

**SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION**  
California Water Environment Association

**Inkspot**



**July 2006**

**GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...**

I hope everyone's summer is off to a good start. The Bay Section began our sunny season with a dinner meeting at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Walnut Creek. Bob Holden from the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency gave a very interesting presentation on their Filter Loading Evaluation for Water Reuse (FLEWR) Project. Also in June, the Bay Section and the CWEA Government Affairs Committee co-sponsored a one-day specialty conference on *Navigating Your Way through the Regulatory Maze*. Hopefully you were able to attend one or both of these great events.

As usual, we won't be having our dinner meeting in July, but that doesn't mean there is nothing going on. The Collection System Committee will be sponsoring the SFBS annual Golf Tournament on July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Monarch Bay Golf Club in San Leandro. Don't forget, the SFBS and Santa Clara Valley Section Laboratory Committees are sponsoring a training session on *Meeting the Microbiology NELAC Requirements* on July 16<sup>th</sup>. You can find more information on the Bay Section web site at [www.cwea.org/sfb](http://www.cwea.org/sfb).

I'd like to thank Steve Beall of the Rodeo Sanitary District for volunteering to replace Teresa Herrera as *Inkspot* Editor. Welcome aboard, Steve! And a sincere "Thank you" to Teresa, for doing such a fine job with our newsletter for so long.

It's hard to believe that we are halfway through this year already. However, it's never too early to start thinking about the 2006 San Francisco Bay Section Awards. You should be hearing from our Awards Chair Paul Louis soon, so take a few minutes to start thinking about your people, projects, or programs that are worthy of recognition. If you start now, it will be a breeze by the time the nomination deadline approaches.

That's all for now. See all you golfers on the 14<sup>th</sup>!

*Kevin Calderwood*  
2006 SFBS President

**Important Stuff:**

**No JULY Dinner Meeting**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> Golf Tournament**

**July 19<sup>th</sup> Laboratory Seminar**  
(see flyer)

**July 20<sup>th</sup> - Committee**  
**Appreciation Lunch**

## Musings from the Editor...

Greetings from your new Inkspot editor. I have wanted to help out our section for some time now and this seemed to be a great way to do so, not to mention an opportunity for me to sharpen my writing skills. Funny as it seems that I would be editing other's written work. What is so funny? Anyone ever take the GRE to get into graduate school? I did. As a young engineering student, you would expect good scores on the math and analytical sections, right? As for the verbal part, well let's just say people who speak English as a second language scored higher than I did. So I have made it a point to learn, learn and learn. I needed to prove that I did speak English as a first language. Over the years I have had great opportunities to view bloody corrections from project engineers on my writing assignments. I am always looking for feedback so fire away!!

As many of you may know, I joined the Rodeo Sanitary District as the Engineer-Manager in December 2002. The past three plus years have been a challenge. The Rodeo Sanitary District is a great case story of what not to do and how to correct it. Over the next few issues of the Inkspot, I would like to educate my peers of what happened here and what we have done to correct it. So buckle your seat belts and get ready for the ride.

Let's start back in the early 1980s when the source of many of our problems began. The plant was a fairly new modern plant with a lush beautiful landscape. The physical assets of the District (e.g. pumps, valves, mechanical equipment, the collection system) were not properly maintained nor did the District take advantages of evolving technology. The governance of the District focused on spending cuts and ways to save money and somehow lost sight of the real purpose for the District's existence: collecting the community's sewage, treating it and discharging clean environmentally safe effluent into the Bay. Rumors circulated of unspeakable actions by the management and the Board. Fortunately, that is history and we have learned from their mistakes.

At the end of 1999, a new board with a new president, Mike Carlson, hired a highly competent licensed civil engineer, Dave Sullivan, to turn things around. Dave was the first Engineer-Manager employed by the District. When Dave took over the reins, he discovered that the plant and the collection system were in dire need of maintenance and upgrading. Many years of neglect had left the treatment plant broken, antiquated, and overrun with weeds. That wasn't the worst of it though. There was no money to fix anything. What was done? Tune in next time for the beginning of a new era...

# 2006 CWEA Golf Tournament



**MONARCH BAY GOLF COURSE**  
13800 Neptune Drive, San Leandro  
(510) 895-2162

**GOLF DATE: July 15, 2006**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER: July 5, 2006**

- Shotgun start – scramble: 12:30 pm
- Putting contest starts 11 am – Cost \$5
- Make your own team or join makeup team

- Cost: \$107 per person – golf, cart & dinner
- Free driving range balls
- All players win a prize
- Prize for longest drive and closest to the hole

**Looking for “Tee Sponsors” – Cost \$100**

Co-sponsored by Bay Area Collection System Committee & CWEA

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**2006 CWEA GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Return to: Gordon White, WECO Industries, 120 Corporate Place  
Suite D, Vallejo, CA 94590. Ph: 707-644-6661 Fax: 707-644-2632

Name of Player

Daytime Phone

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*SF Bay Section and Santa Clara Valley Section  
Laboratory Committee Sponsors*

*Meeting the Microbiology NELAC  
Requirements*

*Presented by Marlene Moore*

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The objective of this course is to assist laboratory personnel in understanding, implementing and applying the 2003 NELAC standard in microbiology laboratories. The fundamental concepts include maintaining records and documents, understanding the requirements and the quality control and assurance for microbiology laboratories as defined by the 2003 NELAC standard. The examples used in the course are practical examples to review when implementing laboratory operations to the 2003 NELAC standards. NELAC standards will help labs meet the ELAP standards

Date—July 19, 2006

Where— Central Contra Costa Sanitation District  
5019 Imhoff Plc. Martinez Ca

When—Registration 7:30 to 8:00 AM (Continental breakfast provided)

8:00—Introduction

8:30-Review 2003 NELAC Appendix D.3

10:15 Break

Quality Assurance Review

11:00 Standards applicable to microbiology labs (Chapter 5.4)

12:00-Lunch (Provided)

Quality Control Records

1:00 Technical Requirements (Standard 5.5)

Review Personnel training, facilities and equipment

2:45 Break

3:00 Combining regulations, method requirements and the  
NELAC standard

4:00 Questions and Answers

4:30 Workshop Ends

Students must stay until the end to complete the course.

8 CWEA Contact Hours available.

Cost— \$85.00 Member

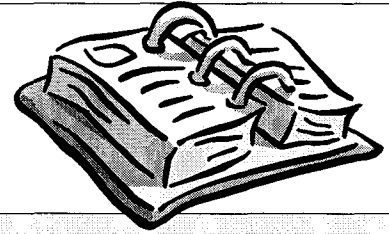
\$105.00 Non-member

RSVP to Cassie Prudhel by July 12, 2006

650-829-3840 or

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# SFBS CALENDAR



## JULY 2006

**NO JULY DINNER MEETING**

**14 SFBS Golf Tournament-Monarch Bay**

**TBD SFBS PDC Seminar: Cogeneration.**

**19 SFBS & SCVS Laboratory Seminar – Meeting the Microbial NELAC Requirements**

**20 SFBS Committee Appreciation Lunch; contact your Committee Chair!**

## AUGUST 2006

**1-3 WEF Wastewater Security Workshop, San Francisco Ca**

**3 SFBS Dinner Meeting – Location and Topic TBD**

**6-9 WEF Collection Systems 2006, Detroit Michigan**

## SEPTEMBER 2006

**17 - 19 CWEA Northern Regional Training Conference, Sparks Nv**

**28 - 30 Tri-State Seminar, Primm Nv**

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