

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

California Water Environment Association

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APRIL 2005

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

April--the 4th month of the Gregorian calendar..... and what comes to mind? April Fools' Day! April 1st characteristically marked by the playing of practical jokes (1832); although an April Fool (1687), the butt of the joke or trick, had been common verbiage for about 145 years.

How about "April showers bring May flowers"... how long has that been around?

Opening day of Major League Baseball this year is April 4th; and speaking of baseball.... April 12 through the 15th in Palm Springs is "MAJOR LEAGUE TRAINING". This is the 77th Annual Conference and it promises to be one of the best. There are over 140 sessions of training during the conference and 7 different specialty workshops on the Tuesday prior to the conference. The entire exhibit center will be full of vendors and consultants who are standing by to get you the answers to your problems or to keep things going today, in hopes of side-stepping tomorrow's problem. I know that I am looking forward to a busy conference filled with meetings, training and networking with my fellow wastewater professionals.

Don't forget a couple more important dates in April..... the 20th is the first day of Spring and everyone's favorite... April 15th, the dreaded Tax Day

See ya,

Your Pres.

Paul Louis



Quote: The man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them. Mark Twain

Musings from the Editor...

In honor of the Vernal Equinox

Alive in the World –Jackson Browne

I want to live in the world,
not inside my head
I want to live in the world,
I want to stand and be counted
With the hopeful and the willing
With the open and the strong
With the voices in the darkness
Fashioning daylight out of song
And the millions of lovers
Alive in the world

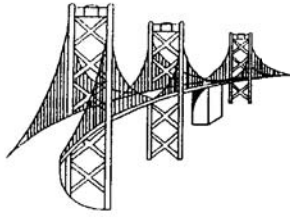
I want to live in the world,
not behind some wall
I want to live in the world,
where I will hear if another voice should call
To the prisoner inside me
To the captive of my doubt
Who among his fantasies harbors
the dream of breaking out
And taking his chances
Alive in the world

To open my eyes and wake up alive in the world
To open my eyes and fully arrive in the world

With its beauty and its cruelty
With its heartbreak and its joy
With it constantly giving birth to life
and to forces that destroy
And the infinite power of change
Alive in the world

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JOINT APRIL TRAINING MEETING

April 21, 2005

- Topic** **Micro Turbines and Grease Receiving**
- Speaker** **Dick York City of Millbrae**
- Time** 5:00 – 6:00 pm No-Host Bar/Social Hour
 6:00 – 7:30 pm Dinner
 7:30 – 8:30 pm Speaker Presentation
- Location** Wedgewood Banquet Center at Crystal Springs
 6650 Golf Course Drive, Burlingame CA 94010
 Phone 650-342-6485
- Directions** Follow Highway 92 West to Highway 280, stay in the right lane
 Exit Highway 92 West at Highway 280 North, toward San Francisco
 Exit Highway 280 North at Black Mountain/Hayne Road
 Turn left at the stop sign on Black Mountain Road
 Turn right at the stop sign on Golf Course Drive
 Follow Golf Course Drive approximately 1 mile to the clubhouse parking lot
- Dinner** Choice of: Chicken Madeira, Bacon-wrapped filet mignon, or Eggplant Napoleon
- Cost** CWEA Members- \$30 per person
 Non Members- \$35 per person
 Student - \$15 per person

Space is limited, so make your reservations right away!

Email, phone or fax reservations to:

Cassie Prudhel by Friday, April 15, 2005

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!!Remember that a reservation is a financial commitment!!

First Young Members Forum Event a Hit!

On March 1, 2005, the Professional Development Committee (PDC) hosted the first event of the new Young Members Forum. The Young Members Forum was formed to provide an introduction to the activities and benefits of the CWEA to people who are relatively new to the wastewater profession, in an informal environment.

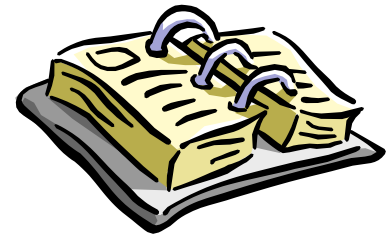
37 young (and some pretending to be young) wastewater operators, engineers, and other professionals, enjoyed a tour of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District treatment plant. For some, this was their first opportunity to visit a large wastewater plant. It was also the first CWEA event for many of the attendees and half of the attendees were not CWEA members. Afterward, the PDC hosted a pizza dinner at Round Table Pizza in Pleasant Hill. Everyone had a good time as the pizza and conversation flowed non-stop. Attendees were presented with an introduction to the CWEA and the SFBS and the benefits of being a member such as training, networking, and information sharing within our specialized industry.

The first event was such a success that the PDC can't wait to plan the next Young Members Forum event. For questions regarding the Young Members Forum, please contact Matthew Larson of Carollo Engineers at (925) 932-1710.



"Young Members" getting an introduction to CCCSD's Wastewater Treatment Plant

A Good Turnout of "Young Members"



SFBS CALENDAR

APRIL	
4 - 8	CA-NV AWWA 2005 Spring Conference, Industry Hills. 909-481-7200
21	SFBS Dinner Meeting - see flyer
12 - 15	CWEA Annual Conference, Palm Springs
12 & 16	CWEA Board Meetings, Palm Springs - CWEA 510-382-7800
14	NRC Meeting at CWEA Conference, 1:30 p.m. - Phil Scott 650-558-7673
27 - 30	CASA Spring Conference, Napa
MAY 2005	
5	SFBS Dinner Meeting
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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