

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION  
California Water Environment Association

*Inkspot*



February 2007

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I am very excited at the opportunity to serve as your Bay Section President for this upcoming year! I look forward to working with the newly elected Board of Directors (which includes two new members: Florence Wedington and Polly Villarreal) to tackle the challenges facing the Bay Section. As always, your comments and feedback are welcome as they will give the Board the opportunity to see the Bay Section through your eyes. Your comments will also help to determine what changes are needed so we can better serve you in the near- and long-term.

The Awards Banquet in January was a great success, thanks to the hard work of Paul Louis (Awards Chair), Kevin O'Toole (Program Chair), and many others who volunteered their time and effort in planning this annual event.

Congratulations to all the award winners below as you will represent the Bay Section proudly at the CWEA Annual Conference in April.

- \* Engineering Achievement - EBMUD Grit Systems Improvements
- \* Research Achievement - EBMUD Food Waste Program
- \* P3S Person of the Year - Lynna Grijalva, City of Livermore
- \* Laboratory Person of the Year - Mary Anne Johnson, Delta Diablo Sanitation District
- \* Al Ditman Award - Craig Mitzutani, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
- \* Andy Stamatelos Memorial Award - Kevin O'Toole, Whitley Burchett and Associates

Photos of the Banquet can be found toward the end of the Inkspot.

Speaking of the Annual Conference, I just received my program in the mail and by thumbing through it I can say this will surely be a fantastic event. Be sure to register early!

The February Bay Section meeting will be held at Hs Lordships in Berkeley. Jeff Ansley of Malcolm Pirnie will have a presentation on the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Control in the Australian Wastewater Industry. Come learn about how the Australian Wastewater Industry is responding to the challenge of reducing global warming down under. Hope to see you there!

Rick Chan  
2007 SFBS President

### **Important Stuff:**

**February 1** SFBS Dinner Meeting – Hs Lordships, Berkeley, Ca

**February 1** State Operator Certification Exam Application Deadline

## Musings from the Editor...

Hello everyone, hope you are all having a great day!

BRR!!!

Cold enough for you? Well, it has been colder. Just the other day, some of us long timers in Walnut Creek were reminiscing about this type of weather. As a life long resident of Walnut Creek, I can remember a time in the 80's when the temps were even colder then they have been this January. I can remember it being in the low teens overnight and barely above freezing during the day for an extended period of time. Many more home water pipes were bursting then they are now. All of the repair supplies were gone at the local hardware store (Simons, there was no Home Depot). If I delve deeper into my memory, I can also recall lots of snow. It snowed when I was in kindergarten and it snowed when I was in second grade (over thirty years ago). I can remember being able to build snowmen at our house in Walnut Creek and getting into snow ball fights.

Yes we Californians are spoiled by the mild climate we live in. So when it gets cold like this, we feel miserable. Don't fret though; there was freezing rain in Dallas and mid twenties in Tucson. And as I am sure most of you are aware, Colorado was getting blanketed in snow. That is nothing compared to the projected highs of -5 for some of the northern states.

Just stay warm, drive slow, and try to relax. Spring is around the corner and the warmth of summer will soon be here. Then we will be complaining about the heat and wish for cold weather, right?

Editors Note: Please see the updated contact list for all committees, directors, etc. Also, to facilitate the generation of future Inkspots, it would be most helpful if Cassie, Randy, Matt, Leo, Clint, Angelino, and Lenny would contact me each month via email ([bealls@rodeosan.org](mailto:bealls@rodeosan.org)) to let me know if there will be a seminar/meeting and to give me a word copy of the seminar. I would find it much easier then downloading off CWEA website and trying to get a pdf to work easily with MS Word. OK?? It would be **MOST** appreciated.



## **CWEA San Francisco Bay Section**

# **February 2007 Dinner Meeting**

**Featuring:** Jeff Ansley, Malcolm Pirnie  
*Greenhouse Gas Emissions Control in the Australian Wastewater Industry*

This presentation will discuss the current status of climate change regulation in relation to the wastewater industry in California, the US in general, and Australia. While Australia has signed but not ratified the Kyoto Protocol, it has undertaken a voluntary program of greenhouse gas reductions that adopted the Kyoto targets. Australia is on track to achieve its reduction goals for 2012, and the lessons learned are applicable to the US. Project examples from the engineering firm Sinclair Knight Merz of Brisbane will show how the wastewater industry is responding to the challenge of reducing global warming down under.

**Where:** **HS Lordships**  
199 Seawall Drive  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
(510) 843-2733

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

**When:** **Thursday, February 1, 2007**  
5:00 – Board Meeting  
6:00 – Social Hour  
7:00 – Dinner  
8:00 – Presentation

**Choice of:** London Broil  
Rosemary Chicken  
Vegetable Lasagna

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

**Reservation deadline is Friday, January 26, 2007**

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

**Directions:** Please see maps on following page.

★ **HS Lordships, 199 Seawall Drive, Berkeley, CA 94710, (510) 843-2733**

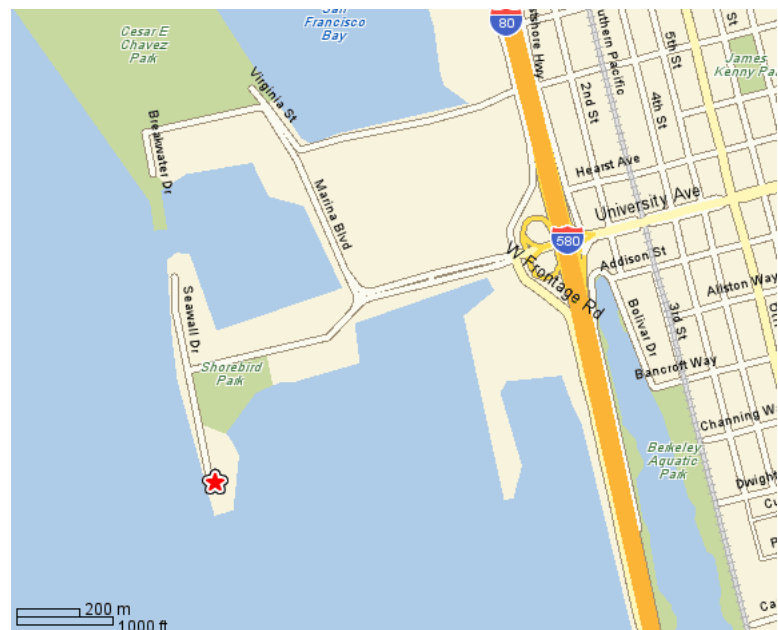
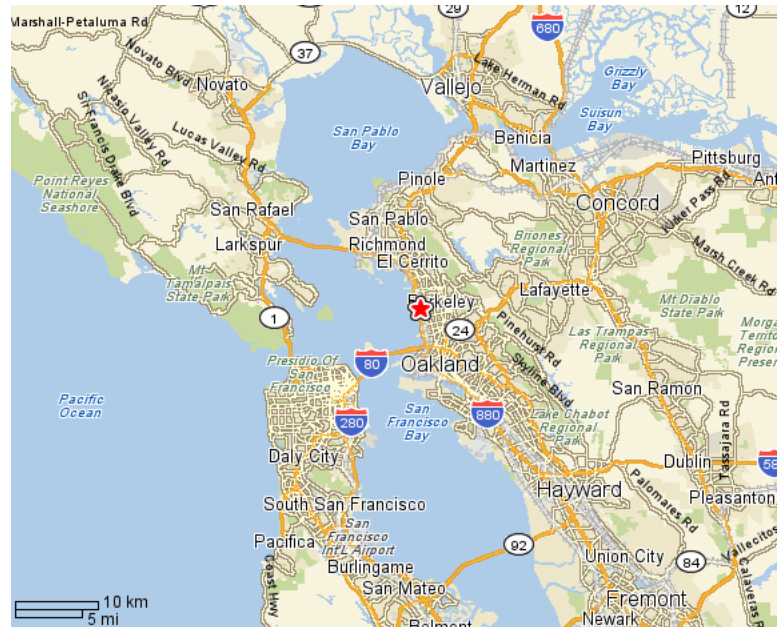
**From Sacramento:** Take I-80 West towards Berkeley. Exit at University Ave. and turn left onto University. Turn left on Seawall Drive. Continue on Seawall to HS Lordships.

**From Walnut Creek:** Take Hwy 24 to 580 East, following the signs to Berkeley/Sacramento. Exit at University Ave. Stay in the right lane and follow the signs directing you towards Fourth St. Turn right onto Hearst St. Turn right onto Sixth St. Turn right onto University Ave. Turn left on Seawall Drive. Continue on Seawall to HS Lordships.

**From South Bay:** Take I-80 and exit at University Ave. Stay in the right lane and follow the signs directing you towards Fourth St. Turn right onto Hearst St. Turn right onto Sixth St. Turn right onto University Ave. Turn left on Seawall Drive. Continue on Seawall to HS Lordships.

**From SF:** Take 101 to the Bay Bridge to I-80 (Sacramento), staying to the left. Continue on I-80 and exit at University Ave. Stay in the right lane and follow the signs directing you towards Fourth St. Turn right onto Hearst St. Turn right onto Sixth St. Turn right onto University Ave. Turn left on Seawall Drive. Continue on Seawall to HS Lordships.

**Free Parking**



# Seminar Announcement

## WWTP Energy Efficiency

The Professional Development Committee of the San Francisco Bay Section of CWEA is planning a seminar in late summer 2007 (August or early September) on how to increase WWTP energy efficiency - topics can relate either to design features or to O&M / control systems practices that can save energy costs in wastewater conveyance and treatment.

The PDC is looking for 6 to 7 speakers to talk 40 minutes each with 10-15 min Q&A on a subject related to WWTP Energy Efficiency.

Are you interested in speaking and what might be your suggested topic? If you are not interested in speaking, would others in your agency/firm be interested?

This seminar will likely be given at Hs Lordships Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina from 8:30 am until about 4 pm.

Please let Tom Hendry (contact information below) know if you are interested so he can continue the planning process. Adam Ross of B&C and Tom are coordinating the seminar planning so please contact either of them if you have questions. After speakers and topics are generated, a date will be selected.

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## Awards Banquet Photos:



Good Dinner!



Good Company!



New Board of Directors!



Committee Chair Recognition!



Kevin and Rick!

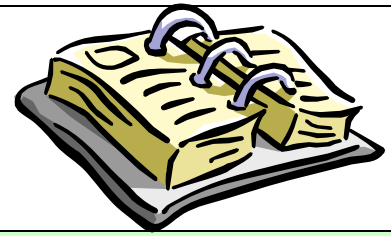


More Award Winners!



Award Winners!

# SFBS CALENDAR



FEBRUARY 2007	
<b>1</b>	<b>SFBS February Dinner Meeting, Hs Lordships, Berkeley, Ca.</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>State Operator Certification Exam Application Deadline</b>
<b>26-28</b>	<b>Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention &amp; Stormwater Conference, Napa Ca.</b>
MARCH 2007	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>SFBS March Dinner Meeting, Location TBA</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>5S Nomination Forms Due</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>State Operator Certification Exam</b>
APRIL 2007	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>SFBS April Dinner Meeting, Location TBA</b>
<b>17-21</b>	<b>CWEA Annual Conference, Ontario, Ca.</b>

More Banquet Photos:



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