saturday, July 24, 2004**. If you would like an application for any of the above exams, please contact Angelino Santos at PO Box 96, Hayward, CA 94543 (Telephone: 510-481-6996) or the CWEA office at the address below.

Download application from: [www.cwea.org/cert\\_howcert\\_apply.shtml](http://www.cwea.org/cert_howcert_apply.shtml)

**APPLICATIONS FOR THESE EXAMS MUST BE RECEIVED  
 NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2004**

Each application must be completed and submitted with the appropriate fee.

**TEST LOCATION:**

**Central Contra Costa Sanitary District • Multi Purpose Room • 5019 Imhoff Pl. • Martinez, CA. 94553**

Fees for the examination for CWEA members and non-members

	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>NON-MEMBER</b>
GRADE I	\$75.00	\$172.00
GRADE II	\$90.00	\$187.00
GRADE III	\$105.00	\$202.00
GRADE IV	\$120.00	\$217.00

Mail completed forms along with the appropriate fee to:

**CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION  
 7677 OAKPORT STREET, SUITE 525  
 OAKLAND, CA 94621-1935**

**FOR APPLICATION, CALL (510) 382-7800 CWEA OFFICE  
 OR DOWNLOAD FROM CWEA.ORG**



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We will soon start e-mailing the  
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your e-mail address.

It's good for the environment and  
it's good for you!

If we do not have your e-mail you  
will still receive the Inkspot by  
snail mail OR! you can give us your  
e-mail and we'll use it.

**SFBS CALENDAR**



<b>APRIL 2004</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>SFBS Monthly Dinner Meeting – Joint with Santa Clara Valley Section (see flyer)</b>
<b>27-30</b>	<b>CWEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Fresno Convention Center</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>NORTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, Fresno Convention Center</b>
<b>Apr 29- May 1</b>	<b>CASA Spring Conference – Squaw Creek (916-446-0388 for information)</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>Application deadline for TCP Exam (see flyer)</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 2004</b>	
<b>12-15</b>	<b>NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE</b>

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[www.cwea.org/sfb/committees/membership.htm](http://www.cwea.org/sfb/committees/membership.htm)

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