

CWEA P3S Committee Meeting

March 2, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location

Long Beach Hilton Hotel
701 West Ocean Blvd. Long Beach, CA 90831

Those in attendance onsite

Michael Simpson – P3S Committee Chair/LA BOS, Bill Garrett – LACSD, Joe Petchuk – City of Santa Monica, Preeti Ghuman – LACSD, Julie Taylor – CWEA, Alec Mackie – JWC Environmental, Marci Donohoe – CWEA, Philip Lo – LACSD, Doug Rands – LACSD, John Boyd – LACSD, Luis Durruch – LA BOS, Berlinda McCadney – City of Riverside, Paul Schmidbauer – SOCWA, Tom Adams – City of Fresno, Tim Potter – CCCSD, John Mukhar – City of San Jose, Lynne Scarpa – City of Richmond, Alice Chang – City of Bakersfield, Allen Pielin – City of Riverside, Tim King – City of Riverside, George Rodriguez – United Water Burbank, Oscar Iniquez – United Water Burbank, Catherine Allin – City of Millbrae, Jeff Carter – City of Bakersfield, Gerry Greene – City of Downey, Jack Betourne – NCFWCWD, Lou Leet – American Canyon Public Works

Those attending using the teleconferencing line

None-No teleconferencing was set up.

Meeting General Notes

This meeting was the “breakfast” meeting the P3S committee holds during the annual P3S conference at the conference site. The meeting is generally held from 7:30am-8:30am on the second day of the conference. Due to lack of time, there is no technical presentation as part of the meeting.

As the meeting was getting underway, several attendees were called away to attend to the report of the theft of multiple laptop computers being used by the conference organizers. The laptops were apparently stolen from a supposedly secure storage room provided by the Hotel to the conference organizers. Those called away to tend to this matter included Julie Taylor, Bill Garrett, Marci Donohoe, and Preeti Ghuman. Due to their absence, Chair Simpson tabled discussion of the agenda item “Status of the P3S Conference”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 AM by Simpson

Old Business

Subcommittee Reports

- **CWEA- Update:** No report. Simon Watson not in attendance. Per Watson request, copies of the most recent “Board Insider” (January 29-30, 2010) report were distributed to all meeting attendees.
- **Treasurer’ Report:** Treasurer Joe Lucia not in attendance. Lucia sent word that he was unable to attend the conference due to being called to jury duty. Lucia emailed John Boyd on 3-1-10 with the

following information to present to the committee: 2010 P3S conference revenue of \$57,804.00 has been received to date. The current P3S Committee balance stands at \$70, 280.65. \$7,619.11 has been paid in expenses for the 2010 P3S conference. Non-conference expenses paid stand at \$1,770.16.

➤ **Sewer Science training:** Copies of flyers and information sheets sent to potential teacher registrants regarding this program were distributed to attendees per Simpson request.

➤ **Awards Subcommittee:** Paul Schmidtbauer and Time Potter report the 2001 Industrial Facility of the Year site tours were completed and award winners have been determined. Award plaques have been finished and will be awarded to the winners later today at the annual P3S Awards Luncheon. It is expected nearly all award winner will be in attendance at the Luncheon to receive their award. Simpson has arranged for gift certificates and free round-trip airline tickets (2) to any destination in the continental U.S. to be raffled off as door prizes at the conclusion of the luncheon in an attempt to keep conference attendees in the room for the duration of the awards ceremony. Door prize winners must be present to win. Potter announced that he will be stepping aside as IFOY North Chair to assume other duties for the P3S Committee (see notes regarding his nomination as 2010-2011 Committee Secretary below). Casey Fitzgerald of the City of San Jose will assume Potter's IFOY position.

➤ **Technical Certification Update:** Jeff Carter reports exam sites are now more conveniently located. He says the TCP program is "healthy". Norm Domingo recently gave a TCP review session to a packed house in Northern California. Carter reports he send out emails 3 times per week (Tues-Thurs) to interested P3S members where he gives examples of TCP test questions and knowledge items potential test takers should study up on.

➤ **Annual CWEA Conference:** John Mukhar reports the P3S Committee will be presenting 4 sessions at the upcoming April 2010 CWEA annual Conference in Sacramento. The sessions are titled:

- Stormwater and FOG Inspections
- Stormwater Runoff Management and Case Studies
- Mercury and New Regulatory Requirements
- Stormwater Management Current Affairs: Municipal Regional Permit and Implementation

➤ **P3S Committee Secretary Position:** Nominations for the position of 2010-2011 P3S Committee Secretary were solicited, resulting in John Mukhar nominating and John Boyd seconding the nomination of Tim Potter of the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District. Potter's candidacy will be voted on at the P3S breakfast meeting held next month during the 2010 Annual CWEA Conference in Sacramento.

➤ **V2011 P3S Conference Notes:** John Mukhar reports:

- The conference will be held in either Santa Clara or San Jose in order to be located close by to airport transportation.
- The conference dates are February 28, 2011 to March 2, 2011.
- Norm Domingo will be the Program Chair.
- The signature event will be in Downtown San Jose.

Lynne Scarpa comments that there is an Amtrak train station nearby so travel to the conference by train is possible.

Jeff Carter comments that he has recommended that Tri State Conference representatives contact P3S conference committee members in order to be presenters/speakers at the 2011 P3S conference.

➤**2010 Conference Feedback:** Michael Simpson asked for feedback from meeting attendees on the conference. Philip Lo recommended that future conferences include a “boss summit” event to encourage upper management attendance at the conference. Catherine Allin recommended future conferences include more public outreach. She and Mukhar will pursue this idea for the 2011 P3S conference.

Meeting attendees complimented Simpson, Ann Heil, Alec Mackie, and Preeti Ghuman for their swift and professional response to the late cancellations of 3 speakers scheduled to speak at yesterday’s opening session. The scheduled speakers cancelled last week after being contacted by hotel worker Union organizers. The same organizers had contacted CWEA Staff, Board of Directors members, and P3S Committee members via phone calls and emails last month requesting that the upcoming P3S Conference be moved to a different venue. The Long Beach Hilton Hotel Management and Union Organizers (“Unite Here”) are currently at odds over attempts to unionize Long Beach Hilton Hotel workers. Union Organizers have also picketed the entrance to the Hotel during the conference, fortunately with little impact on the conference.

➤**L.A. Live Event:** Simpson reports the event was a great success with a great time enjoyed by all attendees.

Next Meeting (Simpson)

The next P3S Committee meeting will be at 10:00am at the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation Administration Building on 3-24-10.

Meeting adjourned at 0825 hours

Respectfully Submitted,
John Boyd
Secretary, CWEA P₃S Committee