

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

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March 2012

SFBS President's Message for the start of 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as San Francisco Bay Section (SFBS) President for 2012. Each year on the board, I have had the opportunity to work with good people in our section and other sections and I have learned from each event and from the many individuals involved. I hope to continue learning and improving this year.

With support from the SFBS Board, we are going to concentrate our efforts on enhancing the value of our monthly dinner meetings and all the events put on by our section committees of Collections, Operations and Maintenance, Safety, Laboratory, Professional Development, Student and Young Professionals activities, and the Technical Certification Program (TCP).

Before we go off on too many tangents, we always want your feedback on why you attend CWEA events. Please call or email me or any Board member with suggestions.

We want to enhance some core values CWEA has offered for many years and have developed the following goals:

1. **Events should be on topics that increase your knowledge about our industry:**
 - a. Presentations should be about topics affecting our industry
 - b. About how others have solved similar problems
 - c. About new equipment or procedures to improve what we do
 - d. About upcoming regulation changes
 - e. Provide low cost opportunities for required training
2. **Events should give you a chance to meet and talk to people who share your work interests:**
 - a. You should be able to discuss issues you have and be able to get solutions that have worked for others in similar situations.



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2012 SFBS President

3. **We should recognize the efforts of you and your colleagues and associates for the good things they do** (recent annual section and State award winners will tell you it is nice to receive recognition from your peers).
4. **Allow you to participate in helping with section activities without requiring you to become a volunteer martyr** (there are easy tasks you can help with every month).

To encourage more members to become involved, we are implementing the following changes which we hope improve for our monthly dinner meetings.

Important Stuff:

March 1, SFBS Dinner Meeting/Student Night, Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkeley
March 7, SFBS and SCVS Lab Training, Hs Lordships, Berkeley
April 17-20, CWEA Annual Conference, Sacramento Convention Center

SFBS President's Message for the start of 2012 (continued)

We want to have a monthly “**Thanks for the Effort Award**” (limit 2 per meeting) where anyone can stand up and nominate a co-worker, a vendor, a contractor or a consultant (yes, even us consultants like praise) for something that in the nominator's opinion went beyond normal service in the last month. **The person nominated will receive a Starbucks or Target Gift card.**

We want to have a monthly “**Lessons Learned Award**” (limit 2 per meeting) where anyone can stand up and share an issue or event that might have gone bad if not for a good idea or a change in procedure that prevented an undesirable event or will prevent one in the future. **The person presenting what happened and the improvement made will receive a Starbucks or Target Gift card.**

We are bringing back the **Vendor Moment** at each dinner meeting where equipment vendors or their representatives are able to introduce new equipment or equipment upgrades that should make O&M in our industry better. Vendors will be given five minutes to show the equipment and what has been improved (what problem did the improvement solve). We will let up to two of these presentations be done per dinner meeting.

We would like to encourage more general interest outings like the Bay Bridge Construction site visits in past years or the Academy of Science aquarium water systems tour this last year. We want members to suggest places to visit and we can help in setting up the visit if the member does not want to take this on. These can be associated with a dinner meeting or at other times during the month.

We want agencies to offer plant tours for each monthly dinner meetings. These tours do not have to be related to the dinner meeting speaker's topic. This can be a venue for agencies to show off new processes or equipment that has improved their operations.

I want to make it our stretch goal of the year to try to get ten percent of our members to participate in dinner meetings. Please let me or any board member know any thoughts you may have on how we can increase the value of our events to you personally.

Bring an inactive member to a dinner meeting: If you bring a member to a dinner meeting who has not been to a SFBS dinner meeting in the last two years, we will comp the member's dinner cost.

Let us know if you have specific ideas for speaker topics, dinner meeting locations, tours, committee activities, and especially if you want to help with part of the planning or running of an event.

Call my office at **925-945-6850** with ideas you have to make our section of more value to you. Or, send me an email at thendrey@whitleyburchett.com.

You may contact any of the other SFBS Board Members:

- Vice President: **Meg Herston** at (707) 429-8930 x 555 and mherston@fssd.com
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Thanks for helping make our organization more useful to you.

Tom Hendrey for the 2012 SFBS Board.



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March Dinner Meeting

ANNUAL STUDENT NIGHT

Featuring: **Evening with Industry*** for Civil and Environmental Engineering Majors. In response to positive feedback from both students and professionals, we are continuing the Evening with Industry format in lieu of a traditional career fair. Student Night will begin at 5:00pm with a two-hour social/mixer, giving students an opportunity to learn about local firms, agencies and their employees in an informal setting, as well as a chance to practice their networking skills. Please consider your participation as an opportunity to enhance the future well-being of our industry.

Student Speaker – Liang Duan, PhD – Post Doctorate Researcher at the University of California Berkeley

“Effect of Sludge Retention Time on the Microbial Community and Fouling in a Membrane Bioreactor”

Where: **Spenger’s Fresh Fish Grotto**
1919 Fourth Street
Berkeley, CA

When: **Thursday, March 1, 2012**
5:00 - 7:00 Evening with Industry Social Hour/Mixer with Students*
7:00 - Dinner
8:00 - Student Speaker Presentation

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

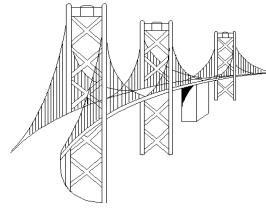
Choice of:

- Parmesan Crusted English Sole with Lemon Butter and Crispy Capers
- Grilled London Broil with Mushroom Demi Glace
- Chicken Marsala
- Seasonal Vegetable Platter Marinated and Grilled with Herb Sauce and Polenta

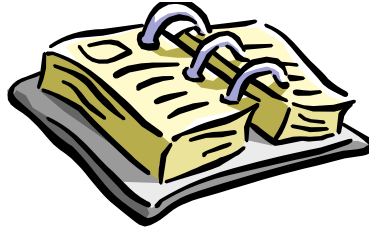
Contact: Steve Dominguez of Delta Diablo Sanitation District at cweasfbs@gmail.com for dinner reservations. Please include your name, meal choice, and agency or company affiliation. If you require special accommodations, please provide a written description of your needs.

Reservation deadline is Monday, February 27, 2012 at noon
Remember - a reservation is a commitment to pay

** We ask for student door prize donations from companies participating in the “Evening with Industry”. For information regarding this portion of the event, or to make a reservation to participate in the social/mixer, please contact Colin Dudley of Brown and Caldwell at cdudley@brwncald.com.*



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SFBS CALENDAR

March 2012	
1	SFBS Dinner Meeting/Student Night, Spenger's Fish Grotto, Berkeley
7	SFBS and SCVS Lab Training, Hs Lordships, Berkeley
31	Technical Certification Winter Testing Window Ends
April 2012	
TBA	SFBS Dinner Meeting, Location TBA
17-20	CWEA Annual Conference, Sacramento Convention Center
May 2012	
TBA	SFBS Dinner Meeting, Location TBA
31	Summer TCP Exam Application Deadline

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