

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

California Water Environment Association

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DECEMBER 2003

Greetings from the President, Sandeep Karkal

SFBS 2nd Year Director Elections

Included in this newsletter is a ballot for the position of Second Year Director on our Section's governing Board. This position also initially serves as the Secretary for the Section and subsequently as program chairperson, and is created by the moving on and moving up of the current crop of Section officers on an annual basis. This year, I'm happy to tell you that we have three members who have thrown their hats in the ring. Rick Chan is a Senior Project Manager with Carollo Engineers and has previously served as chair of the SFBS Professional Development Committee. The second candidate is Tom Hendrey, a Principal Project Manager with CH2M-Hill. Dolly Yu, project engineer at HDR, Inc. rounds out the list. I've known and worked with all of them, and regardless of who wins, the Section will be the big winner. So, good luck to them all!! And the rest of you...get those ballots in!!!

Financial Stuff (or hello! electronic newsletter... And goodbye dinner subsidy?)

The Section continues to grow, over 1,200 members and counting!! And our finances continue to be healthy, both in real terms and as compared to other Local Sections. That's the good news... the not-so-good news is that our costs keep going up too!! Your Board periodically and proactively reviews costs and alternatives to maintain the Section's financial health, and has currently identified two items.

The first one is printing, collating and mailing our hard copy newsletter. Over the last few years, your Board has frequently looked at moving to electronic newsletter delivery, and we feel that our membership is ready for the move. Therefore, starting with the

March 2004 issue, when the newsletter is posted to the Section's Website, an electronic reminder will be sent to all members with an e-mail address on file. All others will continue to receive a hard copy newsletter, as will those who specifically request a hard copy. However, we will continue to encourage everybody to opt for the electronic delivery option at some point.

Also, for the last two years, to encourage attendance at its monthly dinner meetings, the Section has provided a subsidy of up to \$5 per member-attendee to limit the cost to \$25/person. This subsidy will be reviewed against the options of either limiting dinner meetings to venues that cost \$20/person, or moving to a \$30/person cost. A final decision will be made at the Board's 2004 kick-off meeting, and will go into effect at the April 2004 meeting.

But, as you can see, there's still some time before either or both of these measures are implemented. So, please let us know if you have any thoughts on these issues.

Awards Update

A big thank you to all who provided awards nominations to the SFBS this year. This is always a lot of work for the nominators, and although I'm sure it took a lot of time and effort on your parts, we appreciate it, as I'm sure will those whom you nominated. Good luck to all the nominees!! As for the Awards function itself, the Awards committee tells me that we're all set for the Annual event at on January 16th at the Parkside Marriot in Walnut Creek, details to follow in a special mailer. So keep an eye open for that in the near future.

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Greetings from the President... (continued)

Committee Activities

The Lab, PDC and Collections committees all conducted seminars in November. The Lab committee conducted (jointly with the Santa Clara Valley Section) a seminar on the Proficiency Testing (PT) program, which had 37 attendees. The PDC seminar on Corrosion Control featured six speakers that were both recipients and service providers of corrosion control services, and was well-attended. Similarly, the Collections group's seminar on Smoke Testing, Dye Testing, and Flow Monitoring of Sanitary Sewers was well received by

attendees. In addition, the Safety Committee also put on the Woodland Safety School, where attendees enjoyed the day's programs. The annual nature and success of the Woodland Safety event continues to draw ever-increasing attendees to this event. We hope this keeps up!

That's all for this month. Please be sure to show up and support your local section, whether it's at a SFBS specialty seminar, or a monthly dinner. Hope to see you there!!

Musings from the Editor...

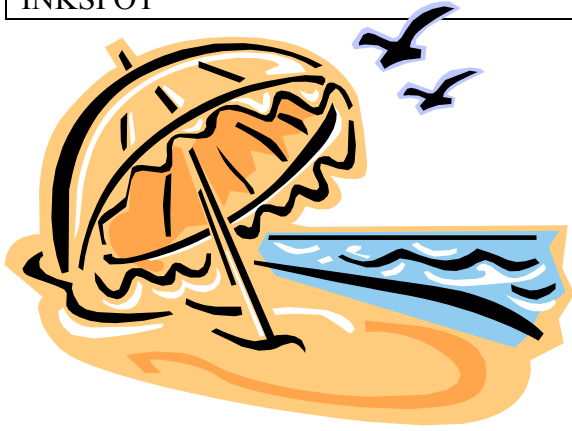


Family. This time of year, when we celebrate Thanksgiving and move into the Winter holiday season, I take the opportunity to ponder what it is in my life that I am thankful for. And, my mind and heart usually moves towards family. I am blessed to have my family-by-blood close by. I am also blessed to have my circle of 'selected' family; those people with whom I have come together and developed close and intimate connection.

I would encourage each of us to take a moment in our busy days and nights, to contemplate those people in our lives who we consider family, and offer a thank you for their presence.

That's it for now. Short and sweet. Take good care this month and be safe.

Wanted: Student Activities Committee Volunteers! The Student Activities Committee (SAC) is a fun way to get more involved with CWEA. There are three main events the committee organizes: Student Career Night, Spend a Day with an Engineer, and Alumni Career Panel. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Alex Park at apark@brwncauld.com.



**Sand can be
lots of fun . . .
until ten pounds of it hits
your
POWER-GENERATING
EQUIPMENT!**

That's what it's like when siloxanes – the gritty residual that can result from burning methane – build up on engines your treatment plant may be running with digester gas. But there is a way to avoid siloxane damage, proven technology that many CWEA member agencies are already using.

Join us for a presentation from
Paul Tower of Applied Filter Technologies
at the

**CWEA/San Francisco Bay Section
December Dinner Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2003**

at the Pyramid Alehouse
901 Gilman Street
(east of Sixth Street)
Berkeley

4:30 p.m. SFBS Board Meeting
5:30 p.m. No-Host Social Hour
(including optional free tours of the Pyramid brewery starting at 5:00)
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Presentation

For dinner, we'll be enjoying Pyramid's "Brewmaster Buffet"
(a vegetarian entree is also available)

Cost: \$25 for members, \$29.50 for non-members, \$15 for students
(remember, "a reservation is a financial obligation")

Contact: Roseanna Barrett no later than **Monday, December 1** at (925) 229-7155 or
(preferably) via e-mail at roseanna@centralsan.dst.ca.us, to make your reservation. (Please
leave a message with your name, agency name if applicable, and whether you prefer the
vegetarian meal.) **CWEA "contact hours" available!**

TIME TO VOTE!!!
For SFBS 2nd Year Director
Vote early... Vote often (no, not really)

The following three Bay Section members are throwing their hats into the political ring to convince you of their worthiness to become a Board member of the San Francisco Bay Section. They are each running for the position of 2nd Year Director.

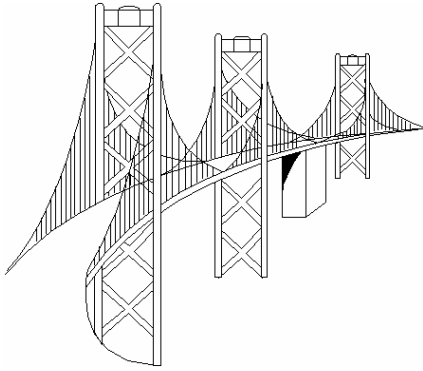
RICK CHAN is a senior project manager with Carollo Engineers. His education includes a BS in civil engineering and a MS in sanitary engineering from UC Berkeley. Rick is an active member of CWEA and the San Francisco Bay Section. Since joining CWEA, he has served on the Bay Section's Public Education Committee (1989 to 1992) and the Professional Development Committee (1998 to 2002 – chair of this committee in 2000/2001). Rick is currently serving on CWEA's Engineering and Research Committee (1999 to present – chair of this committee in 2003/2004), which is responsible for organizing a large portion of the Annual Conference. Rick is running for the position of 2nd Year Director because he would like to continue his service to the Bay Section and help further the goals established by its Board of Directors to enhance the education and training opportunities for its membership.

I, **TOM HENDRY**, have over 30 years experience in industry and for the last 17 years in the wastewater consulting business. I am a registered professional engineer in chemical engineering and civil engineering in California. I have designed, started-up and operated a wide range of equipment commonly used in our industry. I have given papers at both CWEA and WEFTEC. I want to become a SF Bay Section Director to become more involved with our local society activities, to promote our industry and to give back knowledge and experience gained through my association with the many fine people in our industry.

My name is **DOLLY YU** and I work for HDR Engineering, Inc. This will be short and sweet. First of all, I would like to give you a little bit of background information. I graduated from UC Berkeley in 1998 and have attended SFBS dinner meetings since I began my professional career. I became a member of the local section three years ago when I became co-chair of the SFBS Student Activities Committee (SAC). I became the chair of SAC the following year. Currently, I am member of the Professional Development Committee (PDC), Chair of the Student Papers Session for the 2004 conference, and chair of the SAC for CWEA.

Although I am active in other capacities, I will be able to perform the duties (excellently! ☺), if elected, of the 2nd Year Director. Thank you.

BALLOTS are in this INKSPOT.
VOTE and MAIL/FAX your Ballot in TODAY!



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Greetings Fellow Bay Section Members...

It's that time of year when we elect our new Board member, in the position of 2nd Year Director. The duties of the 2nd Year Director are, primarily, to take notes at the monthly Board meetings and type and distribute the meeting minutes. This is a way for the new Board member to learn and understand the inner workings of the Section. This is the first year of a five-year commitment to the Bay Section Board and members, as there is an annual rotation through the different positions on the Board.

This year, we have three nominations for the position of 2nd Year Director: Rick Chan of Carollo Engineers, Tom Hendry of CH2MHill, and Dolly Yu of HDR. Each of the candidate statements is shown in the previous page of this Inkspot. There is also a space for a write-in candidate on the ballot. Please take the time to vote and mail or fax the ballot to me, as shown on the ballot. Thank you.

Regards,

Leo Gonzalez
 SFBS Awards Chair

**San Francisco Bay Section Ballot
 for 2nd Year Director 2004**

Check One or Write-in:

Rick Chan

Tom Hendry

Dolly Yu

 (Write-in Candidate)

Name: _____

CWEA Member #: _____

Remember: you must be a CWEA/SFBS Member to Vote!

Return 2004 SFBS Ballot to Leo Gonzalez:

MAIL:

Leo Gonzalez
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Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

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925-945-7415

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SAFETY TRAINING DAY IN WOODLAND WAS A SUCCESS!

By: Zoeanne Tafolla

The weather was beautiful and the crowd was spirited for the Annual Safety Training Day held in Woodland on October 29th. A crowd of almost 400 was on hand to hear CWEA President, Larry Tolby's opening address.

Larry talked about safety having no boundaries. He also quoted a WEF study that showed employees that are **certified** and **trained** were 56% less likely to have a work related injury! What a better way to receive valuable safety training than a day in Woodland.

The talks included:

- Plant Security;
- Flagger Training;
- Trench Safety; and
- Respiratory Protection;
- Managing Your Safety Program;
- Ladder Safety

Over 30 vendors were also on hand demonstrating their latest safety gadgets to over fifty agencies that were represented. Lunch was again catered by the Buckhorn and was fabulous as always.

A great time was had by all and we look forward to the Bay Section sponsoring the event again next year!



Excellent Training



Informative Exhibits

MORE SAFETY TRAINING DAY PHOTOS!!!!



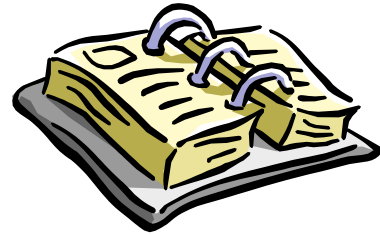
Our Most Esteemed President, Larry Tolby



A Full House



Brought to you by...

SFBS CALENDAR

| DECEMBER 2003 | |
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| 2 | NORTHERN REGIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, CWEA Offices, Oakland |
| 3 | SFBS COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING, Stege Sanitary District, 10 a.m. |
| JANUARY 2004 | |
| 7 | TCP PREPARATION CLASS, Oro Loma... Sergio Ramirez for info 510-537-0757 |
| 16 | SFBS ANNUAL AWARDS & INSTALLATION BANQUET |
| FEBRUARY 2004 | |
| 23-25 | PRETREATMENT POLLUTION PREVENTION & STORMWATER Conference |
| 26 | PIPE USERS GROUP SEMINAR-Sharing Technologies, Berkeley |
| APRIL 2004 | |
| 27-30 | CWEA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, Fresno Convention Center |
| SEPTEMBER 2004 | |
| 12-15 | NORTHERN REGIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE |

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www.cwea.org/sfb/committees/membership.htm

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**If you are irritated by every rub, how will
 your mirror be polished?**

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