

# SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

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California Water Environment Association

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April 2009

## **GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

Spring is in the air, and we all made it through the month of March. Last month was a very busy month for the Bay Section and we did it all with one hour less time! It sure is nice to have the longer days from Daylight Savings Time.

On March 5, we had our monthly dinner meeting at the Walnut Creek Marriott. Nichole Baker and Eric Wessels of RMC Water and Environment gave a timely presentation on "Implementing a Practical Asset Management Program." On March 10, the Safety Committee elected new officers. Congratulations to Steve Laren – Chairperson, Roland Williams – Vice Chairperson, and David Stoops – Secretary/Treasurer. The Collection Systems Committee sold out their training session on March 11. Approximately 120 people attended the training session titled "A High Fly Over of the Big 6 of Collection System Maintenance". On March 18, the O&M Committee held a "Hands on Seminar" at Delta Diablo Sanitary District with presentations from top named vendors. On March 26, the Young Professionals Forum hosted a tour of the Budweiser Brewery. (Oh, to be young again!) The tour was followed by discussion of the brewery's impact on the municipal wastewater treatment plant. To top things off, on March 25 the Lab Committee held a training session called "Preparing Your Wastewater Laboratory for the Next CADPH ELAP Audit."

Our committees are working hard to provide you with local training opportunities. With so many agencies and companies limiting employee travel due to the economy, these local training sessions are invaluable. I hope that you will be able to take advantage of future training opportunities. The CWEA Annual Conference is also a great place to take advantage of training and networking opportunities. This year's conference will be in Palm Springs from April 28 to May 1. There is still time to sign up. If you are interested in volunteering at the conference, please contact Linda Losurdo [(714) 593-7607 or llosurdo@ocsd.com] or Mark Gingras [(949) 453-5826 or gingras@irwd.com] for more information.

I hope to see you at our next dinner meeting on April 16. This is a joint meeting with the Santa Clara Valley Section. Please note that this is the 3rd Thursday of the month which is a variation from our typical schedule.

Florence Wedington, 2009 SFBS President

### **Important Stuff:**

**April 16**, SFBS/SCVS Joint Dinner Meeting, Crown Plaza Hotel, Foster City  
**April 28 – May 1**, CWEA Annual Conference, Palm Springs

## **Printing Courtesy of Black & Veatch**

### **CWEA-SFBS is Going Green!!!!**

Starting on Earth Day (April 22), we will no longer be providing paper copies of the Inkspot. Please see the SFBS Website for details on how to sign up for the electronic version.

## Ramblings from the Editor...

Greetings!!

How are you doing? Been a busy month? Well lets just say it is pretty much the normal chaos around here. Remember that home project I have been working on? Well FINALLY I am complete (well actually 95.733 percent). Just had a glass company come out last week and install the shower glass in the new master bath. On April 6, it will be three years since I started my little project. I am soooooooo ready to hang up my tool belt and have some weekends back to...now play foot ball with one of my little ones.

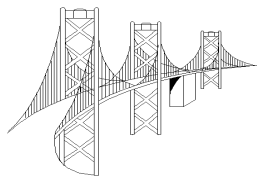
Kevin, my 11-year-old son is the star running back on his tackle foot ball team. He loves it!! Tell me how many kids would love the opportunity to hit your friends (with pads and helmets of course) and not get into trouble. I'll echo Florence, "to be young again". In fact, sunday night at his game, he scored a TD and sacked the QB. They get to play offence and defense in this league so Kevin also plays defensive end. Lots of fun!!

OK so check this out. It is no secrete that most agencies experience extensive I&I during rain. Shhhhh. Here at RSD we are no different. We have had some (well documented) SSOs from heavy rains. After some smoke testing last summer and a new CCTV inspection program we found a sewer line that ran parallel to a county storm drain and passed under a creek. This line was not in the best shape (as you could have guessed). As a result, we implemented an emergency project to replace this line before winter hit. We also redirected a portion of the line to eliminate a backyard manhole that had no access. We believe we hit a major Inflow source. The rains of February and March would normally have caused weather related SSOs for the District, but ALAS!! No SSOs!! This was very pleasing to see. We pipe-burst about 600 feet of line in this backyard easement and now have essentially a seamless line that is still parallel to the county storm drain. How do we know we were so successful? Well let's just say the residents down the hill along the storm drain path found out how much water our line was taking. Yes there was some minor flooding as the storm drain leaks (surprised?) and the creek had no where else to go. Now we are trying to work with the County (not easy) to get them to address this area.

Hope you all have a great day!

*Steve*

PSPSPSPS: To committee chairs and event organizers (heard this before!?!). I don't think we are doing our job for our peers if the first your editor hears about an event is when Florence sends me her article for the inkspot the day the inkspot is sent to the printers. PLEASE!!!! PLEASE!!!! SEND ME YOUR STUFF FOR THE INKSPOT SO IT CAN BE INCLUDED!!!!



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## CALIFORNIA WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND SANTA CLARA VALLEY SECTIONS

### JOINT TRAINING MEETING - APRIL 2009

Topic: **Preventing Back and Body Pain**  
Speaker: **Dr. Michael Jones, Discover Chiropractic**

This year's joint SFBS and SCVS training meeting will feature Dr. Michael Jones of Discover Chiropractic. Dr. Jones will be sharing techniques to help us prevent back and body pains that result from daily activities. He will also discuss how more severe cases of pain can be reduced through chiropractic care. Whether you spend most of your day sitting in an office or on your feet out in the field, Dr. Jones' fun and informative presentation is one you don't want to miss. Preventing back and body pain isn't just a work safety issue, it's key to being able to enjoy your life outside of work.

Come prepared for a great presentation and a terrific opportunity to get to know your colleagues from around the Bay.

Date/Times: **Thursday, April 16, 2009**  
 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Social/Networking Hour  
 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner  
 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm Speaker Presentation

Location: **Crowne Plaza Foster City**, 1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA  
 Please see reverse side for directions.

Cost: **CWEA Members - \$30**  
**Non-Members - \$45**  
**Students - \$15**

Reservation: E-mail Emmalynne Hu, [emmalynne.hu@acwd.com](mailto:emmalynne.hu@acwd.com), **by Wednesday, April 8**, with the following information:

- Your Name and Agency/Company
- Whether or not you would like a receipt
- Whether or not you would like a contact hour certificate

*Please remember that a reservation is a financial commitment.*

Dinner Menu: Dinner will be served buffet style. The menu will include:

- Thai Marinated Chicken
- Macadamia Nut Crusted Pacific Salmon
- Asian Stir Fry Vegetables

Special Services: Please let us know if you require special accommodations to fully participate in this event.

### Additional Information

#### Directions to the Crowne Plaza Foster City

1221 Chess Drive, Foster City, CA

From San Francisco:

- Take 101 South to Hwy 92 East (towards San Mateo Bride/Hayward)
- Take the Metro Center Blvd exit towards Foster City
- Turn left on Metro Center Blvd
- Turn left on Foster City Blvd
- Turn left on Chess Drive

From San Jose:

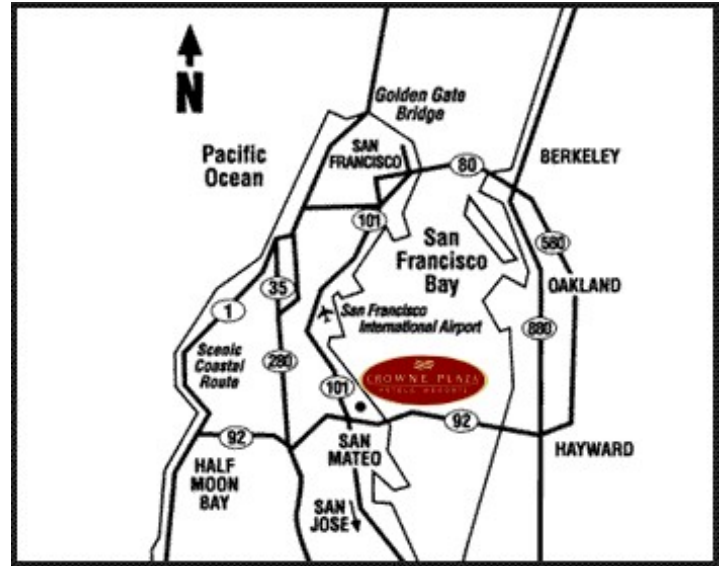
- Take 101 North or 280 North to Hwy 92 East (towards San Mateo Bride/Hayward)
- Take the Metro Center Blvd exit towards Foster City
- Turn left on Metro Center Blvd
- Turn left on Foster City Blvd
- Turn left on Chess Drive

From the East Bay:

- Take 880 to Hwy 92 West (towards San Mateo Bridge)
- Take the E Hillsdale Blvd/Foster City Blvd exit
- Turn left on Chess Drive

From Half Moon Bay:

- Take Hwy 92 East
- Take the Metro Center Blvd exit towards Foster City
- Turn left on Metro Center Blvd
- Turn left on Foster City Blvd
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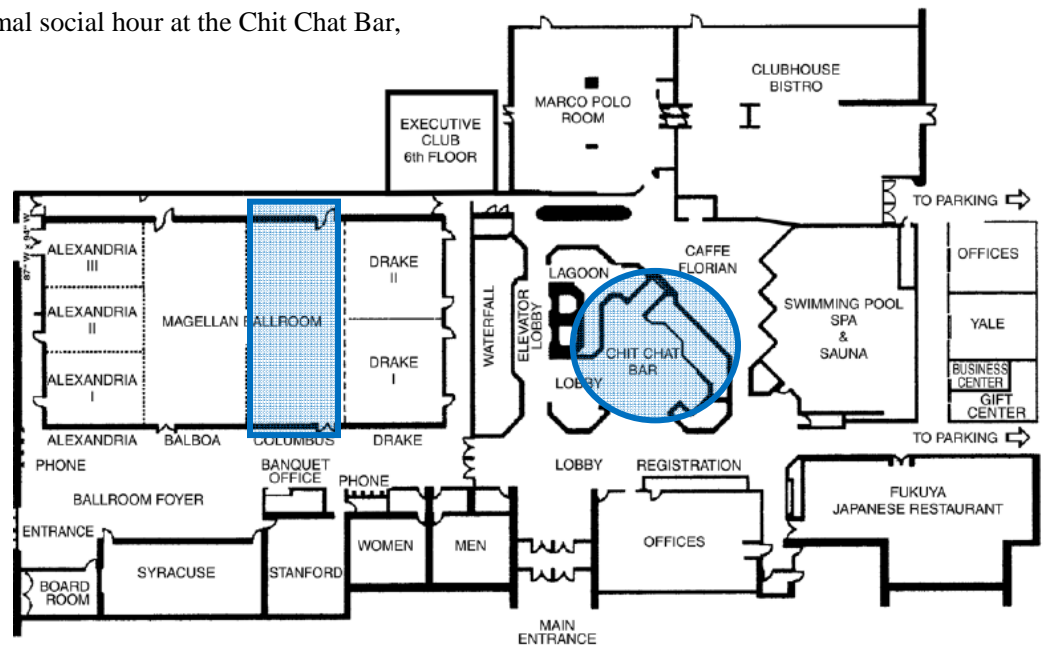


#### Social/Networking Hour

Join your colleagues for an informal social hour at the Chit Chat Bar, located in the hotel lobby.





#### Dinner Meeting Room


The meeting room is tentatively scheduled for the Columbus Room. Please check with the front desk on the night of the event for final room assignment.



## Need to Earn a Certificate but Missed the Deadline for the January through March 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 Spring application deadline is approaching soon. Start advancing in your career. Submit your application today.

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.



## Congratulations to our San Francisco Bay Section 2008 Award Winners!



*Al Ditman Professional Development Award*

**Dolly Chen, HDR**

*Andy Stamatelos Service Award*

**Tom Herlihy, Union Sanitary District**

*Collection System Person of the Year*

**Robert Wright, Delta Diablo Sanitation District**

*Collection System of the Year, Small (0-249 Miles)*

**Stege Sanitary District**

*Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year*

**Robert Kunich, City of San Leandro**

*Engineering Achievement*

**Central Contra Costa Sanitary District,  
A-Line Relief Interceptor, Phase 2A**

*Mechanical Technician of the Year*

**Kevin Kolte, City of Livermore**

*Operator of the Year*

**Laurie Vannatter, City of San Leandro**

*Outstanding Young Professional*

**Fran Smith, Brown and Caldwell**

*Public Education Award, Large Budget*

**Plant Operator Training Program  
Sponsors (Multiple Agencies)**

*Public Education Award, Small Budget*

**City of Livermore**

*Public Educator Person of the Year*

**Linda Brewer, Delta Diablo Sanitation District**

*Research Achievement*

**Central Contra Costa Sanitary District,  
Aeration Air Renovations**

*Special Service Award*

**Bing Misra, Dublin San Ramon Services District**

*Treatment Plant of the Year (5-20 MGD)*

**Delta Diablo Sanitation District**

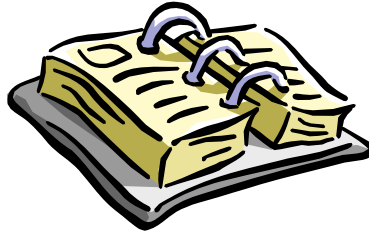
*Treatment Plant of the Year (>20 MGD)*

**Central Contra Costa Sanitary District**

**Good luck to everyone competing at the state level!**



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## SFBS CALENDAR

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<b>TBA</b>	<b>SFBS Dinner Meeting, TBA</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>One of the most important days of the year...MOTHERS DAY!!</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>

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