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Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Program: “Pump Repair & Service” Our speaker is Ron Vetter of Pump Repair Service and will speak on the causes of pump failure and the importance of scheduled maintenance.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Location: Banta Inn 22563 S. 7 th St Tracy (209) 835-1311	5:00 pm 6:00 7:00	“Shop Talk” Dinner Program
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Menu Choices: Cheese ravioli, Chicken Marsala, or Tri-tip

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT A MENU CHOICE MUST BE
INCLUDED WITH YOUR RESERVATION

Cost: \$25.00 member \$31.60 non-members

Reservations deadline: **Friday July 15**

Please contact **Bonnie Dennedy**: Phone: 209-810-4453 (cell)
email: bdennedy@swwc.com

It is important to make reservations and to cancel if you cannot attend. The section must pay for all reserved seats, even if unattended

MAP IS ON THE NEXT PAGE

Congratulations.....

To our own Lovanna Brown. She recently earned her Grade III State Operators Certificate. Here's a high five and kudos on her accomplishment.

If you have any announcements, achievements, interesting news you'd like included in the newsletter please let me know.

Annual Conference 2012 Call for Abstracts

Play a part in “Building Upon the Past; Embracing the Future” at the 2012 Annual Conference scheduled for April 17-20, 2012 at the Sacramento Convention Center. Share your knowledge, experience, project highlights, or research findings with more than 1,000 water and wastewater colleagues by making a technical program presentation. Technical session categories and topic suggestions can be found on the [Call for Abstracts flyer](#) or submit your abstract [online now!](#)



From WEFs *This Week in Washington*

EPA Report - Planning for an Emergency Drinking Water Supply

EPA issued a June 2011 report – **Planning for an Emergency Drinking Water Supply**. Five workshops were convened with about sixty technical experts to review **alternative means of providing drinking water in the event of destruction, impairment, or contamination of the public water supply**. Various scenarios were assumed, such as destruction or impairment of the water infrastructure by a powerful earthquake and contamination events requiring alternate supplies of drinking water. The term “emergency water supply” is used instead of the equivalent terms “alternative water supply/sources” throughout this report. Based on the severity of an incident, all levels of government (local, state and federal), as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs), like the Red Cross, may become involved.

The workshops identified the importance of the development of an emergency drinking water plan by a local water utility, even though, during the actual emergency, other entities (e.g., State National Guard) may be tasked with implementing that plan. The water utility could use this report to assist in developing its plan, i.e., to assemble a group consisting of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), NGOs, and state officials to determine appropriate roles and to write a plan for their community. The U.S. EPA strongly encourages utilities to regularly review and update their vulnerability assessments and emergency response plans. The emergency drinking water planning could be viewed as a component of the emergency response plan updates done by the water utility.

(more from WEF on the next page)



Got Questions? Contact: CWEA Sacramento Area Section,
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It's hot! Summer is finally here in a big way and I'm sure we've all heard the safety minutes, tailgate meetings, and bulletins reminding everyone to take care when working out in the heat. I just want to hop on the band wagon and mention how easy it is to forget to take care of ourselves. From personal experience just this week I was reminded of the importance of drinking plenty of water, thirsty or not. The headache was my reminder of how easy it is to overlook these simple safety precautions. So take a few minutes to review the steps to stay healthy and happy throughout the summer.

We had our joint section meeting with the Sacramento Area Section June 8th in Galt. The restaurant was pretty noisy as there was a birthday party taking place just on the other side of the small dining area, but the speaker, Lani Good of HydroScience Engineers, was great and handled the situation with grace and finesse. We even pitched in when the birthday song was sung. If you can't beat 'em, join 'em! She gave a very informative talk and slide presentation. I look forward to the opportunity to attend another training given by Lani. Thank you Lani!

The 25th Annual Toilet Seat Open Golf Tournament is promising to be another fun-filled chance to get together with friends and colleagues in our profession. Since it is our "silver anniversary" this year, there will be a few special prizes. How about this for added incentive...we need to take back the seat! Details are on an additional page in this *Effluent*. See ya on that Thursday morning bright and early.

Please note, we'll be having July's meeting at one of our favorite locations, The Banta Inn. It's always been a great place for our meetings and I'm sure we won't be disappointed.

In August our member appreciation will be held once again at the McHenry Bowl where we will be enjoying the comfort of air-conditioning, pizza and sodas, and a few games of bowling. Members and immediate family will be paid for by the section. Extended family and friends will enjoy a discounted rate on shoe rental and games. This event has been well attended in past years, with everyone having a good time, even if some of us only bowl once a year and do it poorly at that. If you don't bowl but would like to attend for social occasion, please be welcomed!

A quick reminder that the CWEA has a website chock full of information and support. Take some time to check it out. Maybe when you have some time avoiding heat illness some hot afternoon? There are many training opportunities listed on easy to read calendars, along with various section meetings and committee meetings. How To's, guidelines, contacts, etc. are also there for our guidance.

So, I hope everyone stays happy and healthy this summer, and at the same time enjoying the fun filled season. Watch those toes and fingers and be kind to your skin.

Lovanna

More from WEF's *This Week in Washington*

Judge Sides with Los Angeles in Latest Action on State Sludge Lawsuit

The *June 8 Bakersfield Californian* reported that the latest ruling in a state lawsuit over sludge goes in favor of Los Angeles, but Kern County is still very much in the fight. A state judge in Tulare County is set to issue a stay and preliminary injunction June 9 in Los Angeles' lawsuit against Kern County's sludge ban. Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County collectively own more than 8,000 acres in western Kern County, on which they dump treated sewage sludge as farm fertilizer. In 2006, Kern County voters passed Measure E by an 83 percent margin, banning the import and dumping of the sludge. Los Angeles filed a federal lawsuit to overturn Measure E. That lawsuit was eventually tossed out because the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the federal court should have declined to exercise its jurisdiction to hear the case. Los Angeles soon refiled its lawsuit to overturn Measure E in state court, leading to Thursday's action. The purpose of ruling for a stay and preliminary injunction is to preserve the status quo pending the resolution of the lawsuit. So, for now, Los Angeles can continue to truck in its biosolids. But the state lawsuit is still awaiting a final ruling.

Owner and Operator of Louisiana Wastewater Treatment Facilities Sentenced for Violating the Clean Water Act

EPA announced that Jeffrey Pruett, 58, of West Monroe, LA was sentenced on June 9 in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana to a total of 33 months incarceration. He received 21 months for seven felony counts and 12 months for one misdemeanor count, which will be served concurrently. Pruett and the two companies he owned and operated - LWC Management Company, Inc. (LWC) and Louisiana Land & Water Company (LLWC) - are also collectively responsible for paying a \$310,000 criminal fine. The violations threatened local drinking water supplies and people's health by failing to meet the required Clean Water Act standards. Pruett and LLWC were found guilty of six felony violations of failure to maintain and provide records pertaining to all of the Monroe subdivisions. Pruett and LLWC were also found guilty of one felony count of effluent violations pertaining to Love Estates subdivision. Pruett was found guilty of one misdemeanor/negligent count of failure to provide proper operation and maintenance pertaining to the Pine Bayou subdivision. [More information on EPA's criminal enforcement program](#)

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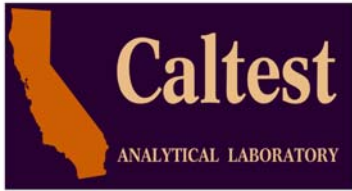
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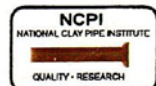


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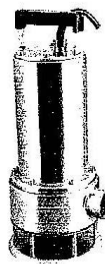
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July 15

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July 22

Greater Central Valley Collections System Committee Training Schedule for 2011

Please join us for a day of training and networking all while earning contact hours for your CWEA certification renewal.

8:30-9:00: Sign in, Meet & greet and donuts/coffee

9:00-2:00: Training (Lunch is included)

Check the NSJS website for training updates - www.cwea.org/nsj/

August 9 Stormwater Regulations Update, Modesto

October 4 Pump Maintenance-Knowledge & Safety, Stockton

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Upcoming Meeting Locations

August	Modesto – Bowling Night	October	Merced – Joint meeting with CSJS
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		December	TBA

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