

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

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June 2009

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Wow! It is hard to believe that summer is almost here. This is my favorite time of year with warm weather, lots of sunshine, BBQs, and my favorite part....school is out and that means no more homework! The SFBS also has some great events planned for the summer. On July 18, the SFBS in conjunction with the Redwood Empire Section is hosting the "2009 Baseball Outing." It will be the Oakland A's against the Anaheim Angels at the Oakland Coliseum. Bring your family and friends out for a tailgate party and a fun afternoon at the ball park. The Collection System Committee will host its Annual Golf Tournament at the Monarch Bay Golf course in San Leandro on July 24, 2009. Start thinking about who you want in your foursome so you don't miss out on what is sure to be a great time.

On May 7, we had our monthly dinner meeting at the Washington Inn in Oakland. This was a new venue for us and the feedback was generally positive. Just in case you weren't able to attend, you're in luck. It's likely that we'll have some meetings there in the future. Alicia Chakrabarti of EBMUD and Carrie Del Boccio of RMC Water and Environment made a presentation titled "From the Cubicle to the Savannah and Back: How Engineers Without Borders Benefits You, Your Employees, and Maybe Even the World." Engineers Without Borders is a great organization that helps communities worldwide to have the capacity to meet their basic human needs through the design and implementation of sustainable engineering projects.

The presentation reminded me not to take for granted the many "luxuries" that we have here in America like having an abundant supply of fresh drinking water at our fingertips whenever we want it.

The next dinner meeting will be held on June 4, 2009, at the Lafayette Park Hotel in Lafayette. The meeting is being sponsored by the SFBS O&M Committee and Ali Vakili of Eaton Electrical will be presenting an "Introduction to Arc Flash Hazards." I hope to see you there. Please note that there will not be a July dinner meeting.

Florence Wedington, 2009 SFBS President

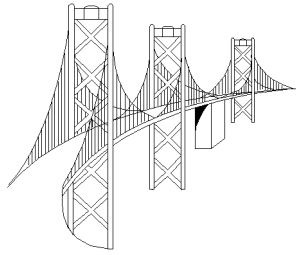
Important Stuff:

June 4, Dinner Meeting, Lafayette Park Hotel, Lafayette

July 18, SFBS/RES 2009 Baseball Outing (A's vs. Angels), Oakland

July 24, SFBS Annual Golf Tournament, San Leandro

No July Dinner Meeting



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CWEA San Francisco Bay Section

June 2009 Dinner Meeting

Featuring: Ali Vakili, Eaton Electrical

“Introduction to Arc Flash Hazards”

The June meeting is being sponsored by the SFBS O&M committee. The presentation will cover:

- Arc Flash Definition
- Arc Flash Examples
- Why are we so interested in Arc Flash now?
- Common Causes of Arcing Faults
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Selection
- Incident Energy, Flash Protection Boundary, Limits of Approach
- Practical Methods For Reducing Arc Flash Hazards

Where: Lafayette Park Hotel
3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd
Lafayette, CA 94596
925-283-3700

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

When: June 4, 2009
5:00 – Board Meeting
6:00 – Social Hour
7:00 – Dinner
8:00 – Presentation

Menu: (Select one entrée)
- Grilled Salmon
- Summer Vegetable
Ratatouille (Vegetarian)

Contact: Mark Takemoto of RMC Water and Environment at 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 29, 2009.

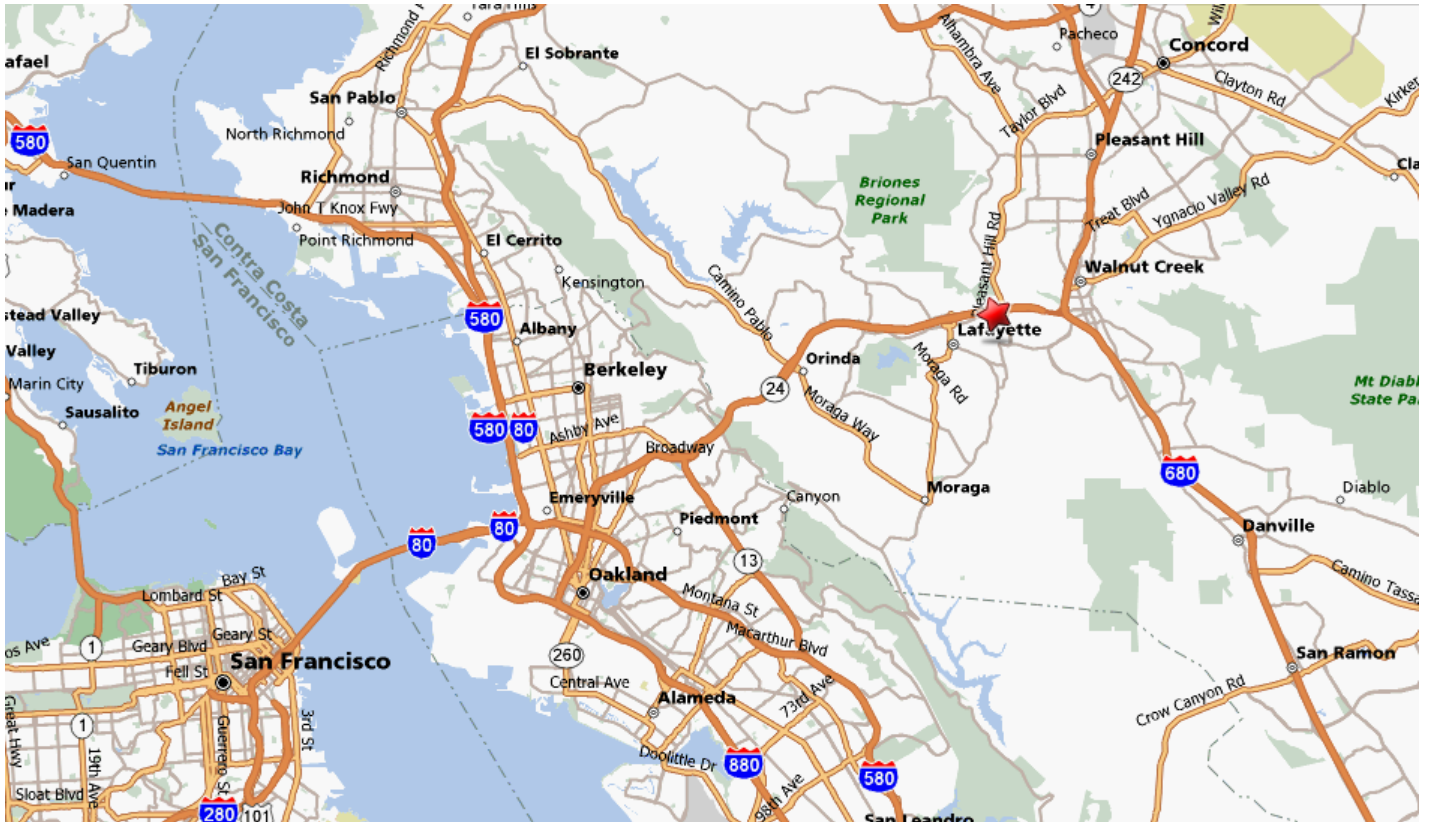
REMEMBER – a reservation is a commitment to pay.

Directions: Please see direction on the next page.

Lafayette Park Hotel 3287 Mt. Diablo Blvd, Lafayette, CA 94596





From Oakland: Take Highway 880 North to I-980 and exit onto Highway 24 East leading to Walnut Creek and Berkeley. Drive through Oakland, the Caldecott Tunnel and Orinda. Take the Pleasant Hill Road South exit. Turn left at the first signal and at the next left, which is Mount Diablo Boulevard. Continue up Mount Diablo Boulevard and the hotel will be on your left.


From Concord & Walnut Creek: Take 680 South to Highway 24 West. Take the Pleasant Hill Road South exit, loop under freeway and turn right onto Mount Diablo Boulevard. Continue up Mount Diablo Boulevard and the hotel will be on your left (From San Ramon take 680 North instead to Highway 24 West).



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

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

	Test Windows	Application Deadline	Test Dates
	Spring	February 27	April 1 through June 30
	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 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. 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.

Congratulations to the State Award Winners!

As Florence reported in our last newsletter, Bay Section members racked up a number of awards at the state level. And now we have pictures of the winners! (Except for Delta Diablo's Robert Wright, winner of the Collection System Person of the Year Award.) The awards were presented at the CWEA Annual Conference in April in Palm Springs.



Treatment Plant of the Year (>20 MGD)
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District



Treatment Plant of the Year (5-20 MGD)
Delta Diablo Sanitation District



Outstanding Young Professional
Fran Smith, Brown and Caldwell



Mechanical Technician of the Year
Kevin Kolte, City of Livermore



Public Education Award, Small Budget
 City of Livermore
 Accepted by Helen Ling



Research Achievement
 Central Contra Costa Sanitary District,
 Aeration Air Renovations
 Accepted by Nathan Hodges



Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (5S) Induction
 Steve Laren, Delta Diablo (2nd from Left)

It's time to start thinking about next year's awards. This is a great opportunity to nominate a coworker or colleague to acknowledge their outstanding efforts, or perhaps you want to nominate your agency, program, or project to stimulate public awareness. The nomination forms will be available in June with nominations due in October. Get a head start now before the deadline approaches!

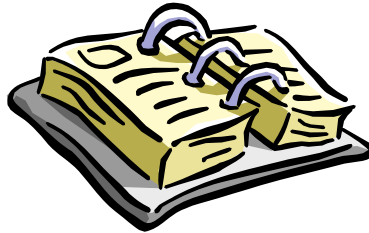
Mark your calendars: the awards will be presented at the SFBS Awards and Installation Banquet on January 8, 2010.

Please contact me at 925-945-6850 or kotoole@whitleyburchett.com if you have any questions on the awards program or need some guidance on completing a nomination.

Kevin O'Toole
 2009 Past President



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SFBS CALENDAR

JUNE 2009	
4	SFBS Dinner Meeting, Lafayette Park Hotel, Lafayette
21	One of the other most important days of the year...FATHERS DAY!! Also the summer solstice!
JULY 2009	
4	Independence Day!!
18	SFBS/RES 2009 Baseball Outing (A's vs Angels), Oakland
24	SFBS Annual Golf Tournament, San Leandro
AUGUST 2009	
TBA	SFBS Dinner Meeting, TBA

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