

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION

California Water Environment Association

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Farewell Greetings from the President, Ray Busch

Here is my last "Greetings from the President". As I delete a cumbersome paragraph of platitudes I end up with just one line, an essence of pure truth, the ultimate bottom line...

It's been great!

Now it is my time to take one step to the right and support the man on deck, incoming President Paul Louis. It is also my time to tip my hat and offer one big thank you to Past President Sandeep Karkal for all that he has done. Like taking the final step off of the gangplank, Sandeep will take one last step and complete a lengthy and distinguished tour of duty for the Section.

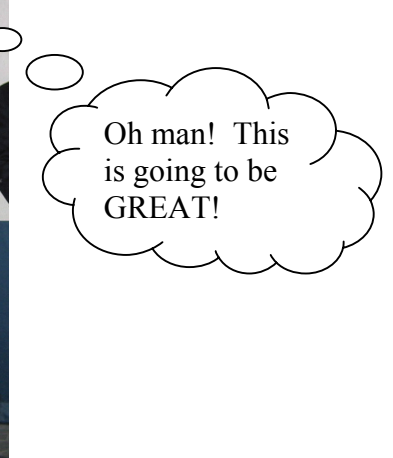
Well after a year of experiences, more magic than tragic, I have ended up with my own top five list.

Here are the top five things that I will miss about being this Section's President:

- #5... Getting to call the Board meeting to order.
- #4... Rushing the "slow talkers" at the Board meeting.
- #3... Closing the Board meeting.
- #2... Having Leo Gonzalez whistle at 180 db to start the monthly meetings.

And the #1 thing I will miss the most about being the San Francisco Bay Section's President... seeing those "BUSH 4 more years" signs (I know they misspelled Busch, but it was nice to be wanted).

I look forward to seeing all of you in the new year, with a new President, for another great year of professional growth



Musings from the Editor...

As I insert Ray's Greetings into this month's Inkspot and read his words, I'm struck by the fact of endings. And beginnings. I then scroll down to the bottom of last month's "Musings" and I read the quote by Mr. Bach... "What the caterpillar calls the end of the world, the master calls the butterfly." Endings and beginnings. To me, this feels like a single truth... that all things change. The more we can accept this fact and learn to embrace the truth of change, the more we open ourselves to the wonders of the new while retaining the lessons of the old.

Hmmm... now this brings me to an understanding that all are necessary, are they not? To honor the past, open to the future, live the present. But, ultimately, we can't live the past or the future... only the present. So, is anything else "real" besides this specific moment in time/space? If not, then this in turn takes me to understand that we create our reality moment by moment.

So. What? What does this understanding offer to us?

Ahhh... here is what it offers. It supports awareness that we can manifest ourselves to our fullest potential. In my humble opinion, to do ANYTHING other than continually evolve and learn and live and love is a waste. To be satisfied with the status quo or, worse, to constantly blame outside people and events for our suffering, is a travesty to the sacredness of life. Instead, if we can continually seek to create a wholeness of self; then there is an inner-peace and centeredness that is created within. Only from a place of inner peace, can we manifest peace outside of us. Only from the place of self-love do we have love to offer back to the world. Otherwise, how can we teach what we don't know?

When we can get to the point to know that the so-called outer events and experiences that we encounter are all for the purposes of making us grow and learn, we then take back our power. We then come to understand that we create our own lives; that ALL the joy and pain and suffering and passion that we experience are necessary for us to live life to its ultimate fullness.

May we all find our way to live Life fully...

What is in one is in the whole, and therefore, ultimately,
Each soul is responsible for the whole world.

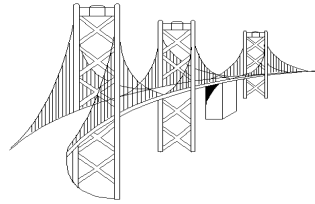
~ Gary Zukav

okay... now for a wee bit of "lightness of being"...

If at first you don't succeed
...skydiving isn't for you. AND... never play leap-frog with a unicorn.

On that note, I will say... take good care.





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CWEA San Francisco Bay Section

December 2004 Dinner Meeting

Featuring: Beth Gentry, San Jose/ Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant

“WATER FOR PEOPLE”

Access to safe drinking water, sanitation, and adequate wastewater disposal are issues of key concern to large portions of the world's population, especially in developing countries. Approximately one out of every five human beings, or 1.1 billion people, do not have consistent access to safe drinking water. Annually over 12 million people die due to inadequate or unsafe drinking water supplies, including over 3 million children who die from waterborne diseases.

Water for People is one of several non-governmental organizations that attempt to tackle the challenges of providing safe drinking water and sanitation services to the developing world. Water for People, was formed in 1991 by members of the American Water Works Association and is the Water Environment Federation's Charity of Choice.

>> Join us early at Pyramid Alehouse and enjoy a tour of the brewery, then stay for dinner and to hear about Water for People's important work.

Where: **Pyramid Alehouse**
901 Gilman Street
Berkeley, California

Dinner: Choice of:

Sweet Port-Mushroom Chicken Breast with rice pilaf and port-mushroom gravy

Pine Nut and Peanut Crusted Salmon with sautéed seasonable vegetables and sun dried tomato cream sauce

Vegetarian Entrée

\$30.00 CWEA Members
\$38.00 Non-CWEA Members

When: **Thursday, December 2, 2004**

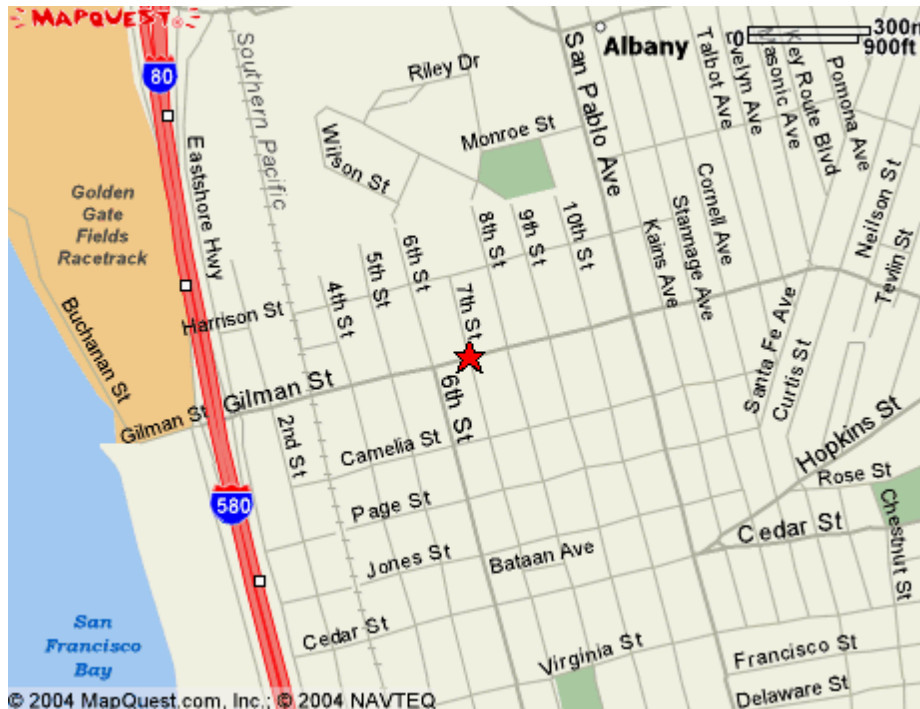
5:00 – Board Meeting
5:00 – Alehouse Tour
6:00 – Social Hour
7:00 – Dinner
8:00 - Presentation

Contact: Deanna Tanner at dtanner@brwncald.com for dinner reservations.
Reservation deadline is Monday, November 29, 2004.

REMEMBER – a reservation is a commitment to pay.

Directions: Take I- 80 to the Gilman Street exit in Berkeley. Follow Gilman Street east; Pyramid Alehouse is on the left between 7th and 8th Streets.

Pyramid Alehouse
901 Gilman Street, Berkeley, CA
(510) 528-9880



Member in the News... from the New York Times*

The Bay Section's own **Bonneau Dickson** has expanded his knowledge from sanitary engineering into a similar, yet far more appetizing endeavor. Bonneau is a "garagiste", creating wine in his apartment. From the NYTimes:

"It helps to be a geek. Bonneau Dickson, who has christened his home elixirs Chateau Bonneau, for instance, is a sanitary engineer who lives in Berkeley. 'Wine is an anaerobic process, like sludge digestion,' he said, an observation not likely to be repeated in *The Wine Spectator*. The ceiling of his third-floor walk-up is dented from an errant stopper blown off a vigorously fermenting chardonnay. His kitchen is a welter of calibrated cylinders, acidity kits and pH meters. His décor consists of 65 wine-filled carboys, six-gallon glass containers, which have subsumed nearly every inch of his apartment. His preoccupation, however, does wonders for his social life. 'As soon as I started making wine, I noticed I had more friends,' he said."

Indeed, perhaps Bonneau will offer his bounty at a monthly dinner meeting!

The article is in the October 29, 2004 issue.

**CWEA Redwood Empire
Section**

January 2005 Test

Earn up to 6 Contact Hours

Certification Test Study Sessions

Date: Saturday, January 8, 2005

Location: Ulatis Community Center, 1000 Ulatis Street., Vacaville, CA 93203 (707) 449-6214

Pre-Registration Deadline: December 28, 2004

REGISTRATION FORM

Please check the box for the test you plan on taking. (You can attend both morning and afternoon sessions.)

Vocation	Morning Session (9AM- Noon) Register at 8:30	Afternoon Session (1PM - 4PM) Register at 12:30
Collection System	Grade 1 & 2	Grade 3 & 4
Lab Analyst	Grade 1 & 2	Grade 3 & 4
Plant Maintenance - Mechanical	Grade 2 & 3	Plant Maint. Grade 1
Plant Maint. - Electrical/Instrumentation	Grade 2 & 3	Plant Maint. Grade 4
Environmental Compliance	Grade 1 & 2	Grade 3 & 4

	Fees	Amount Enclosed
Pre-Registration NO STUDY GUIDE	\$30- one session \$50 - both sessions	\$
Pre-Registration STUDY GUIDE INCLUDED (postmarked by Decmeber 28, 2004) This package includes a study guide for the vocation you have selected above. To order more study guides contact CWEA at 510-382-7800 or www.cwea.org.	\$65	\$
On-Site Registrsation NO STUDY GUIDE (Any time after December 28, 2004)	\$40 - one session \$70 - both sessions	\$

Your name: _____

Phone: _____

Email*: _____

*We will email confirmation to you

Employer: _____

Address: _____

Circle one: Work or Home address?

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

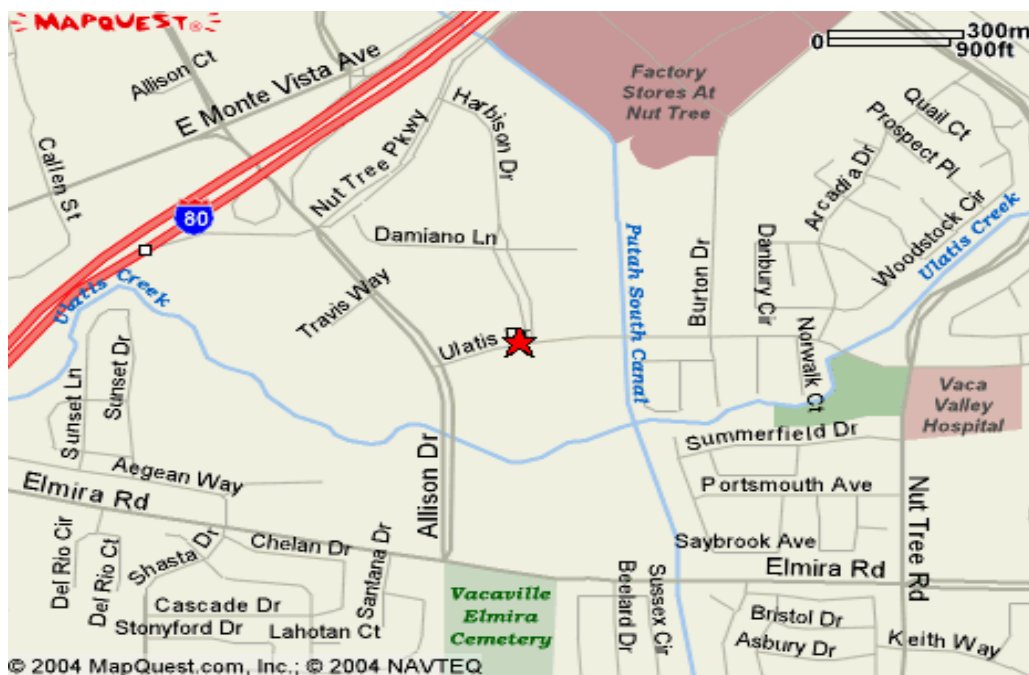
Make checks payable to **Redwood Empire Section CWEA** and mail along with this registration form to: Devina Douglas, 1301 Andersen Drive., San Rafael, CA 94901 (415) 459-1455 ext 141 For directions see map on back.

Ulatis Community Center
1000 Ulatis Drive
Vacaville, CA
Front Desk: (707) 449-6214

From I-80 West- Exit at Allison. Turn Right. Go to Ulatis. Turn left.

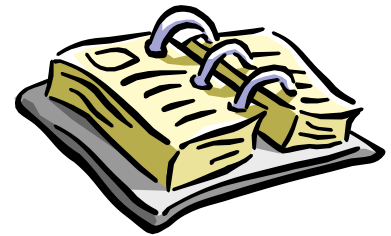
From I-80 East- Exit at East Monte Vista. Turn Left.

Go to Allison, turn left. Go to Ulatis. Turn left.





SFBS CALENDAR



DECEMBER 2004	
2	SFBS Monthly Dinner Meeting - see flyer
7	Northern Regional Committee meeting, Sacramento - Phil Scott 650-558-7673
21	Winter Solstice
28	Pre-registration deadline for TCP STUDY SESSION - hosted by Redwood Empire Section: http://www.cwea.org/red/index.htm
JANUARY 2005	
8	TCP Study Session, Vacaville - Redwood Empire Section
21	SFBS Annual Awards Banquet - Sandeep Karkal 415-892-1694
27	State Biosolids Committee Specialty Conference, SRWWTP
FEBRUARY/MARCH	
28 - 2	P3S Annual Conference, Monterey - Gayle Tupper 510-287-1608
APRIL 2005	
12-15	CWEA Annual Conference, Palm Springs
SEPTEMBER 2005	
12-17	Northern Regional Training Conference, Redding - Clay Yerby 707-441-4360

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