

SAN FRANCISCO BAY SECTION
California Water Environment Association

Inkspot



September 2006

**GREETINGS FROM THE
PRESIDENT...**

First things first. I'd like to take this opportunity to pass along a message from the Collection Systems Committee and the Bay Section Board: A hearty "Thank you" and "Job well done" to Gordon White and Walter Lunn for all their hard work on this year's Golf Tournament, held this past July 14th at Monarch Bay Country Club in San Leandro. This is a large event, over 80 golfers participated this year, and Gordon and Walter do the lion's share of the work making it happen. Thanks guys!

The Bay Section's August Dinner meeting was held at Scott's Seafood in Oakland. Maura Bonnarens from EBMUD (and CWEA's President-Elect) gave an informative talk on the new General Waste Discharge Requirements. These new requirements will affect all our member agencies. The CWEA is taking a major role in training us regarding the implementation of these new requirements. Thanks, Maura!

In September, the SF Bay Section will be meeting jointly with the Redwood Empire Section (September 7th) at the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo. There's a flyer in this issue of *Inkspot*. Because the meeting is hosted by the Redwood Empire Section, they are handling reservations this time, but I'd still like to see a good SFBS turnout.

Also this month, on September 6th, the Collections Systems Committee will be conducting a one-day seminar on Emergency Response Training. More information is available on the Bay Section web site at www.cwea.org/sfb. Be sure to register early for the CWEA Northern Regional Training Conference, being held at the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada, September 17th through 19th. Registration information is available at www.cwea.org.

And lastly, here comes the first of many appeals you'll be hearing from me for nominations for the San Francisco Bay Section Awards. Paul Louis is our Awards Chairman this year, and he wants to have nominees in all 20 categories, so if you know of a person, program, agency, or achievement worthy of recognition, talk to Paul about making a nomination.

That's it for now. See you at the Maritime Academy on the 7th!

Kevin Calderwood
2006 SFBS President

Important Stuff:

September 6th Collection Systems Committee Emergency Response Seminar

September 7th Joint SFBS/Redwood Empire Section Dinner Meeting

September 17-19 Northern Regional Training Conference

Musings from the Editor...

OK folks, we have a change in programming. This month's episode of "As the Clarifier Turns" has been canceled and replaced with your editors ramblings on life. I have decided to do this for several reasons. First, I want you all to be in suspense and be eager to read next month's *inkspot* (where there will be more on the very important SF Bay Section Awards from Paul Louis). Also, with vacations and other very pressing issues here at the District, I have not had much time to do the next installment justice...

Imagine yourself in a secluded wooded area of the Klamath National Forest. Its hot, you are decked out in camouflage, you have your face shield on, and you spot your target. It is one of your friends hiding amongst the trees. You cap off about 50 rounds in his direction and the melee begins. What is this you ask? Well, my friends and I spend five days up north in a cabin that was built in 1860 in an old gold mining town (no electricity-YIPPEE!!). This is an annual trip of four guys that have remained friends since grammar school. We go to relax and get away from our computers and cell phones, swim in the Salmon River, BBQ, practice the excessive consumption of cold beverages, and get into paintball wars. Believe me; you do not want to be shot. IT HURTS!! It's a lot of fun and **very** exhilarating as we pair off into teams or just "hunt the rabbit" (3 on 1). Unfortunately this year was the year of the fire. There were about 10 small fires burning up the forest from lighting strikes from the week before we went (early August). It was very smoky, and the sky was hidden. The sky is one of the best parts of this little adventure. We are about a bazillion miles from any lights so the sky is very dark and the stars are very bright. We find it very relaxing counting the satellites and shooting stars at night. Not this year though. The only thing visible at night was the red moon. Oh well, maybe next year.

On another note, my two little boys are about to start the 4th grade. YIKES!! It just seems like yesterday I was changing their diapers. They grow so fast! Just the other day, the boys and I were playing poker. Yes the poker craze has hit us too. The boys are quick studies. Kyle, the younger of the two (Kevin is seven minutes older), suckered me out of most of my chips with pocket aces. Then like a pro, after he tilted me, bluffed me out of another big pot. It is amazing how quickly they learn. Some of you may have met them, as they were at the Christmas dinner last year at Spengers. Hopefully, there will be a return event this year!! They are amazing!! Both are taking music lessons. Kyle plays both the guitar and the piano, Kevin just the piano. Kyle has the ability to translate everything he learns on the guitar to the piano, no piano lessons attached. The next American Idol? Well maybe in a few years, we will see.

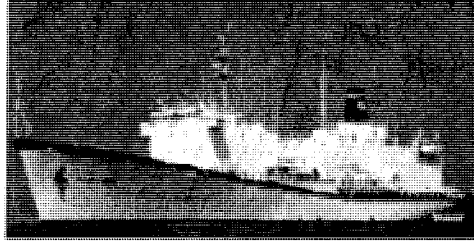
I hope you all have had the opportunity to get out of the office, leave work behind and relax this summer. If not, do it. Get away and recharge your batteries before you regret it. All work and no play make for many dull days.

I hope you all are enjoying my articles. This is very new to me and please drop me note with some feedback or a detour you might like to see in the Musings. Anyway, take care and GO A's!!



2006 Joint SF Bay and Redwood Empire Section

Date: September 7, 2006
 Tour and dinner
 Location:
 Cal Maritime
 200 Maritime Academy
 Vallejo, CA



Tour: 4 pm
 Dinner: 6 pm

Tour instructions: Need to bring current ID. Will not be allowed on tour without it. Meeting at Rizza Auditorium Lobby (marked on map)

Cost: \$30, (a reservation is a commitment to pay, thank you)

Dinner is being catered on site (in the Rizza Auditorium). Entrée choices are Salmon, NY Strip Steak, or Chicken. Dinner served with salad, soft drinks, dessert, coffee, tea. Please state your dinner choice when making your reservation.

**Contact: Devina Douglas at either
 ddouglas@centralmarinsa.org or 415.459.1455 ext
 141. *Deadline August 31st.***

We have a great tour being led by Captain John Keever, of the Golden Bear. The dinner presentation will be by a RWQCB staff member on the subject of Total Residual Chlorine and Chlorine Produced Oxidants Policies.

Cal Maritime provides a specialized education for the maritime and transportation industries. International travel, training, and experiences-including a two-month international training cruise onboard the Training Ship GOLDEN BEAR-prepare students in fields that are increasingly global in nature.

Built for the U.S. Navy as a Hydrographic Survey Vessel to map the deep ocean floor, she was the largest and fastest oceanographic ship ever at the time she was built.

Mar 1989	delivered and placed in service as USNS MAURY (T-AGS-39).
Sep 1994	out of service
Oct 1994	struck from Navy roles and transferred to MARAD (with an agreement signed to transfer her to the California Maritime Academy in the future)
May 1996	transferred to Cal Maritime

T.S.G.B. is the fourth and largest training ship at California Maritime Academy and the third to carry the name GOLDEN BEAR. She is sometimes nicknamed "Square Bear" because of her unique profile.

Driving Directions:

From Marin, Napa, Sonoma:

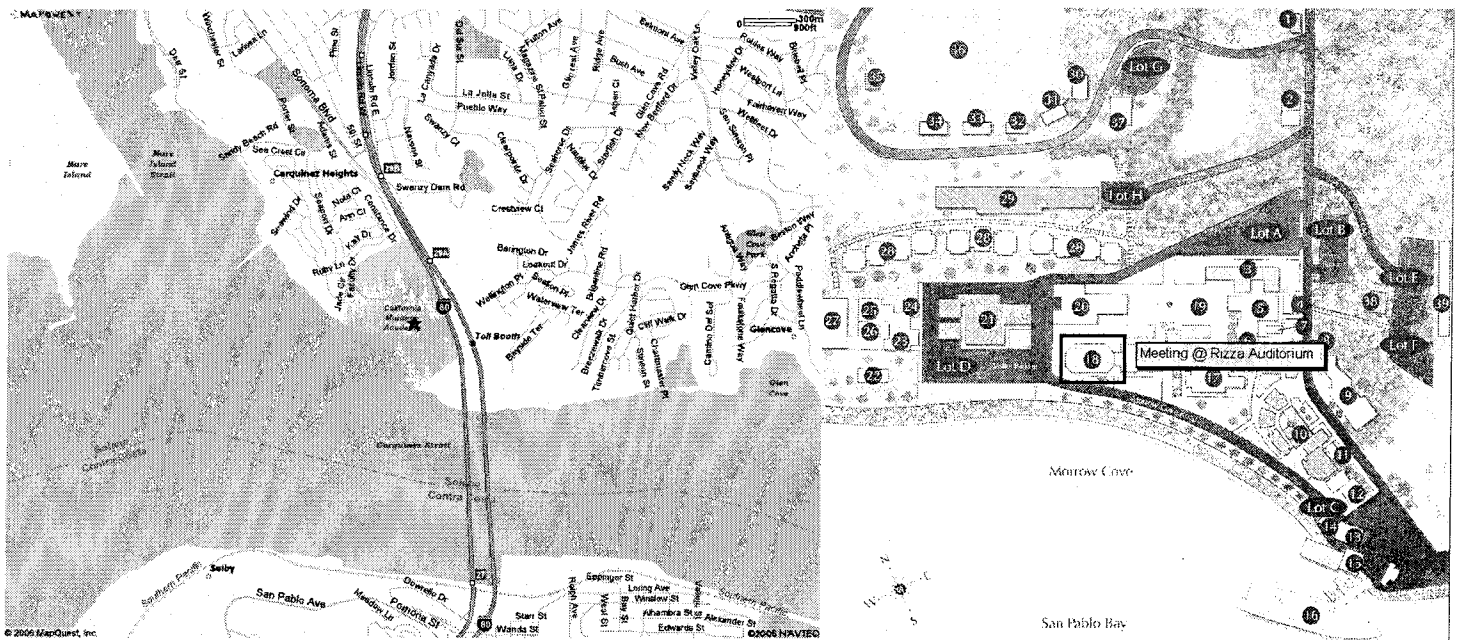
- * East on highway 37
- * Exit onto I-80 west toward San Francisco
- * Exit right onto Maritime Academy Drive
- * Cross Sonoma Blvd (Hwy 29) at red flashing signal light
- * Follow Maritime Academy Drive onto campus

From San Francisco, Oakland:

- * East on I-80 toward Sacramento
- * Cross Carquinez Bridge (use right toll lanes) toll is \$3.00
- * Exit right onto Sonoma Blvd (Hwy 29)
- * Left at first yellow flashing signal onto Maritime Academy Drive
- * Follow Maritime Academy Drive onto campus

From Benicia Bridge:

- * East I-780
- * Exit onto I-80 west toward San Francisco
- * Exit right onto Maritime Academy Drive
- * Cross Sonoma Blvd (Hwy 29) at red flashing signal light
- * Follow Maritime Academy Drive onto campus



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From I-880 South:

Take the **Industrial Pkwy** exit.
 Keep Right at the fork in the ramp.
 Merge onto **Industrial Pkwy W.**
 Turn Slight Right.
 Turn Left onto **Hesperian Blvd.**
 Hesperian Blvd becomes
Union City Blvd.
 Turn Right onto **Bettencourt Way.**
 Turn Left onto **Whipple Rd.**
 Whipple Rd becomes **Benson Rd.**

From I-880 North:

Take the **Alvarado Niles Road** exit.
 Turn Left onto Alvarado Niles Rd.
 Alvarado Niles Rd becomes **Smith St.**
 Turn right onto **Union City Blvd.**
 Turn right onto **Bettencourt Way.**
 Turn Left onto **Whipple Rd.**
 Whipple Rd becomes **Benson Rd.**

San Francisco Bay Section's Collection System Committee
 c/o City of Antioch
 1201 W. 4th St.
 Antioch, CA 94531

Seminar #4
Emergency Response
Training



September 6, 2006
7:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Union Sanitary District
5072 Benson Road
Union City, CA 94587

Sponsored by:
CWEA
San Francisco Bay Section's
Collection System Committee



Seminar #4
Emergency Response
Training

When: September 6, 2006
One Day Only

Where: Union Sanitary District
 5072 Benson Rd
 Union City, CA 94587

Cost: \$50 per person (cash or check) Includes lunch
No refunds. Attendance limited to 70. No walk-ins.

For reservations, contact:

Tom Sains, (925) 779-6962, or by email tsains@ci.antioch.ca.us; or call Michelle or Karen, (925) 779-7950, by Sept. 1, 2006. Mailed checks must be received before date of class; otherwise, please pay at the door for admittance.

Make checks payable to **CWEA-SFBS** and mail to: Tom Sains
 PO Box 5007, Antioch, CA 94531

Seminar #4
Emergency Response
Training

▶ **"The Rules Have Changed"**
John Larson, Larson & Assoc.
 Mr. Larson will speak on what your organization should do in order to comply with the SSMP and GWDR requirements.

▶ **"There is No Substitute for Experience"**
Tom Herlity, Union Sanitary
 Mr. Herlity will share what his agency is doing to ensure that staff members have the essential skills, knowledge, and competency to effectively, safely, and correctly execute a response.

▶ **Equipment Tour:**
 Several organizations will have response vehicles on display with personnel available to field your questions.
 Live demonstration of an actual SSO Response, including volume estimating, documenting, spill containment, and a multiple agency coordinated bypass pumping operation, and more.

▶ Certificate of Participation
 ▶ 4 contact hours

Seminar #4
Emergency Response
Training
PROGRAM

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
 Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
 Classroom Instruction
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
 Equipment Viewing
11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
 Lunch
12:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
 Live Exercise

Note Earlier Start Time (Please be on time)

Seminar #5
TBA

November, 2006
Look for more information in the mail.

Interested in joining the **SFBS Collection Committee**? Contact Committee Chair for information.
 Sergio Ramirez
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 (510) 909-8725

Spread the WORD...

It's Awards Nomination Time

San Francisco Bay Section members! It is that time again to acknowledge those special individuals, agencies and projects that exceed par with their contemporaries. Here is your opportunity to recognize outstanding professional achievements within the wastewater field. This is the time to improve the professional status of all personnel working in the wastewater industry and related fields. At the same time you can stimulate public awareness of the importance of wastewater treatment to public health and the water environment.

Please e-mail, write, or call this year's Awards Chair Paul Louis:

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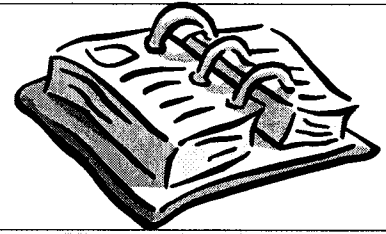
OR... logon directly to CWEA's web site at http://cwea.org/mlr_member_awards.shtml to download the appropriate form.

Here are the Local Section awards:

- Collection System of the Year Small (0-249 mi) Medium (250-500 mi) Large (500 mi)
- Safety Small (1-25 employees) Medium (26-75employees) Large (76 or more employees)
- Plant of the Year Small (0-5 mgd) Medium (5-20 mgd) Large (> 20 mgd)
- Collection System Person of the Year
- P3S Person of the Year
- Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year
- Laboratory Person of the Year
- Operator of the Year
- Mechanical Technician of the Year
- Supervisor of the Year
- Public Education
- Research Achievement
- Engineering Achievement

The deadline (the real deadline) for submitting nomination form(s) is in October 2006.

SFBS CALENDAR



SEPTEMBER 2006	
6	Collection System Committee Seminar – Emergency Response Training, see flyer
7	Joint SF Bay and Redwood Empire Sections Dinner Meeting – See Flyer
10 – 13	WaterReuse Symposium, Hollywood, California
17 – 19	CWEA Northern Regional Training Conference, Sparks, Nevada
28 – 30	Tri-State Seminar, Primm, Nevada
OCTOBER 2006	
TBA	SFBS October Dinner Meeting, Location TBA
18	Northern Safety Training, Woodland, California
21 – 25	WEFTEC, Dallas, Texas
NOVEMBER 2006	
TBA	SFBS November Dinner Meeting, Location TBA
2	SWRCB SSO WDR Notice of Intent Enrollment Due
23	Turkey Day!!

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