

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

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April 2007

**GREETINGS FROM THE
PRESIDENT...**

Here comes the sun! With daylight savings starting earlier this year this means we all have more time to enjoy the sun.

With that in mind, the CWEA Annual Conference in sunny Ontario is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing a strong contingent of SF Bay Section members at the April conference to show our support and to pass on our knowledge to others in the state.

Last month's Bay Section Student Night drew a smaller crowd than in past years.....One of the rumored reasons was that the local students from Cal (and Stanford) stayed home to celebrate Cal's win over UCLA in the PAC 10 Basketball Tournament earlier that same day (**Go Bears!**). Nevertheless the Bay Section appreciates all those in attendance, especially the participating agencies and firms who consistently sponsor this event year after year. Those who were in attendance were treated to an excellent presentation from Kristin Robrock of UC Berkeley on microbial degradation of flame retardants polybrominated diphenyl ethers (now try to say that fast three times in a row). I also would like to personally say "Thanks" to the entire Student Committee for putting on this event, and look forward to seeing some new "twists" your group has planned for next year's event to increase participation.

Our April meeting will be a joint effort with the Santa Clara Valley Section on April 5. The meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Foster City and the speaker will be Diana Schlott of Artemis Training. Diana will be speaking on "Successful Communications Across Generations: Why do Boomers and Xers Clash at Work." See the flyer in this issue for more information. You don't want to miss this presentation if you want to understand how to better navigate and succeed in dealing with the increase in generation gap in your organization.

Rick Chan
2007 SFBS President

Important Stuff:

April 5 Joint SFBS/SCVS dinner meeting, Foster City (see flyer)

April 17-19 CWEA Annual Conference, Ontario, Ca.

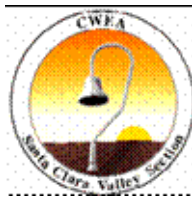
Ramblings from the Editor...

I will echo Rick, WELCOME to the sun and more plentiful daylight. Hopefully, we won't have the late March/April monster storms we have had in the past (knock, knock). I am sure all of the collection system operators (as RSD is) in our region are pleased with this mild winter after last year's torrents. However, RSD is ready for next year's storms. We have been diligently correcting some deficiencies in our collection system identified last year. Hmm, sounds like a future article from your editor...

THANK YOU CWEA for putting on a great seminar/workshop on the new SWRCB electronic SSO reporting program. I look forward to the next in the series; SSMP generation. I also look forward to more seminars/workshops from the CWEA giving us all assistance in assimilating the new and ever-changing requirements being handed out by the State. I will make one comment to the SWRCB, if the new CIWQS (eSSO and eSMR) are to streamline data management and "save money", will the SWRCB lower the agency's permit fees? I bet I know the answer to that question...

I bet you did not know that my 9-year-old son Kyle, has joined a rock band called Fang. Yep, a rock band at 9. They will be putting on a concert (talent competition) in May and will be playing Heart Break Hotel by Elvis. It is quite entertaining watching the four kids (Hudson on drums, Devon on bass, Raymundo on vocals and lead guitar, and Kyle on rhythm guitar) play the song. I am sure there will be more concerts in their future.

Well, hope to see you all soon, take care and have a great day!



CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

JOINT TRAINING MEETING

Date April 5, 2007

Topic: **Successful Communications Across Generations:
Why do Boomers and Xers Clash at Work**

Speaker **Diana Schlott, Artemis Training**

Boomers and Xers were raised in very different worlds. The key to Cross Generational Success in the work place is understanding the differences in their life experiences and how it affects the way they view their professional lives.

Why are Xers and Yers seen as slackers, with a lot of pesky questions and no respect for authority? Why are Boomers seen as stuffy, stuck in the rut old timers who won't listen to any new good ideas? And most importantly...what can you do to clarify and bridge these misguided perceptions?

Diana Schlott is a dynamic and energetic facilitator with over 15 years experience in all aspects of training including workshop facilitation, instructional design, and coaching. She facilitates courses on a wide variety of topics including front line leadership, generational conflict, motivation, work place communication, presentation skills and instructor mastery. The focus of training is always how to convert theoretical concepts into real actions, words and behaviors that have a positive impact in the work place.

Time **6:00 – 7:00 pm Social/Networking Hour**
7:00 – 8:00 pm Dinner
8:00 – 9:00 pm Speaker Presentation

Location **Crowne Plaza, Foster City**
1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA 94404

Directions Take Hwy 101 to Hwy 92 EAST. Exit Foster City Boulevard (right by San Mateo Bridge). From East Bay: Hwy 880 to Hwy 92 West (San Mateo Bridge). Exit Foster City Boulevard.

Menu Herb Marinated Breast of Chicken
Petit Filet of Beef
Mediterranean Farfalle Pasta (vegetarian)

Cost **CWEA Members- \$30 per person**
Non Members- \$45 per person
Students - \$15 per person

Space is limited, so make your reservations right away!

E-mail or fax reservations to Greg Chung by THURSDAY March 22, 2007

Email: gregchung@kennedyjenks.com or Fax: 650-856-8527

!!Remember that a reservation is a financial commitment!!

CWEA 2007 Northern Regional Training Conference
September 12 –14, 2007
Redding, CA

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Call for Presentations

(Papers not Required)

2007 NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE

-Contact Program Chair listed below or go to CWEA website for submittal forms-
 Final Date to Submit Abstracts is **April 30, 2007**

SESSION TOPICS:

- Biosolids
- Collection Systems
- Plant Operations
- Engineering Research
- Laboratory/Quality Assurance
- Maintenance Training
- Electrical/Instrumentation
- P3S (I&HW) and Storm Water
- Safety
- Super Group

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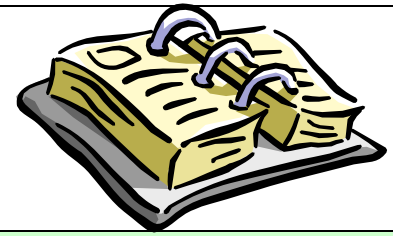
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SFBS CALENDAR

APRIL 2007	
5	SFBS/SCVS Joint April Dinner Meeting, Foster City
15-18	WEF/AWWA Joint Residuals and Biosolids Conference, Denver, Colorado
17-21	CWEA Annual Conference, Ontario, Ca.
MAY 2007	
TBA	SFBS May Dinner Meeting, Location TBA
2	SSO-WDR Electronic Reporting Deadline – Regions 1, 2, and 3.
JUNE 2007	
TBA	SFBS May Dinner Meeting, Location TBA



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