

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

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California Water Environment Association

*Inkspot*



April 2008

## **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

We made it through another winter! I welcome the warmer, dryer weather and longer days. This winter was too cold, at least for this California native.

The Bay Section had a busy month. The Collections System Committee kicked things off with a Hydrocleaning Best Practices training on March 5 at the City of Antioch. The training was a success and extremely popular, with 70 people in attendance and twice as many turned away due to space limitations (a reminder to sign up early to secure your space).

The Bay Section met for our monthly dinner meeting on March 6 at the Silver Dragon in Oakland. Julia Halsne of EBMUD discussed "Business Continuity Insights – Building a Resilient Agency." Julia has been working to prepare EBMUD to respond and recover from a major event, such as a large earthquake. The scope of the plan is quite mind-boggling, from maintaining chemical deliveries to coordinating with employees when the traditional communication facilities are unavailable to maintain the workforce (a real problem that affected New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina). Everyone would be well served to develop a similar plan.

The O&M Committee held a tour and lunch on March 19 at the Delta Diablo Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Plant, drawing over 50 well-fed attendees.

As I'm writing this message, the PDC is preparing to hold a Biosolids Seminar on March 20 at Hs Lordships in Oakland. They were expecting over

40 attendees for which I anticipate was a well received event.

On behalf of the Bay Section, I want to extend my thanks to all of the Board and Committee volunteers as well as the staff at the City of Antioch, EBMUD, and Delta Diablo for providing these excellent training and networking opportunities for our members.

There's still time to sign up for the CWEA Annual Conference, April 13-16 in Sacramento. There's something for everyone, including workshops, tours, presentations, and the vendor exhibit. You can also check out the workshops and first demos for the computer-based certification tests (please note that the last paper-and-pencil test is scheduled for July 2008, and the first computer-based tests will be offered in January 2009).

I hope to see you at our next dinner meeting on April 3, which is our joint meeting with the Santa Clara Valley Section. See the flyer in this issue for additional details.

Kevin O'Toole, 2008 SFBS President

### **Important Stuff:**

**April 3** SFBS/SCVC Joint Dinner Meeting, Beck's Steak and Seafood, Newark (see flyer)

**April 13-16** CWEA Annual Conference, Sacramento

**April 30** TCP Certification Application Deadline

**June 28** SFBS/Rewdood Empire Joint Event, A's/Giants Baseball Game(see flyer)

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## Ramblings from the Editor...

Greetings!

Your Editor is MIA this month. If I listed all the things I have to do, we would have a twenty page Inkspot (cry me a river right?). Of course the most important is to finish my master bedroom addition by my wife's birthday (as promised) in April. "Help me Obie Won Kenobie, you are my only hope!!"

See you at the conference!

Hope you all have a great day!

Steve



## CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION JOINT TRAINING MEETING

# April 2008 Dinner Meeting

**Featuring:** Chris Nihil, Assist U, Employee Assistance Program  
Mills-Peninsula Health Services  
*How to Deal with Difficult People*

Chris Nihil is from Assist U an employee assistance program with Mills-Peninsula Health Services. She will give us tips to help deal with difficult people in our day to day lives, strategies for working with a difficult employee, and techniques to actively understand this type of employee.

**Where:** **Beck's Steaks & Seafood**  
36665 Cedar Blvd  
Newark, CA  
(510) 797-7556

**Dinner:** \$30.00 CWEA Members  
\$45.00 Non-CWEA Members  
\$15.00 Students

**When:** **Thursday, April 3, 2008**  
5:00 – Board Meeting  
6:00 – Social Hour  
7:00 – Dinner  
8:00 – Presentation

**Menu:** Buffet :  
Oven Roasted Prime Rib  
New York Steak/ Chicken  
Vegetarian Pasta  
Salmon

**Contact:** Email Polly Villarreal of East Bay Municipal Utility District at [cweasfbs@aol.com](mailto:cweasfbs@aol.com) for dinner reservations. Include your name, agency or company affiliation, and menu selection and contact hours if applicable. If you require special accommodations, please provide a written description of your needs.

**Reservation deadline is Friday, March 28, 2008**

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

**★ Beck's Steaks & Seafood, 36665 Cedar Blvd, Newark, CA, (510) 797-7556**

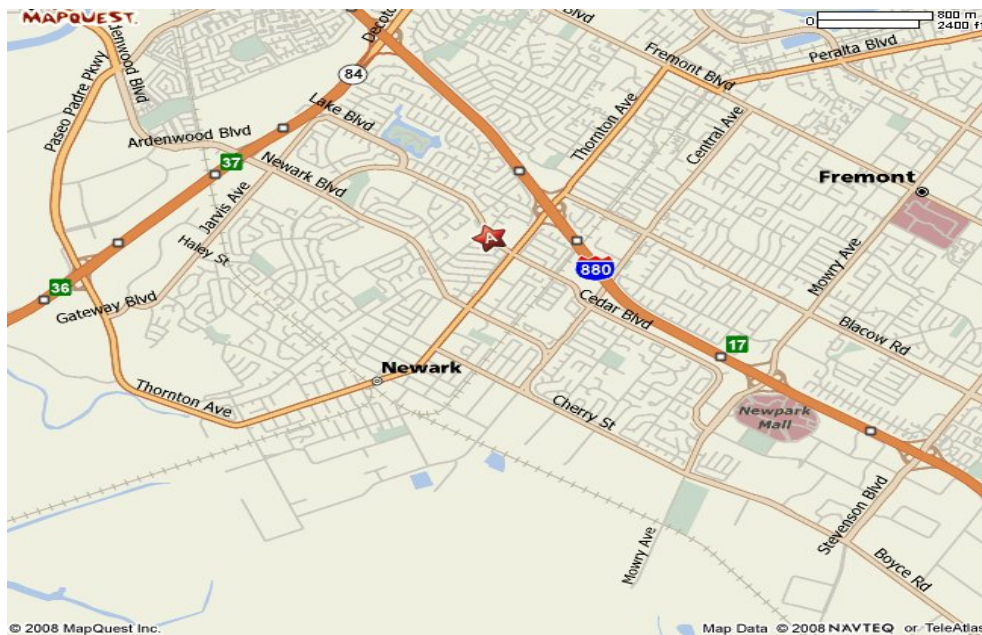
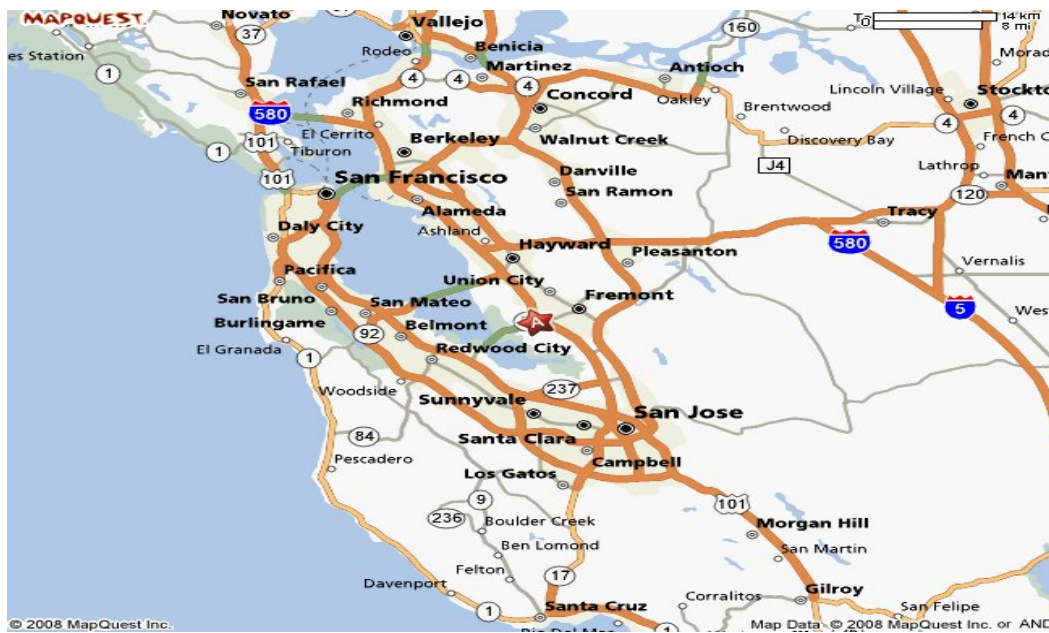
**From Contra Costa:** Take Hwy 24 to I-980/Downtown Oakland to I-880 South/Alameda-SJ. Take the Thornton Avenue Exit. Turn Right on onto Thornton Avenue and right on Cedar Blvd.

**From the 580 Corridor:** Take 580W to 238 take San Mateo Bridge exit to 880S. Take the Thornton Avenue Exit. Turn Right on onto Thornton Avenue and right on Cedar Blvd.

**From South Bay:** Take I-880 North towards Oakland. Take the Thornton Avenue Exit. Turn Left on onto Thornton Avenue and Right on Cedar Blvd.

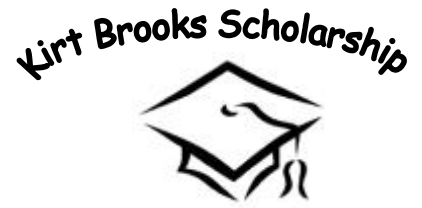
**From SF:** Take Bay Bridge to I-880 South/Alameda-SJ. Take the Thornton Avenue Exit. Turn Right on onto Thornton Avenue and right on Cedar Blvd.

**Parking:** Beck's has large parking lot, plenty of parking spaces.



# Silent Auction

## CWEA Annual Conference 2008



We are excited to announce that the 2008 California Water Environment Association (CWEA) Annual Conference will be hosting a Silent Auction benefiting the Kirt Brooks Scholarship Program. We are looking for donations. The auction is a great way to advertise while making a tax deductible contribution to a quality organization. Each auction item will clearly and visibly advertise your company's name/logo. Posters of the auction items will be displayed at the Ice Breaker and then during the conference.

The CWEA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to "Protecting our water environment through education and training. The CWEA Kirt Brooks Scholarship Program provides annual scholarships for individuals pursuing a course of study related to the water environment field. For more information please visit: [http://www.cwea.org/cwq\\_cweagrance\\_desc\\_scholarship.shtml](http://www.cwea.org/cwq_cweagrance_desc_scholarship.shtml)

We are asking for donations that will be used in the silent auction. All donations are welcome some ideas include golf shirts, professional memberships, services, tickets to sporting events, electronic such as iPods, and company logo items. Remember the better the item the more bidders you will get and the more name recognition you will receive. We thank you for your participation!

## Donation Form

Please fill out this sheet and fax or email to:

Alice Benson, Ramona Municipal Water District  
 105 Earlham Street, Ramona, CA 92065.  
 email: [abenson@rmwd.org](mailto:abenson@rmwd.org) Phone: 760-788-2274; Fax: 760-789-8742

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Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Item to be donated: \_\_\_\_\_


Value: \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email a camera ready company logo and digital picture of your auction item by February 15<sup>th</sup> (or call first if this date has passed) to Alice Benson at [abenson@rmwd.org](mailto:abenson@rmwd.org). Bring your item to the conference for the auction.

And for more information, please contact Alice Benson at 760-788-2274 ([abenson@rmwd.org](mailto:abenson@rmwd.org)).



CWEA 2008 Annual Conference, April 13 -16, 2008 Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento CA.



# Calling all Young Professionals!

Topics include:

- Wastewater collection systems
- Biosolids
- Pollution prevention
- Engineering and research

**Special Students and Young Professionals events  
Monday April 14th.**

- FREE mixer (12:PM - 1:30 PM)
- Student Paper Session (1:30 PM - 4:30 PM).

CWEA is committed to the training of wastewater professionals and students, including you. Membership opens the doors for local and national opportunities. Please refer to [http://cwea.org/pdf/membership/New\\_App\\_July\\_2007.pdf](http://cwea.org/pdf/membership/New_App_July_2007.pdf) for more information.



**Save the Date: Saturday June 28, 2008**  
CWEA Joint Redwood & San Francisco Bay Section  
Baseball Game



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Join us at the Oakland Coliseum for a Pre-game BBQ and an evening of baseball. Ticket Price \$35.  
For Tickets contact Polly Villarreal [cweasfbs@aol.com](mailto:cweasfbs@aol.com), please put Baseball in the subject line.



## SFBS CALENDAR

APRIL 2008	
<b>Mar30- Apr2</b>	<b>Residuals and Biosolids Conference, Philadelphia Pennsylvania</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>SFBS/SCVS Joint Dinner Meeting, Beck's Steak and Seafood, Newark, Ca</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>State Operators Certification Exam</b>
<b>13-16</b>	<b>CWEA Annual Conference, Sacramento, Ca.</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>TCP Certification Application Deadline</b>
MAY 2008	
<b>TBD</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting, Location TBD</b>
<b>5-6</b>	<b>Water Reuse Symposium, Denver Colorado</b>
<b>18-21</b>	<b>Collection Systems 2008, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania</b>
JUNE 2008	
<b>TBD</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting, Location TBD</b>



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