

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

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October 2011

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT...

It's already Fall. There was a Summer in there somewhere, right? The days are getting shorter and so is the President's Message.

Many of you have already submitted awards nomination for the 2011 SFBS Awards. For those that have not, there is still time, awards nominations are due by October 30, 2011. Also, the SFBS is currently in process of collecting feedback from its members. On behalf of the SFBS, I'd like to request your input on what you would like to see from SFBS events and training. Please follow the link to complete the online survey.

http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e4urckyagsnf6aay/_tmp/questions

We also have some great training opportunities scheduled for the rest of this year including the Collection Systems Committee Engineer 202 seminar on November 2nd and the Safety Committee Supervisor Safety Seminar on November 15th. Don't forget we have our next monthly SFBS dinner meeting on November 3rd.

I hope to see you around.

Mark Takemoto, 2011 SFBS President

Important Stuff:

October 15-19, WEFTech 2011, Los Angeles

October 27, CWEA's Northern Safety Day, Yolo County Fairgrounds

October 31, SFBS 2011 Awards Nomination Packets Due

November 2, SFBS Collection System Committee Engineering 202 Workshop, CCCSD



Spotlight on the Safety Committee

The San Francisco Bay Section (SFBS) Safety Committee is comprised of individuals interested in advancing the safety of workers in the wastewater field. Membership is open to member agencies, consultants, contractors, and vendors. By working together and exchanging ideas, all participants will benefit. All members are encouraged to join the CWEA.

Our Mission: To establish an institution for the sharing of knowledge and information as it applies to safety in the workplace, and to promote safe work practices to wastewater treatment professionals in the San Francisco Bay area.

Knowing consistence breeds habit, the Safety Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month. We rotate the meeting location so not to burden any one hosting agency. A benefit to hosting a meeting is the chance to showcase a new safety innovation at your facility, or perhaps to suggest the discussion topic of the month.

The Safety Committee has the privilege of reviewing the application packages for the Safety Plant of the Year awards. After a thorough review of the applications, a few committee members will conduct a physical tour of the plants. This creates a priceless opportunity to learn some of the best ideas in safety from one agency and then share those with the entire committee. If your agency has a remarkable safety record and better than average safety programs, we invite you to take a look at the Safety Plant of the Year application. There are three size categories awarded, so you only compete with agencies with a similar number of employees.

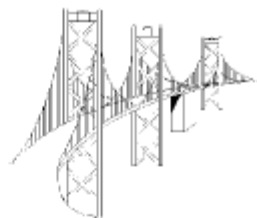
If your agency is interested in a pre-inspection before completing the application, or just a general safety audit and plant walk-through conducted by the Safety Committee, we would be happy to schedule one of our monthly meetings at your facility. It provides a fantastic training resource for our committee members and provides your agency with an impartial review of your safety program. Contact a member of the committee for more information.

In November 2011, the Safety Committee will be hosting our third annual Supervisor's Safety Seminar. We recognized that Safety training specifically applied to supervisors was hard to find. I think we were right; the first two seminars were filled to capacity of the meeting room; so this year we are moving to a larger facility. Please check out the flyer with details on the seminar and registration information included in this newsletter.

You can also find the Safety Committee working to improve the quality of your SFBS events. We participated in the safety program planning of the local and regional conferences, cooperate with the O&M and Collections Committees on various training events, and delivered cold water to the thirsty golfers at the NRTC in Modesto. And we got a pretty cool logo too!

The Safety Committee is always recruiting new members and seeking new ideas to put safety in the forethoughts of every member, at work or at play. If your agency is not represented on this committee, we invite you to check us out and join in the fun. Thanks and **Be Safe!**

Steve Laren



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CWEA San Francisco Bay Section

October 2011 Dinner Meeting

Featuring: Ana-Marie Jones
Executive Director of CARD – Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters
Speaker brought to you by the CWEA-SFBS Safety Committee

Everyday Preparedness

Ana-Marie Jones trains her clients in disaster preparedness, and she is a passionate advocate for ending the disaster victim cycle and building communities. Ms. Jones will be sharing of her some simple but powerful preparedness tools at this meeting – she will teach us how to be creative & resourceful, that anything can be turned into a preparedness tool, and that there are simple solutions to many of the issues we face following a disaster.

Where: Zio Fraedo's – Pleasant Hill
611 Gregory Lane
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523
(925) 933-9091

Dinner: \$30.00 CWEA Members
\$45.00 Non-CWEA
Members
\$15.00 Students

When: Thursday, October 6, 2011
5:00 – Board Meeting
6:00 – Social Hour
7:00 – Dinner
8:00 – Presentation

Buffet Includes : Choice of:
- Chicken Toscana
- Grilled Salmon
- Vegetarian Pasta

Contact: Meg Herston at cweasfbs@aol.com for dinner reservations. Please include your name, menu choice, and agency or company affiliation. If you require vegetarian meals or special accommodations, please provide a written description of your needs.

Reservation deadline for Dinner Meeting is Monday, October 3 at noon.

REMEMBER – a reservation is a commitment to pay.

It's Awards Time Again

Value of Participation Applying for an award takes time, which is becoming increasingly scarce as resources decline. However, participating in the CWEA awards program should be a priority for all water environment professionals. Participation is valuable because it:

- Acknowledges team and individual excellence. Boosts employee morale and agency pride. Celebrates and recognizes good work.
- Benchmarks accomplishments in the field.
- Raises organizational profile in the community – and with ratepayers, public officials and board members.
- Gives the media something constructive to report. Free positive publicity.
- Increases results and productivity through friendly competition.
- Reinforces agency and industry direction. Adds credibility to claims of excellence in regards to environmental record, public health or employee safety, among many others.

Award Submission Tips

- Submit attachments when requested
- Submit four (4) complete nomination packets
- Collection System of the Year - submit 5-15 minute VHS or DVD of the nominated plant.
- Pretreatment, Pollution Prevention & Stormwater (P3S): Person of the year - submit six (6) copies

Nomination Forms are available on/or before July 1st and are downloadable from the CWEA website. Standing Committees review all nominations and conduct site visits and telephone interviews as noted on the nomination forms.

Please send completed forms to
Polly Villarreal
2020 Wake Ave
Oakland, CA 94607



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CWEA AWARDS

NOMINATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 31, 2011

There are over 20 categories for CWEA awards, which honor CWEA members and wastewater professionals in California. The program serves to recognize outstanding professional achievements within the wastewater field, improve the professional status of all personnel working in the wastewater industry and related fields, and stimulate public awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment to public health and the water environment.

Awards are given at the local section level and winners advance to state competition to be held at the Annual Conference in Sacramento, California, from April 17-20, 2012.

If you have any questions, contact Polly Villarreal at (510) 287-1522 or pvillarr@ebmud.com.

Nomination forms and additional information are available at www.cwea.org/awards. (You MUST use the forms from the CWEA website.)

Return completed nomination forms to:

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Oakland, CA 94607

Winners will be announced at the
 Bay Section Awards Banquet
 January 6, 2012

CATEGORIES

Individual Awards

Collection Systems: Person of the Year

Electrical/Instrumentation: Person of the Year

Laboratory: Person of the Year

Mechanical Technology: Technician of the Year

Operations: Operator of the Year

Pretreatment Pollution Prevention & Stormwater: P3S

Person of the Year

Public Education: Person of the Year

Supervisor: Supervisor of the Year

Young Professional: Person of the Year

Program Awards

Collection System of the Year

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Plant of the Year – Overall

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Plant of the Year – Safety

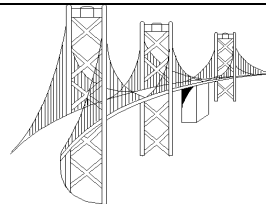
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Public Education Program of the Year

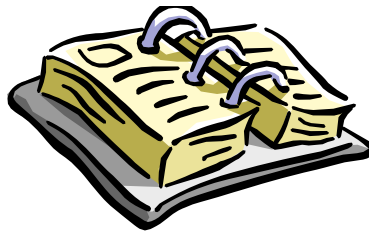
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Engineering Achievement of the Year

Research Achievement of the Year



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SFBS CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2011	
6	SFBS Dinner Meeting, Zio Fraedo's, Pleasant Hill
15-19	WEFTech Annual Conference, Los Angeles, Ca
27	CWEA's Northern Safety Day, Yolo County Fair Grounds
31	SFBS Awards Nominations Due
NOVEMBER 2011	
TBA	SFBS Dinner Meeting, Location TBA
2	SFBS Collection System Committee Engineering 202 Workshop, CCCSD, Martinez
15	SFBS Safety Committee Supervisor's Safety Seminar, Dublin Public Library, Dublin
30	Winter TCP Exam Application Deadline
DECEMBER 2011	
TBA	SFBS Dinner Meeting, Location TBA
31	Technical Certification Fall Testing Window Ends

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