



SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

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MAY 2005

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back from the 77th Annual Conference in Palm Springs. I am sure that you had a great time and participated in many hours of training and meetings. I know that I ran from meeting to meeting and even missed some because of meetings. In the end, a lot was accomplished, plus the start of some great work has begun.

Speaking of great work, let's list the award winners from our region:

Collection System of the Year (250-500 miles)

Oro Loma Sanitary District

Elect/Inst Person of the Year

Don Parker CCCSD

P3S Person of the Year

Gayle Tupper EBMUD

Mech/Tech Person of the Year

Don Botelli CCCSD

Plant Safety of the Year (Large)

East Bay Municipal Utility District

Sidney Bedell 2004

Tracy Stigers Brown and Caldwell

Gimmicks & Gadgets 1st Prize

Robert Culbertson USD

Gimmicks & Gadgets 2nd Prize

Greg Krauss City of Daly City

Gimmicks & Gadgets 3rd Prize

Jose Rodrigues USD

Please congratulate these winners next time you see them.

Speaking of awards (Ray Busch, SFBS Awards Chair), we are looking to put forth a greater effort to get as many nominees as possible in this coming year. It is a shame when we all know that there are deserving individuals and agencies that just couldn't find the time to get the application in. If you start now and gather the needed information to be included on the application, you are halfway there when the applications come out in a couple of months. Past applications are a good starting point, but remember, they change each year and you have to submit the current year's application to be considered. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Busch or me; we are here to help.

Our next meeting is scheduled for May 5th at Scott's Seafood in Oakland, I hope to see you all there!

See ya,

Your Pres.
Paul Louis

Musings from the Editor...

By the time you receive this newsletter, there will have been a full moon eclipse, exact at 3:07 a.m. on Sunday morning, April 24. We've had a treat this past month by having two lunar eclipses; one a new moon eclipse on April 8 and this full moon eclipse. I wonder if others look up to the sky and just gaze in wonder at this phenomenon. There is something so interesting and awe-inspiring about eclipses.

So, this month, I want to write about something near and dear to my heart. Yes! Rock climbing! No? Okay, then let me write more generally about passions. I wonder how many of us follow our passions and how many of us regard them as Necessity. Capital "N" Necessity. Capital N Necessity means we really have no choice about it. There is something inherent in us that cause us to be and act in certain ways. It is like fate or karma or a Calling that we are subjected to. It is most evident in spiritual leaders who go through great suffering to live their lives according to their deeply held beliefs; like Mother Teresa or Siddhartha Gautama (Buddha). It's evident in athletes who endure great amounts of physical, mental and emotional pain to participate and excel in their particular sport. It's evident in artists throughout history who suffer at the hands of society simply for creating their art.



I know that MANY people who live their passions decry the drive in them that pushes them to this pursuit. I know that passions lived are, sometimes, driven by Necessity. In ancient Greece, there was a goddess of Necessity who was called Ananke. She was the personification of unalterable necessity; the force of destiny. She was also the mother of the Fates; the goddesses who controlled the destiny of every person from the time they were born to the time they died.

So, perhaps it is more a question of choice and fate. Or, rather, an acknowledgement that choice and fate are simply two sides of the same coin. I think that if we can understand that there is a certain amount of fatedness in our lives and that it walks hand-in-hand with choice, we can live life with more grace than we otherwise could.

Whether our lives are lived from Necessity, passion, fate, choice... acceptance of the experiences that we encounter throughout our lifetimes is what is key. And, whatever it takes to bring understanding, consciousness, meaning, or sense to the experiences will assist us to achieve that acceptance. Will assist us to move through this life with grace. And, perhaps, will allow us to find inner tranquility regardless of those experiences that cause us pain.



Do not struggle.
Go with the flow of things,
And you will find yourself at one with
The mysterious unity of the Universe.

~ Chuang Tzu



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CWEA San Francisco Bay Section

May 2005 Dinner Meeting

Featuring: Joe Augustine/Robert Gonzales/Chris Dembiczak, EBMUD
The 2004 SFBS Large Treatment Plant of the Year

Tour: 4:00 p.m.
(Please RSVP to Katherine Fagan at (510) 287-1409 or email to Kfagan@ebmud.com
by May 3)
EBMUD's Main WWTP
2020 Wake Avenue
Oakland, CA 94607

**Dinner...
Where:** **Scott's Seafood**
#2 Broadway (Jack London Square)
Oakland, CA 94607

When: **Thursday, May 5, 2005**
5:00 – Board Meeting
6:00 – Social Hour
7:00 – Dinner
8:00 – Presentation

Dinner: \$30.00 CWEA Members **Choice of:** Grilled Salmon
\$38.00 Non-CWEA Members Chicken Piccata
Vegetarian Entree

Contact: Email Rene Kempe of Carollo Engineers at sfbs@carollo.com for dinner reservations.
Include your name, agency or company affiliation, and menu selection.

Reservation deadline for Dinner Meeting is Friday, April 29, 2005.

REMEMBER – a reservation is a commitment to pay.

Driving directions on reverse...

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO MAY 5 TOUR AND DINNER MEETING

Directions to Scott's Seafood:

From Contra Costa: Take Hwy 24 to I 980/Downtown Oakland. Take the 11th/12th Street Exit. Once you exit the freeway you will be on Brush Street. Turn left on 5th Street and right on Broadway. Follow Broadway to the waterfront for Jack London Square.

From South Bay: Take Hwy 880 North to the Broadway Exit. Off the freeway, turn left onto Broadway to the waterfront for Jack London Square.

From SF & North Oakland: Take Bay Bridge to I 880 South/ Alameda-SJ. Exit on Broadway-Alameda exit. Ease to the right at the bottom of the ramp, turn right onto Adeline and left on 3rd Street. Travel 12 blocks and turn right onto Broadway. Follow Broadway to the waterfront for Jack London Square.

Directions to EBMUD's Main WWTP:

- **From San Francisco Bay Bridge:** follow the freeway toward San Jose (right lanes) to the off-ramp for "**West Grand Ave./Maritime St.**". At the foot of the ramp, (Maritime St.), turn left and proceed across the intersection (West Grand Avenue) and follow the road as it curves to the right (this is Wake Avenue). The Wastewater Treatment Plant is approximately _ mile, at the end of Wake Ave.
- **From Alameda and Interstate 880:** as you approach the intersection of 880/980, stay in the middle_lanes, toward San Francisco. After you pass the 980 turnoff, move to the right lane and take the **West Grand – 7th Street** turnoff. This is the last Oakland off-ramp. At the 7th Street intersection, go straight. At the next intersection, West Grand, turn left, and move to the right lane. The next intersection will be Maritime/Wake Ave. Turn Right and follow the Wake Ave. curve approximately _ mile to the Treatment Plant.
- **From 580 West:** proceed toward the Bay Bridge toll plaza. Move to the right lanes and take the last Oakland exit, **West Grand – Maritime**. *This turnoff is just past the carpool lane turnoff for the Bridge. Don't turn off too soon.* Follow the West Grand off-ramp around to the stoplight/intersection (Maritime St.). Turn left and proceed across the intersection (West Grand Avenue) and follow the road as it curves to the right (this is Wake Ave). The Treatment Plant is approximately _ mile, at the end of Wake Ave.

Confined Space- “The Final Frontier”

(Can't you just hear Captain Kirk now?)

To boldly go where no man has gone before... Okay, so he has probably gone there, but may have been out of compliance when doing so. To address this problem, the SFBS Collections System Committee, in conjunction with the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District, conducted a Confined Space refresher class at their Walnut Creek facility on March 10th in an effort to ensure that in the Bay Section at least, this is not the case.

This particular training was developed and presented by CCCSD's Safety Specialist Dwight Williams and was broken down into two distinctly different segments. Part one was held in a classroom, while the second half was a “field exercise” coordinated by Dwight and supported by CCCSD's Confined Space Team. Some years back, CCCSD had the vision to construct an above ground manhole as a training aid. Fortunately, it is through Central San's continuing commitment to leadership and education, they have made this facility available to the CWEA on this, and many other, occasions.

While classroom training can be effective without the benefit of hands-on exercises, there is really no substitute for “experiencing it” first hand. Transitioning from theoretical classroom concepts to practical field application, completes the knowledge loop and creates a unique experience for the participants as they view it from different perspectives.

As you probably know, Dwight is no stranger to delivering training to the CWEA and once again delivered an informative and thought provoking presentation. He covered everything from soup to nuts including an overview of regulatory guidelines and some accompanying history behind the development of the current standards.

Historically, attendees have come to Bay Section CS training from a large geographic area. This training was no exception and had participants representing five cities, eight sanitary districts, and other groups including an engineering firm and the Maritime Academy.

The SFBS Collections System Committee offers six training opportunities per year including two exam preparation classes. In May, our next offering will be a workshop on proper Sanitary Sewer Overflow reporting procedures. Please check the flyer for further details. Space will be limited, so sign up now.

Finally, take a moment to view the accompanying photos to see why you can't beat hanging out with Collection System workers.





DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From San Lorenzo/Hayward:
I-238 S to I-580 E towards Stockton; I-680 N toward Concord/Sacramento; merge onto CA-242 N toward Concord/Pittsburg; merge onto CA-4 via left exit toward Stockton/Pittsburg; Take the Somersville Rd North exit; turn right onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

From Livermore:
I-580 W to I-680 N; merge onto CA-242 N toward Concord/Pittsburg; merge onto CA-4 via left exit toward Stockton/Pittsburg; Take the Somersville Rd North exit; turn right onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

From San Rafael:
US-101 toward San Francisco; Merge onto I-580 E toward Richmond Br/Oakland; Take the exit toward Richmond Pkwy/
Pt Richmond/I-80 E/Sacramento; keep right at the fork in the ramp; merge onto Castro St; turn slight right onto Richmond Pkwy; merge onto I-80 E toward Sacramento; merge onto CA-4 E toward Martinez/Stockton; take the Somersville Rd North exit; turn right onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

From San Francisco:
Take Bay Bridge toward Oakland; Merge onto I-80 E toward Bay Bridge/Oakland/Seventh St/US-101 N; merge onto I-580 E toward CA-242/Downtown Oakland/Hayward/Stockton; Merge onto I-680 N via the exit on the left toward Concord/Sacramento; merge onto CA-242 N toward Concord/Pittsburg; merge onto CA-4 E via the exit on the left toward Stockton/Pittsburg; Take the Somersville Rd North exit; turn right onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

From Sacramento:
Take I-5 S toward Los Angeles; take the CA-12 exit toward Lodi/Rio Vista; turn right onto CA-12 W; turn left onto CA-160 S; CA-160 S becomes CA-4 W; take the Somersville Rd exit; take the ramp toward Antioch Marina; turn left onto Somersville Rd; Somersville Rd becomes W 4th St.

San Francisco Bay Section's Collection System Committee
c/o City of Antioch
1201 W. 4th St.
Antioch, CA 94531

**Seminar #5
Sanitary Sewer
Overflow
Reporting**

Everything You Need
to Know About



Collection Systems
TRAINING SEMINARS

May 11, 2005
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

City of Antioch
Maintenance Service Center
1201 W. 4th Street
Antioch, CA 94531-5007

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When: May 11, 2005
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Maintenance Service Cntr.
1201 W. 4th Street
Antioch, CA 94531-5007

Cost: \$40 per person (cash or check) Includes lunch
No refunds. Attendance limited to 60.

For reservations, contact:
Tom Sains, (925) 779-6962
E-mail tsains@ci.antioch.ca.us
or Gay or Karen (925) 779-6950
by May 4, 2005. Mailed checks must be received before date of class; otherwise, please pay at the door for admittance.

Make checks payable to **CWEA-SFBS** and mail to: Tom Sains, PO Box 5007 Antioch, CA 94531-5007

Fifth of six **COLLECTION SYSTEMS** seminars sponsored by the California Water Environment Association's San Francisco Bay Section's Collection System Committee, **the** professionals in wastewater collection systems.

**Seminar #5
Sanitary Sewer
Overflow Reporting**

- Includes:
- Instructional classroom-style curriculum
 - Learn new regulations for reporting
 - Guest speakers include: Andy Morrison, U.S.D. Jim Pritchard, City of Fairfield
 - Certificate of Participation
 - 4 contact hours

**Seminar #5
Sanitary Sewer
Overflow Reporting**

PROGRAM

- 8:30 a.m.** Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** Classroom Instruction
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** Lunch
- 12:30-2:00 p.m.** Classroom Instruction

**Seminar #6
TCP Preparation
July 13, 2005**
Look for more information in the mail.



Whale Watching & the Monterey Bay Aquarium

Presented by CWEA-SCVS Public Education Committee



Saturday, June 18, 2005
 Monterey, California
 Whale Watching at 10:00 am to 1:00 pm (\$23/ adult & \$12/ child)
 Monterey Aquarium all day, 9:30 am to 6:00 pm (\$20/ adults, \$18/ students & \$9/ child)

Whale Watching (Monterey Whale Watching, 96 Old Fisherman's Wharf #1, Monterey, CA)

See Humpback Whales and Blue Whales, Killer Whales, Minke Whales, and Fin Whales are occasionally sighted as well. Pacific White-Sided Dolphins, Risso's Dolphins, Northern Right Whale Dolphins, Bottlenose dolphins, Dall's Porpoise, Harbor Porpoise and Common Dolphins occur in Monterey Bay year round. Sea Otters, California Sea Lions, and Harbor Seals are seen on all trips, and Northern Fur Seals and Elephant Seals are often seen.

Whale Watchers are required to arrive at the wharf by 9:15am. This is a hands-on tour that will be fun for the whole family. If you are prone to seasickness it is recommended to take Dramamine or its equivalent at least 12 hours before the boat leaves. Please dress warmly and the use of sun block is highly recommended! For safety reasons, the trip does not allow children less than 2 years or expectant mothers.

For directions please visit their website at: www.montereywhalewatching.com

Monterey Bay Aquarium (886 Cannery Row, Monterey, CA)

See current exhibits at the award winning Aquarium like the jellies, splash zone, vanishing wildlife and the outer bay at your own leisure. Several exhibits include interactive hands-on fun for both adults and children. Conservation and research programs at the aquarium are currently focused on California's threatened sea otter population, research to support the conservation of open ocean fishes, and efforts to help people make sustainable seafood choices.

Tickets must be purchased by May 6, 2005 – we will send them to you before June 18th so that you may determine your OWN schedule for the day – a morning of whale watching only, an afternoon at the Aquarium only, or both – whatever suits you and your family!

If you have questions contact: Beth Gentry at 408-945-5399 or beth.gentry@sanjoseca.gov.

-----Return to: Beth Gentry, 700 Los Esteros Road, San Jose, CA 95134 no later than May 6, 2005-----

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address (aquarium tickets will also be sent here): _____



Whale Watching (please arrive by 9:15 am)
 # Adults _____ x \$23 = \$ _____
 # Kids (12-2yrs) _____ x \$12 = \$ _____
 Subtotal Whale Watching: \$ _____

Monterey Bay Aquarium
 # Adults _____ x \$20 = \$ _____
 # Students _____ x \$18 = \$ _____
 # Kids (3-12yr*) _____ x \$9 = \$ _____
 Subtotal Aquarium: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

*Kids under 3 yrs are free to aquarium

Make checks payable to SCVS



SFBS CALENDAR

MAY 2005	
5	SFBS Dinner Meeting
11	Collections Committee Seminar #5, see flyer
12	PDC Seminar: Facility Startup, Linda Leong, lleong@sfwater.org or 415- 648-6882
JUNE 2005	
18	Whale Watching and Monterey Bay Aquarium, see flyer
SEPTEMBER 2005	
14-16	Northern Regional Training Conference, Redding - Clay Yerby 707-441-4360

Attention San Francisco Bay Section Members!!!

For several years, the Bay Section has been successfully distributing the Inkspot thru a link to the Bay Section website. Our section has now grown to over 1,350 members; we are the largest section in CWEA. We are actively encouraging members to continue to access the Inkspot thru the website; if you are receiving the Inkspot by mail and wish to now receive it through the website, please contact the Membership Chair Randy Fiorucci at: fioruccirw@bv.com or call him at (925)246-8000 and we will make the change. Your cooperation is appreciated.



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