

## SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

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### California Water Environment Association

INKSPOT

MARCH 2006

### GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It's hard to believe, but we're already two months into 2006. So far it's looking like another great year for the San Francisco Bay Section. The Awards Banquet in January was a great success, thanks to the hard work of Awards Chairman Ray Busch, Program Chair Rick Chan, and many others who donated their time and effort to putting on another outstanding event. As Bay Section President, I'd like to extend to them the thanks of the entire Section.

Congratulations to all the award winners! As always, we had an excellent group of nominees—everyone nominated should be proud—and the Bay Section will once again be well represented at the CWEA Annual Conference in April. Speaking of the Annual Conference, be sure and register soon. It's only a few weeks away now, and should be a fantastic event. Hope to see you all there.

The February Bay Section meeting was held at Zio Fraedo's in Pleasant Hill. We had a very nice turnout, and we all enjoyed an interesting and useful presentation from Tom Hendrey of Whitley Burchett & Associates on air emissions source testing. Thanks, Tom!

Our annual Student Night, sponsored by the Student Affairs Committee is coming up on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Silver Dragon Restaurant in Oakland. Hopefully you're already signed up. If not, check the meeting flyer in this issue of the *Inkspot* for more information. Student Night is a great way for your organization to find highly qualified and motivated young people, and an opportunity to hear about some of the cutting-edge research that is going on in university research labs around the country. Hope to see you all there!

Kevin Calderwood  
2006 SFBS President

#### Mark Your Calendars...

##### **March Dinner Meeting**

Student Night! @ Silver Dragon in Oakland  
**March 2**

##### **April Dinner Meeting**

JOINT with Santa Clara Valley Section  
**April 13**

NOTE this date is different from our regular monthly meeting date.

## Musings from the Editor...

Yesterday, a friend invited me to Thailand for a climbing trip. As I was looking at a climbing book and information on the Internet, I saw many before/after pictures. Before/after the tsunami. There was one particularly telling photo of a street on the island of Phi Phi. The devastation looked so severe; all the shops and houses mere shadows of their previous state. I'm curious of the revival efforts; what the island looks like today. I'm curious of the inhabitants' psyches; what is the psychological aftermath of their experience? I am aware of the power inherent in the human survival mechanism and am in awe at the resiliency of a culture. Things will never be the same there, I'm sure. And, yet, something of the old will survive even as the new becomes created. This is how all things evolve. There is nothing created in and of itself; everything new contains a remnant of the old, just as the old contains the seed of something new.

Another tangent musing:

There is no shortage of profundity in life. If someone says to me they are bored, it never fails to amaze me that there can be such a thing. And, yet, I do understand because there IS a propensity for our society to take life on a superficial level, to dull our senses, to seek external entertainment. Just look at the prevalence that television, movies, the Internet, video games, shopping, have taken in our lives. How many of us still take our evenings to read books, play games with our families, sit and talk with our friends, write or draw or otherwise create? How many of us can take a walk and notice the newly budding flower, the dewdrop on a leaf, the sun's rays filtering through a tree's branches, an insect alighting upon a rock? Life is such a dynamic phenomenon! Everything is changing... constantly and relentlessly. How can we ever be bored? I look out my office window and notice the buds on the tree grow bigger day-by-day. I see the hummingbird daily come and check out the buds, with their promise of the nectar that sustains him. I notice the sun rising above Mt. Diablo earlier and earlier each day. Ah, yes... we can recognize life as a wonder if we will only take the time to notice and allow the wonder to crack through our modern-day cynicism.



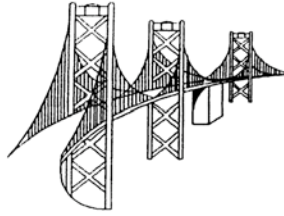
Which brings me to yet another tangent:

The illusory nature of life. I was backcountry snowboarding last week. As I snow-shoed to a mountain peak and walked along the ridge, I came upon a crevasse that was created by the stress of the overhanging snow. Down the slope from this ridge, the trees were recognizably small; a sure sign that avalanches occurred here often. (Yes, I took the proper precautions.) Looking back to the crevasse, it was so amazing! Very deep it went, beautiful blue ice, the impending letting go causing me to catch my breath. It was so awe-inspiring. Part of the awe was the recognition that life is so transitory. If we don't live each and every moment to the fullest, we miss out. If I get bogged down in only the practicalities of life, I lose touch with the profound. If I don't acknowledge the sanctity of existence, I become morose and incomplete.

Tying these musings together, I would have to say this: everything is transitory. Everything contains the seed of a new creation. In the destruction of the old, the new can emerge. No matter how difficult it is to acknowledge the illusory nature of life, it cannot be denied. And, no matter the circumstances or difficulties that befall us, we can thrive. The switch from surviving to thriving is all a matter of perspective and attitude.

Take good care; be safe.

We carry within us the wonders we seek without us.  
~Sir Thomas Browne



**SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION**  
**California Water Environment Association**

**CWEA San Francisco Bay Section**  
***March 2006 Dinner Meeting***  
***Annual Student Night***

**Where:** **Silver Dragon Restaurant**  
835 Webster Street  
Oakland, California  
(510) 893-3748  
(within walking distance of Oakland City Center 12<sup>th</sup> St. BART Station)

**When:** **Thursday, March 2, 2006**  
3:00 – 6:00 – Career Fair  
5:00 – Board Meeting  
6:00 – Social Hour  
7:00 – Dinner  
8:00 – Guest Speaker Presentation:  
T.B.A.

**Dinner:** \$30.00 CWEA Members  
\$38.00 Non-CWEA Members

**Menu:** Family-Style Chinese Cuisine

**Contact:** Email Kevin O'Toole of Whitley Burchett & Associates at  
[sfbs@whitleyburchett.com](mailto:sfbs@whitleyburchett.com) for dinner reservations.  
Include your name and agency or company affiliation.

Reservation deadline for the Dinner Meeting is **Friday, February 24, 2006**

REMEMBER – a reservation is a commitment to pay.

# Congratulations to our San Francisco Bay Section 2005 Award Winners!!!

**Treatment Plant of the Year**

Small Plant - Mt. View Sanitary District  
Medium Plant - Delta Diablo Sanitation District  
Large Plant - San Francisco PUC

**Treatment Plant Operator of the Year**

Matt Camisa - Oro Loma Sanitary District

**Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year**

William Davis - City of Hayward

**Collection System of the Year**

Union Sanitary District

**Engineering Achievement**

Digester Interim Mixing Improvements - EBMUD

**Mechanical Technician of the Year**

Shawn Redmond - Delta Diablo Sanitation District

**Research Achievement**

Effects of Wet Weather Flows on Membranes - San Francisco PUC

**Supervisor of the Year**

Lenny Rather - Oro Loma Sanitary District

**P3S Person of the Year**

Jeff Carson - Oro Loma Sanitary District

**Laboratory Person of the Year**

Gurmukh Grewal - Delta Diablo Sanitation District

**Public Education Award**

Mt. View Sanitary District

**AI Ditman Professional Development**

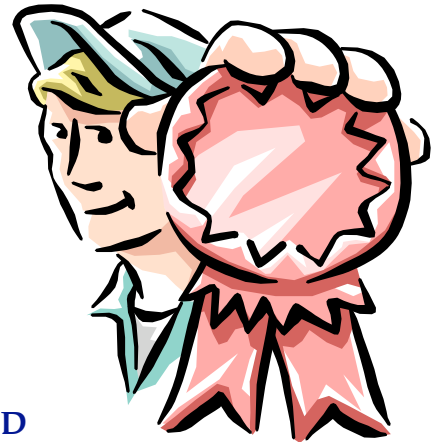
Linda Leong - San Francisco PUC

**Andy Stamatelos Service Award**

Mark Takemoto - RMC

**Special Service Award**

Randy Fiorucci - Black and Veatch



## Our 2005 SFBS Award Winners...



And...

## Our new San Francisco Bay Section Board of Directors



President - Kevin Calderwood  
 1<sup>st</sup> Year Director - Kevin O'Toole  
 Past President - Paul Louis

Vice President - Rick Chan  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Director - Kevin Krajewski  
 Treasurer - Jose Rodriguez (not in photo)

**DRIVING DIRECTIONS**

**From San Leandro/Hayward:**

1-238 S to 1-580 E towards Stockton; 1-680 N toward Concord/Sacramento; merge onto CA-242 N toward Concord/Pittsburg; merge onto CA-4 via left exit toward Stockton/Pittsburg; take the Somersville Rd North exit; turn right onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

**From Livermore:**

I-580 W to I-680 N; merge onto CA-242 N toward Concord/Pittsburg; merge onto CA-4 via left exit toward Stockton/Pittsburg; take the Somersville Rd North exit; turn right onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

**From San Rafael:**

US-101 toward San Francisco; merge onto I-580 E toward Richmond Br/Oakland; take the exit toward Richmond Pkwy/Pt Richmond/I-80 E/Sacramento; keep right at the fork in the ramp; merge onto Castro St; turn slight right onto Richmond Pkwy; merge onto I-80 E toward Sacramento; merge onto CA-4 toward Martinez/Stockton; take the Somersville Rd North exit; turn right onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

**From San Francisco:**

Take Bay Bridge toward Oakland; merge onto I-80 E toward Bay Bridge/Oakland/Seventh St/US-101 N; merge onto I-580 E toward CA-24/Downtown Oakland/Hayward-Stockton; merge onto I-680 N via the exit on the left toward Concord/Sacramento; merge onto CA-242 N toward Concord/Pittsburg; merge onto CA-4 via the exit on the left toward Stockton/Pittsburg; take the Somersville Rd North exit; turn right onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

**From Sacramento:**

Take I-5 S toward Los Angeles; take the CA-12 exit toward Lodi/Rio Vista; turn right onto CA-12 W; turn left onto CA-160 S; CA-160 S becomes CA-4 W; take the Somersville Rd exit; take the ramp toward Antioch Marina; turn left onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

San Francisco Bay Section's Collection System Committee  
 c/o City of Antioch  
 1201 W. 4th St.  
 Antioch, CA 94531

**Seminar #2**  
**Lift Station Maintenance**  
**and**  
**Emergency By-pass**  
**Pumping**

Everything You Need  
 to Know About



Collection Systems

TRAINING SEMINARS

**March 9, 2006**

**8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**City of Antioch**

**Maintenance Service Center**

**1201 W. 4th Street**

**Antioch, CA 94531-5007**

Sponsored by:

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**When:** March 9, 2006

**Where:** City of Antioch  
 Maintenance Svc Ctr  
 1201 W. 4th St  
 Antioch, CA 94531

**Cost:** \$40 per person (cash or check) includes lunch  
**No refunds. Attendance limited to 60.**

**For reservations, contact:**

Tom Sains, (925) 779-6962

E-mail [tsains@ci.antioch.ca.us](mailto:tsains@ci.antioch.ca.us)

or Michelle, (925) 779-6950,

by March 2, 2006. Mailed checks must be received before date of class; otherwise, please pay at the door for admittance.

Make checks payable to **CWEA- SFBS** and mail to: Tom Sains  
 PO Box 5007, Antioch, CA 94531

Second of six **COLLECTION SYSTEMS** seminars sponsored by the California Water Environment Association's San Francisco Bay Section's Collection System Committee, *the* professionals in wastewater collection systems.

**Seminar #2**  
**Lift Station Maintenance**  
**and**  
**Emergency By-pass Pumping**

Includes:

- ▶ Instructional classroom-style Curriculum
- ▶ Guest speakers include:
  - ◆ **Casey Crary**  
 Construction Inspector  
 Mark Thomas & Co., Inc.
    - Will cover Lift Station maintenance and troubleshooting
  - ◆ **Tom Herlihy**  
 Union Sanitary District
    - Will cover emergency by-passing used at lift stations and throughout collection system
- ▶ Certificate of Participation
- ▶ 5 contact hours

**Seminar #2**  
**Lift Station Maintenance**  
**and**  
**Emergency By-pass Pumping**

**PROGRAM**

**8:00 a.m.**

Registration and

Continental Breakfast

**8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

Classroom Instruction

**11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Lunch

**12:30-2:00 p.m.**

Classroom Instruction

*\* Please make sure those responsible for lift stations at your agency see this flyer*

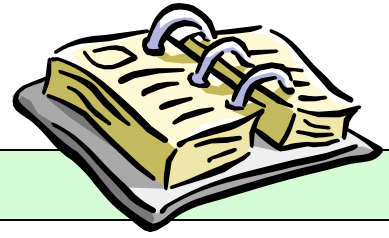
**Seminar #3**

**Commercial Driving Seminar**  
**May 10, 2006**

*Look for more information in the mail.*

Interested in joining the **SFBS Collection Committee**? Contact Committee Chair for information.  
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[lrather@oroloma.org](mailto:lrather@oroloma.org)  
 (510) 481-6977

# SFBS CALENDAR



<b>MARCH 2005</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting; Student Night. See flyer.</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>SFBS Collection Committee Seminar. See flyer.</b>
<b>12 - 14</b>	<b>California WateReuse Annual Conference, San Francisco. <a href="http://www.watereuse.org">www.watereuse.org</a></b>
<b>APRIL 2006</b>	
<b>4-7</b>	<b>CWEA Annual Conference, Sacramento - <a href="http://www.cwea.org">www.cwea.org</a></b>
<b>13</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting. Joint with Santa Clara Valley Section</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>SFBS PDC Seminar: Digestion. Jason Warner 925-756-1928 for information</b>
<b>MAY 2006</b>	
<b>TBD</b>	<b>SFBS PDC Seminar: Emerging Regulations. Keep eyes open for future flyers.</b>

## More Banquet Photos...



Enjoying the social hour...



These guys must like each other!





**Familiar faces enjoying each other's company**



**Number 1!**



**A proud bunch**

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