



NORTH TEXAS SECTION—e-NEWSLETTER

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January Meeting

Date: January 17, 2008
Place: Texas Star
Topic: Alternative Project
Delivery Systems
Social Hour: 5:30 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm
Dinner Tickets: \$15 Members
\$10 Spouses & Guests

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Speaker

Larry Eckersley, PE

Mr. Eckersley is a Principal with Freese and Nichols and the manager of the firm's Construction Services Group. In his 26 years of experience, Mr. Eckersley has served as inspector, construction engineer, construction manager, and resident engineer on several multi-million dollar treatment plant projects.

Mr. Eckersley has extensive experience in construction contract administration, project documentation, and managing construction contract claims. As manager of the Construction Services Group, Mr. Eckersley has been involved in design build projects through FNB Project Partners and has been involved in the development and comment on design-build legislation in House Bill 1886. Changes in procurement regulations made by HB 1886 add competitive sealed proposals as a way of selecting construction contractors and make the use of the Construction Manager-at-Risk and Design-Build project delivery systems available for all projects, not just buildings. These changes enhance the Owners' ability to obtain the best value for their construction dollar through value-based selection and innovative project delivery. Properly implemented, this legislation can have a significant impact on construction contracting in Texas.

This presentation will discuss the new rules and the restrictions established by HB 1886, as well as their potential application to heavy civil types of construction like wastewater facilities. We will also discuss the reasons why you might choose one type of delivery method over another for a particular project.

President's Message

Happy 2008!!! The year is already starting off with a bang.

We have a lot of great dinner meetings and events planned for this year. (See the list of meetings and events at the end of the newsletter.)

The WEAT and AWWA Young Professionals have planned and organized a fun event. A large group will attend the Maverick's game on Wednesday, January 9th. WEAT and AWWA helped offset the ticket cost for a group of 40 young professionals. Gilbert Trejo (YPT chairperson) was thinking that there might be some remaining tickets for age ineligible folks to go. A non-YP (old person) waiting list was started; however the spaces were quickly filled with all YPs. I am excited that there is a large group of YPs, who are creating professional relationships and being actively involved in WEAT and AWWA.

The upcoming dinner meeting will be at Euless, Texas Star and Larry Eckersley will speak about Alternative Project Delivery. The Texas Legislature has expanded project delivery and included language for additional expansion of Alternative Project Delivery and Design Build opportunities.

Our February WEAT-NTS seminar at City Place will update everyone on TCEQ changes to Chapter 217. Alternative Project Delivery is not the only legal / regulatory changes occurring that affect WEAT members. We have a talented list of speakers from consulting firms, treatment plant operations and TCEQ presenting on the various sections of the regulations. Registration is open and we anticipate a large turnout – possibly a sell out this year, so register early.

Lake Grapevine here we come....The WEAT picnic will also occur on a Friday evening in September. There was such a good turnout and response let us do it again.

This brings me to remember an old WEAT story. I'm sure many of us will remember Jody Puckett and Frank Crumb giving a presentation together two years ago while wearing their cat-in-the-hat hats but my most memorable presenter was about 10+ years ago when Jim Dorshman (I might be wrong on the last name) came and spoke about biosolids reuse. EPA was pushing beneficial reuse of biosolids and Jim was going to tell us about Austin's biosolids program and "Dillo Dirt". Jim was actually introduced by an EPA person, who said that she was very excited to have Jim speaking to us because he is such a great and entertaining speaker. Given that introduction and noting all the EPA people in the audience, and a very crowded room – I was looking forward to Jim's presentation. It was the first time that I found WWTP Sludge to be so interesting and everyone there started saying biosolids instead of sludge from that point forward. His talk was very technical, informative, interesting, and funny. I still remember all his pictures and stories about mixtures and composting. In addition, how he did unregulated land applications test sites at his yard and the yards of his family and co-workers.

Have a wonderful and successful 2008!!!

Randy McIntyre
President 2007-2008
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Announcements

FROM THE D/FW METROPLEX

2008 WEAT Operations Challenge Competition

We are soliciting sponsorship for this year competition to be held in San Antonio, Texas on March 26th and 27th at the Annual Texas Water Conference

Through generous donations this program has grown steadily over the past three years. We are now the largest state competition with teams verbally committed from Austin, Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio Water System, Brazos River Authority and Trinity River Authority.

Our Texas Teams recently competed for the WEF National Championship and finished 3rd in Division I and 3rd in Division II. We have an opportunity to send 3 teams to the WEF National Championship in Chicago.

This can and will not happen without your generous support. Please take the time to look over the form which is located on the WEAT website and send it with your sponsorship to Cheryl Smith at WEAT. Your support for this dynamic program is greatly appreciated.

John Bennett
WEAT PWO and Operations Challenge Chair

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Also, please contact
[David Jackson](#) if you
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Announcements (Continued)

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WEAT-NTS February Seminar

Topic:	TCEQ's New 217 Rules and How They Apply to Me
Location:	City Place, Dallas
Date:	February 12, 2008
Time:	8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Registration Costs:	\$100.00 Early (Before January 31st) \$110.00 After January 31st

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- Conventional / Alternative Sewer Collection Systems
- Primary Treatment and Activated Sludge
- Fixed Film Systems and Filtration
- Legislative Update
- Natural Systems
- Sludge
- Disinfection
- Planning / Pre-implementation Impacts
- Operational Impacts

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February 12, 2008	City Place, Dallas	WEAT-NTS	February Seminar TCEQ's New 217 Rules and How They Apply to Me.
March 20, 2008	City Place, Dallas	WEAT-NTS	Mag Hydroxide and Effects on Alkalinity and Plant Performance
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