

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION  
California Water Environment Association

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May 2009

## GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Welcome back from the CWEA Annual Conference in Palm Springs! I hope you had a good time not only training but networking, too. In addition to representing the Bay Section at meetings, I was able to enjoy some of the water reuse sessions and a technical tour. I am particularly proud of all of the Bay Section's CWEA State Award Winners. They include: Mechanical Technician of the Year – **Kevin Kolte**, City of Livermore; Outstanding Young Professional – **Fran Smith**, Brown and Caldwell; Public Education Award, Small Budget – **City of Livermore**; Research Achievement – **Central Contra Costa Sanitary District**, Aeration Air Renovations; Treatment Plant of the Year (5-20 MGD) – **Delta Diablo Sanitary District**; Treatment Plant of the Year (>20 MGD) **Central Contra Costa Sanitary District**. Collection System PICK (Professionalism, Ingenuity, Contribution, Knowledge) Awards went to **Rick Orta** – City of San Leandro, **Tanya Erck** – City of Antioch, **Brent Johnson** – City of Livermore, and **Elliott Johnson** – Castro Valley Sanitary District. **Steve Laren** of Delta Diablo Sanitary District and **Ed McCormick** of East Bay Municipal Utility District were both inducted into the Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers. WEF's Arthur Sidney Bedell Award went to **Kathy Suter**, South Bayside System Authority. Congratulations to all of the winners.

On April 16, the Santa Clara Valley Section hosted our annual joint dinner meeting. Dr. Michael Jones of Discover Chiropractic shared techniques for preventing back and body pain that result from daily activities. His talk was very informative and practical. I was able to implement many of the techniques right away. I am hoping that if I continue to practice the techniques that not only will I remain pain free but that I might grow taller. Only time will tell.

On May 5, the Professional Development Committee is hosting a Natural Treatment Seminar at Central Contra Costa Sanitary District in Martinez. The Collections System Committee/Safety Committee will be conducting "Safety Awareness" training at the City of Antioch on May 13. Our next dinner meeting will be on May 7 at the Washington Inn Hotel in Oakland. This is a new location for us. It is very close to the 12 Street/City Center BART Station, and there is also public parking nearby. I hope to see you there.

Florence Wedington, 2009 SFBS President

### **Important Stuff:**

**May 5**, Natural Treatment Seminar, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, Martinez  
**May 7**, Dinner Meeting, Washington Inn Hotel, Oakland  
**May 13**, Safety Awareness Training, City of Antioch

## Ramblings from the Editor...

Greetings!!

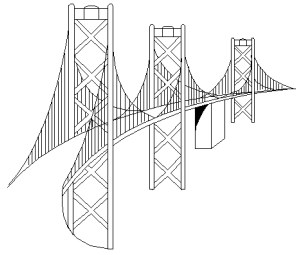
OK folks I think I have a star in the making. If you remember, one proud Dad has been tellin y'all about Kevin, my 11-year-old son, the star running back on his tackle foot ball team. Ok, so this last Sunday, he scored a 50 yard touchdown (the field is 50 yards long) and the game tying TD with only seconds to play (the only scores for his team). The game ended in a tie, which is just fine for the kids. He is having a lot of fun and so is his old man.

So what's next? I wish I had more time to ramble this month but I am behind in getting a bid advertisement out, etc, and have an EPA inspector with her microscope inspecting the District. ;-) I must say, this has been the easiest inspection we have had! We must be doing something right!!

One last thing, this is a request for help from your experience. We are in the early stages of constructing a new chlorine analyzer building. When it is finished, we will have the much needed redundancy and improved reliability. I would welcome any and all suggestions on monitoring, experience in operation, control philosophy, so we can eliminate the persistent problems of the past. About 95 percent of our violations over the past 8 years have been chlorine related. THANKS!

Hope you all have a great day!

*Steve*



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## CWEA San Francisco Bay Section

### May 2009 Dinner Meeting

**Featuring:** Alicia Chakrabarti, EBMUD  
Carrie Del Boccio, RMC Water and Environment

***“From the cubicle to the savannah and back: how Engineers Without Borders benefits you, your employees, and maybe even the world”***

Representatives from the Engineers Without Borders - San Francisco Professionals Chapter will present on a solar powered water distribution system being implemented in rural Tanzania. The presentation will cover work completed on the ground in Tanzania by the speakers, while highlighting how volunteering for EWB brings unexpected benefits.

**Where:** **The Washington Inn**  
495 Tenth Street  
Oakland, CA 94607  
(510) 452-1776

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

**When:** **May 7, 2009**  
5:00 – Board Meeting  
6:00 – Social Hour  
7:00 – Dinner  
8:00 – Presentation

**Menu:** Chicken Marsala  
Grilled Pork chops  
Mediterranean Pasta Farfalle  
(Vegetarian)

**Contact:** Mark Takemoto of RMC Water and Environment at [cweasfbs@aol.com](mailto:cweasfbs@aol.com) for dinner reservations. Please include your name, menu selection and agency or company affiliation. If you require special accommodations, please provide a written description of your needs.

**Reservation deadline for Dinner Meeting is Friday, May 1, 2009.**

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

**Directions:** Please see direction on the next page.

**The Washington Inn - 495 Tenth Street, Oakland, CA 94607**

**From BART:**

Take BART to the 12<sup>th</sup> St/Oakland City Center Station and Walk 2 Blocks.

**By Car:**

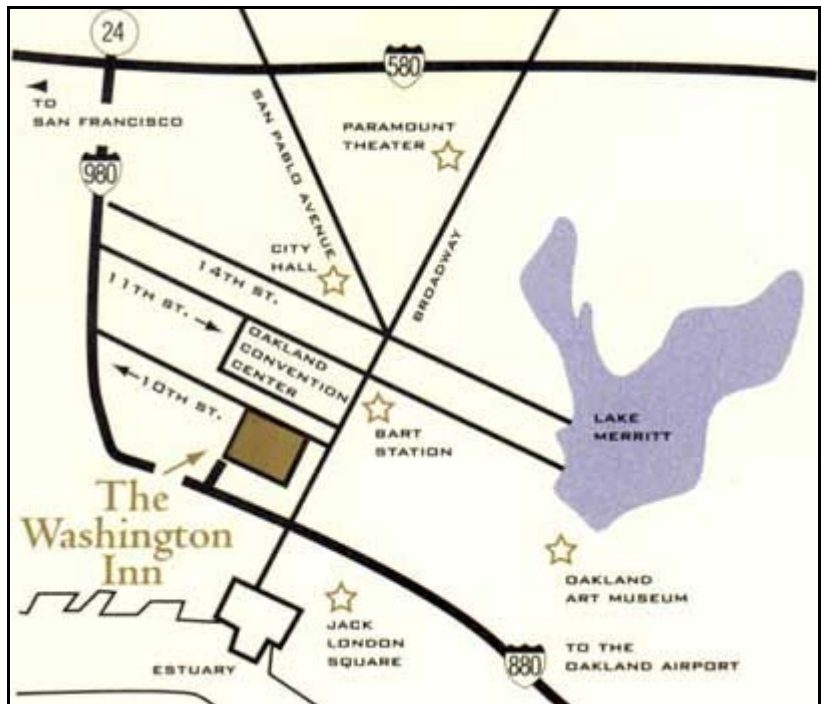
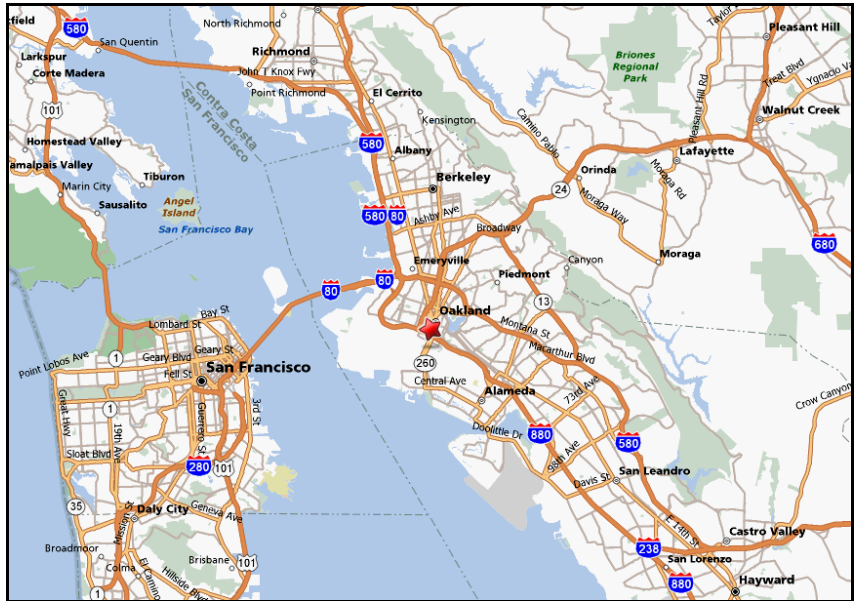
Street parking is available, but may be limited. Parking is also available at the Oakland Convention Center.

**From CA-24 Westbound and I-580 Eastbound:**

Merge onto I-980 W. Take the 18<sup>th</sup> Street exit toward 14<sup>th</sup> Street. Stay straight to go onto Brush Street. Turn left onto 14<sup>th</sup> St/International Dr. Turn Right onto Broadway. Turn Right onto 10<sup>th</sup> Street.





**From I-880 Northbound:**


Take I-880 N. Take the Broadway exit toward Downtown. Take the ramp toward Alameda. Turn slight Right onto Broadway. Turn Left onto 10th St.



## Need to Earn a Certificate but Missed the Deadline for the January through June testing?

Don't worry. CWEA is now continuously accepting applications for the remaining test windows.

	Test Windows	Application Deadline	Test Dates
	Spring	<del>February 27</del>	<del>April 1 through June 30</del>
	Summer	May 29	July 1 through September 30
	Fall	August 31	October 1 through December 31
	Winter	November 31	January 1 through March 31

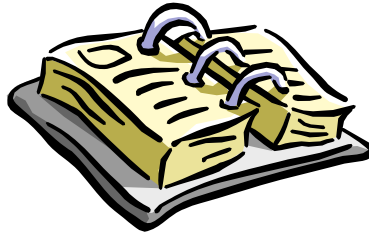
 The Spring application deadline has passed.

Start advancing in your career. Submit your application today for the remaining dates!

Applications are available at [www.cwea.org/cert](http://www.cwea.org/cert). If you need a copy mailed to you, please contact the CWEA office at (510) 382-7800 x119. Mail your application to 7677 Oakport Street., Suite 600, Oakland, CA 94621 or by fax at 510-382-7810.



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## SFBS CALENDAR

MAY 2009	
<b>5</b>	<b>Natural Treatment Seminar, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, Martinez</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting, The Washington Inn, Oakland, Ca</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>One of the most important days of the year...MOTHERS DAY!!</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>Safety Awareness Training, City of Antioch</b>
JUNE 2009	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting, TBA</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>One of the other most important days of the year...FATHERS DAY!! Also the summer solstice!</b>
JULY 2009	
<b>TBA</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting, TBA</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Independence Day!!</b>

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