

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

California Water Environment Association

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APRIL 2006

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It's finally spring, and that means it's time for the CWEA Annual Conference. As you are probably aware, the conference is in Sacramento, April 4th through the 7th, so I hope we get a good turnout from the Bay Section. The program looks great, and it should be a lot of fun.

Last month's Bay Section Student Night was another success, and I'd like to say "Thanks" to the Student Committee for putting on an excellent event. Employer booths were sold out at the job fair, and although we didn't get quite as many students as in years past, everyone seemed to be making some good contacts. I hope that the participating agencies and companies found some good prospects, and I wish all the students that joined us the best of luck with their careers—we're glad to have them in our industry.

Because of the Annual Conference, our April meeting will be delayed this month. We'll be having a joint meeting with the Santa Clara Valley Section on April 13th at the Radisson Hotel in Dublin. Bill Tanner from The Covello Group will be giving a presentation on the South Bayside System Authority's Outfall Replacement Project. Look for the flyer in this issue of the *Inkspot* for more information.

Thanks for reading, and see you at the Annual Conference!

Kevin Calderwood
2006 SFBS President

Mark Your Calendars...

April Dinner Meeting

JOINT with Santa Clara Valley Section

April 13

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

Digestion Seminar by SFBS PDC

April 14

May Dinner Meeting

May 4

Large Plant of the Year Award Recipient
(S.F. PUC)

Musings from the Editor...

What a long strange trip it's been.

You know, life surely is a long strange trip. The best-laid plans, the most well thought out goals, use of our will, are all things that we do. AND, no matter what, life will offer us something that challenges our plans, our goals, our wills. There is, really, very little that we can control. Events will occur, people will enter and leave our lives, external triggers will cause our lives to change. The more we can recognize this, the more we can live our lives gracefully. Our response is the key. Nothing else. Our response to the inevitable challenges that life will offer.

Often times, our response is what I will characterize as reactions. Reactions come from the gut, from an internal survival mechanism, from our instincts and may or may not be "appropriate" to the given situation. Responses come from a different place within ourselves. Imagine there is a pause inherent in a response; a deep breath. This gives the voices of our minds/hearts/spirits/souls a moment to join the voice of our emotions. The effect might be the same... or it may not.

It's important to take a moment when life offers her challenges to us. It's important to take a deep breath. It's important to try to gain a broader view of the circumstances, to gain a little distance. We can do this; we have this choice. We are more than our instincts, more than our emotions. How we respond can shape the directions our lives will take for the next few days, years, or for the rest of our time here on this planet. How we respond can dictate if we live our lives with joy and gratitude or with sorrow and bitterness.

I have always said that life is not for the weak of heart. Truly living out our destinies, for what we incarnated into this existence is not an easy task. I know that it is basic human drive to find meaning in life. And, to find meaning implies work. The work involves looking inward and trying to sift through our own inner knowing versus the messages we receive from the outer world. When we're confronted with challenges in life or changes to our status quo, these are, essentially, opportunities for us to determine... are these events facilitating me to find my meaningfulness? Why are they happening? What can I learn from them? How will I respond to the opportunity? Will I go and stick my head in the sand and pretend they never happened? Or will I walk out to meet them, shake their hand, and dialogue with them? By doing the latter, perhaps, we will learn something useful about ourselves and our purpose for being alive.

Take good care; be safe.

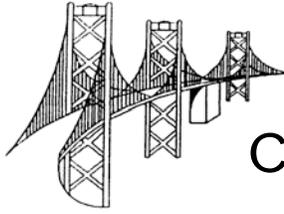


Man should discover his own reality and not thwart himself.

For he has the self as his only friend, or as his only enemy.

A person has the self as a friend when he has conquered himself.

But if he rejects his own reality, the self will war against him.



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CWEA San Francisco Bay Section & Santa Clara Valley Section

April 2006 Joint Dinner Meeting

Featuring: **Bill Tanner, The Covello Group**
"SBSA Effluent Outfall Replacement"

The \$3.6 million South Bayside System Authority (SBSA) effluent outfall replacement project included numerous complexities and creative solutions. As the project Construction Manager, Bill will provide a unique look into the project which included accessing the pipeline within a Bay Mud wetland and containment of the 32 MGD dry weather effluent flow throughout the work.

Where: **Dublin Radisson**
6680 Regional Street
Dublin, California

Dinner: \$30.00 CWEA Members
\$38.00 Non-CWEA Members
\$15.00 Students

When: **Thursday, April 13, 2006**
5:00 – Board Meeting
6:00 – Social Hour
7:00 – Dinner
8:00 - Presentation

Choice of: Roast Prime Rib
Chicken Marsala
Seasonal Grilled Vegetables

Contact: Contact Kevin O'Toole of Whitley Burchett & Associates at 925-945-6850 or sfbs@whitleyburchett.com for dinner reservations. Include your name, agency or company affiliation, and menu selection.

Reservation deadline is Friday, April 7, 2006.

REMEMBER – A reservation is a commitment to pay.

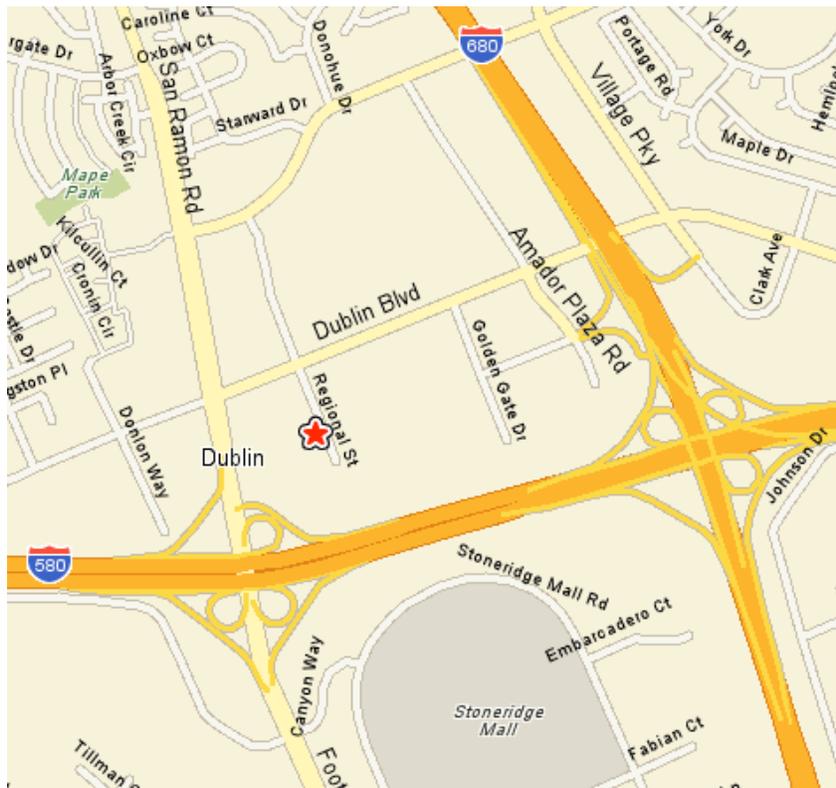
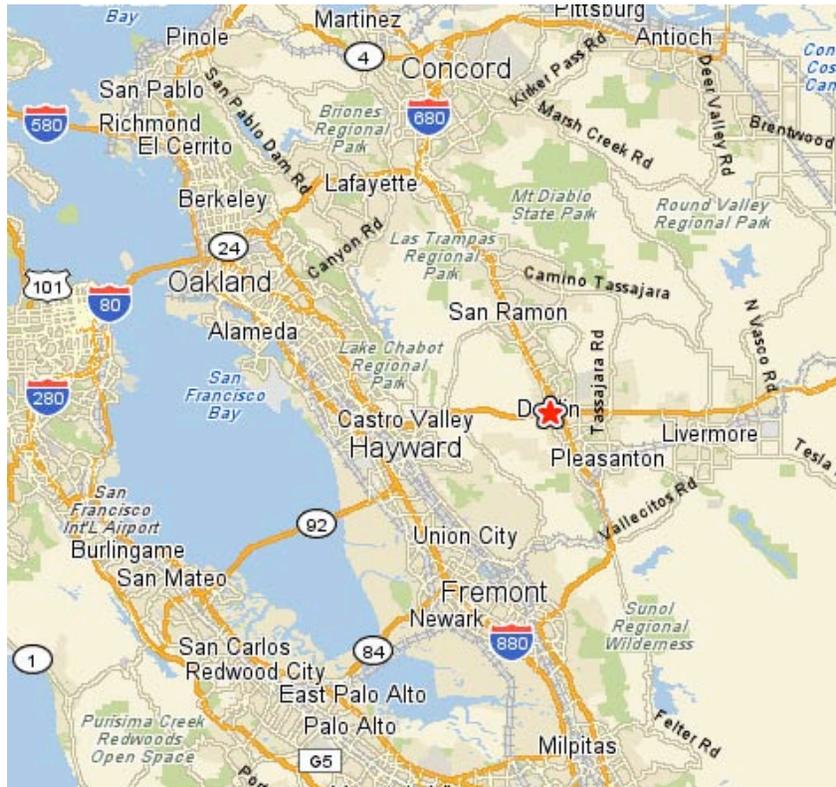
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Please see maps on following page.

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Professional Development Committee

Digestion Facility Overview for Engineers and Operators

Who Should Attend:

- Plant operations and maintenance staff
- Plant engineers and managers
- Consulting engineers
- Vendors

Why You Should Attend:

- Learn about current issues in digestion, process, mixing systems, and digester gas treatment.
- Tour award-winning digestion facilities at the EBMUD treatment plant.
- Hear from experts in their fields about ways to improve digestion facility design and operation.

Topics Include:

- Digestion Process and Facility Design Review
- Review of Digester Gas Contaminants and Their Removal
- Digester Mixing System Design and Operation
- Overview of EBMUD Digestion Facilities and Operation

Plus, a tour of EBMUD Digestion Facilities

For more information, contact Jason Warner of Delta Diablo Sanitation District at (925)756-1928.

Earn up to 6 contact hours.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2006

**Tour 8am – 10am
EBMUD Wastewater
Treatment Plant**

2020 Wake Avenue, Oakland

Pick up from 12th St. BART station available at 7:30 am. Please request pick-up at time of registration.

**Seminar 10am – 3:45pm
EBMUD Oakland
Administrative Center**

375 11th Street, Oakland

Free parking available at the Marine Renaissance Plaza with entrances on Franklin and Webster Streets.

Speakers:

- Tracy Stigers - Brown and Caldwell
- Tom Hendrey - Whitley Burchett and Associates
- Rick Chan - Carollo Engineers
- John Hake - East Bay Municipal Utility District



Registration form for "Digestion Facility Overview for Engineers and Operators"

Early registration is encouraged due to space limitations • Seminar topics and speakers are subject to change without prior notice

Name _____

Agency/Firm _____

Mailing Address _____

Daytime Phone (_____) _____ Fax #(_____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Pick-up from 12th St. BART _____ yes _____ no

Enclose Check Payable to: **S.F. Bay Section, CWEA**

COST*: \$60 for S.F. Bay Section Members

Check # _____ Please make a copy of this filled-in form for your records

\$80 for Non-Members

* Includes continental breakfast, lunch, and refreshments

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The following is excerpted from CWEA's March 2006 issue of Leader Link for the edification of our SFBS Membership.

**Specialty Conferences
— How Do They Work?**

Specialty conferences were designed in response to our members need to get more in-depth and timely training, at a low cost, closer to home/work.

These events are accomplished by dividing the work—the height of cooperation between our local sections, state committees, and staff.

Committees identify and develop the programs (find speakers, develop the flyer, etc), while local sections take care of the local coordination (onsite registration, contact hours, facility, and food).

However, these events don't just happen spontaneously. They are overseen and coordinated through the Training Coordination Committee (TCC) to ensure that we're meeting the training needs of our members throughout the State.

The TCC meets during the Annual Conference to set a preliminary schedule for the year; ensuring that an adequate number of conferences occur, committees are on-tap to find topics, and that the events don't conflict with other events (in the same region/at the same time).

Committees and Local Section PDC Chairs are encouraged to attend the **TCC meeting at AC on Friday at 10 am.**

Here's What's Coming In 06-07

Your CWEA Board of Directors is working hard on the program of work and budget for 2006-2007. Between April and June, they will be crunching numbers and juggling resources to make sure that we are able to continue our current work while making progress on the strategic plan that you (and our local section and committee leaders like you) developed.

Here are some key work items and events that you'll also need to have in mind when planning for 06-07,

July 2006

- ❑ Awards forms from the state committees will be sent to the local sections—to start off the awards program for 2006.
- ❑ Certification testing.
- ❑ Nomination season for the Board of Directors begins.
- ❑ Pricing changes will go into effect per the budget/program of work approved by the Board in June (membership dues, certification fees, etc).
- ❑ Wastewater Professional articles due.

August 2006

- ❑ Audit work for 2005-2006 fiscal year begins. (Year-end financial reports due).
- ❑ E-Bulletin articles due.

September 2006

- ❑ Board of Directors Meeting (at NRTC).
- ❑ Northern Regional Committee Meeting.
- ❑ Northern Regional Training Conference held in Sparks, NV.
- ❑ 2007 Kirt Brooks Scholarship Application form is posted.
- ❑ Tri-State Seminar, Primm.

October 2006

- ❑ Certification application deadline.
- ❑ October Planning Meeting, TBD.

- ❑ Southern Regional Committee Meeting, Oxnard.
- ❑ Wastewater Professional articles due.
- ❑ WEFTEC 2006, Dallas.

November 2006

- ❑ E-Bulletin articles due.
- ❑ First local section awards banquets and board installations.

December 2006

- ❑ Northern Regional Committee Meeting.

January 2007

- ❑ Awards deadline for State-level competition.
- ❑ Board of Directors Meeting.
- ❑ Certification tests.
- ❑ E-Bulletin articles due.
- ❑ Southern Regional Committee Meeting.
- ❑ Wastewater Professional articles due.

February 2007

- ❑ E-Bulletin articles due.
- ❑ KBS Scholarship Deadline.
- ❑ P3S Annual Conference.

March 2007

- ❑ Committee Chair Appointment Requests & 07-08 Budgets Due.

April 2007

- ❑ Annual Conference, Ontario.
- ❑ Annual Business Meeting (at AC).
- ❑ Board of Directors Meeting and Installation (at AC).
- ❑ Joint Regional & TCC meetings (at AC).
- ❑ Wastewater Professional articles due.

May 2007

- ❑ E-Bulletin articles due.
- ❑ Liaison appointments announced.

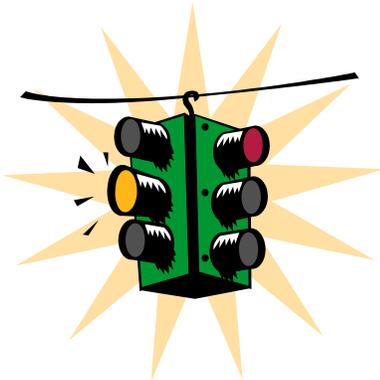
June 2007

- ❑ Board of Directors Meeting (budget 07-08).
- ❑ E-Bulletin articles due.



SFBS CALENDAR

APRIL 2006	
4 - 7	CWEA Annual Conference, Sacramento - www.cwea.org
13	SFBS Dinner Meeting. Joint with Santa Clara Valley Section. See flyer.
14	SFBS PDC Seminar: Digestion. See flyer.
26 - 29	CASA Spring Conference, Squaw Creek. www.casaweb.org for information.
30	Deadline: Abstracts for No. Regional Training Conference in Sparks. www.cwea.org
MAY 2006	
TBD	SFBS PDC Seminar: Emerging Regulations. Keep eyes open for future flyers.
JUNE 2006	
15	SFBS PDC Seminar: Cogeneration. Keep eyes open for future flyers.



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If you would like to start receiving the *Inkspot* by email, please contact Randy Fiorucci at FiorucciRW@bv.com. Thanks!

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