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January Dinner Meeting

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2012

Location: Texas Star Golf Course and Conference Centre
1400 Texas Star Parkway
Euless, Texas 76040

Agenda: 5:30 p.m. Social hour
6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Announcements
7:15- 8:00 p.m. Program

Speakers: Bill Tatum, project manager, Central Regional Wastewater System,
Trinity River Authority of Texas
Mark S. Mihm, P.E., senior project manager, HDR
See bios on page 2.

**Topic: Activation of a Massive Interceptor and The Great Day of Reckoning:
Lessons Learned on TRA's Mountain Creek Interceptor**

After years of planning, design and construction, a new seven-mile section of the Mountain Creek interceptor system that transports wastewater from cities in south Dallas and Tarrant counties to the Trinity River Authority's Central Regional Wastewater System plant came online in June. While large-diameter pipe installation is never easy, the MC 5 & 6 interceptor project was made especially challenging by tough terrain and simultaneous road construction. Engineers and TRA management tackled the project's challenges with a combination of precisely timed bid package phasing, careful permitting strategies and creative construction sequencing. A final challenge occurred on the day the interceptor was activated, as improved flow velocity brought a heavy screenings load to the plant.

Cost:	Members <u>and Guests</u>	Full-Time <u>Students</u>
Jan. 13 or before	\$20	Free
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January Dinner Meeting Speaker Bios

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Bill Tatum, project manager, Central Regional Wastewater System, Trinity River Authority of Texas

Bill Tatum, project manager of TRA's Central Regional Wastewater System, has more than 38 years of experience in wastewater operations, construction, maintenance and facility planning. Tatum holds "A" licenses in both water and wastewater treatment, the highest certification granted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. His experience includes project management and construction inspection of wastewater treatment facilities, water treatment facilities, sanitary sewer pipelines, lift stations and water pipelines. Tatum earned a bachelor's degree in business management from the University of North Texas.

Mark S. Mihm, P.E., senior project manager, HDR

Mark S. Mihm, P.E., is a professional associate at HDR and a senior project manager with 25 years of experience in the design and construction of municipal wastewater and water facilities. In addition, he has expertise in master planning, energy management and construction services. Mihm has worked continuously with TRA for over a decade designing large-diameter interceptor and force main installations as well as lift stations and other associated infrastructure.

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November Dinner Meeting Highlights

Thursday, November 17, 2011



Co-presenting with Hunt at the November dinner meeting, Arlington Water Utilities Project Manager Valery "Val" Jean-Bart, P.E., reiterates his experience in working closely with reuse customers J.W. Dunlop Sports Complex, Chester Ditto Golf Course and the Arlington Landfill to quantify their usage needs and educate them on regulatory requirements and the benefits of using reclaimed water.



Speaking to WEAT-NTS members at the November dinner meeting, Arlington Water Utilities Director Julia Hunt details plans to expand the city's reuse system to the entertainment district to serve the Dallas Cowboys Stadium and the Texas Rangers Ballpark, as well as theme parks and other commercial areas.



WEAT-NTS President Erin Flanagan, left, presents Arlington Water Utilities Director Julia Hunt and Project Manager Val Jean-Bart with plaques of appreciation.

Leadership Message

Happy New Year!

2012 is the year of the Summer Olympic Games in London, the 57th United States Presidential Election, and Texas Water in San Antonio. Now if that isn't enough to look forward to this year, I know WEAT-NTS has plenty in store for this year!

If you have yet to become an active member of WEAT-NTS, we hope our upcoming schedule of presentations and events will entice you. Meeting presentations will include topics such as construction and utilization of large-diameter interceptors, cannibal digestion, site selection for Mary's Creek, and even details on a grease management program. Our February seminar will have a sweet touch this year with Valentine's Day-themed presentations. And yes, in addition to "Keeping the Spark Alive" and "Fertilizing Your Roses," you can expect to see chocolate goodies at the seminar. With the knowledge provided by WEAT-NTS, you'll be able to impress your colleagues, gross out your spouse and maybe have your friends question why they like you.

I cannot leave 2011 behind without sending out a huge thank you to all our members, presenters, sponsors, and officers. Each of you plays a vital role in the success of this organization. It's why our section is one of the best!

Finally, the start of a new year is never without mention of resolutions. I share mine below:

WEAT-NTS New Year Resolutions:

1. Have over 100 registrants at this year's February seminar
2. Become a competitor in this year's WEAT-NTS Clay Sporting Event

Personal New Year Resolutions:

1. Successfully train and complete a half marathon in March

Mark your 2012 calendar with all of our WEAT-NTS activities and I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

Erin Flanagan
President, WEAT-NTS



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Janet Sims, P.E., Alan Plummer Associates, Inc.
- ♥ Shopping for that perfect Valentine gift: What technologies are available to address nutrient limits? How are they working? How much do they cost?
Leonard Ripley, Ph.D., Freese and Nichols, Inc.
- ♥ Fertilizing your roses: Nutrient recovery / mining – what has been done, where has it been successful, what do we need to know?
James Barnard, Ph.D., Black & Veatch
- ♥ That little thing on the side: deammonification – sidestream & mainstream.
Beverly Stinson, Ph.D., AECOM
- ♥ The most special box of chocolates: Charting the future in biosolids management.
Lynne Moss, P.E., CDM
- ♥ Together Forever: Developing a mindset for our industry's future.
Dawn R. Anderson, P.E., CP&Y
- ♥ Special delivery: How are alternative delivery methods working in the wastewater business?
Norm Anderson, P.E., AECOM
- ♥ Dealing with control issues: Control systems; what the future holds.
Rick Hidalgo, P.E., CDM
- ♥ Keeping the spark alive: Trends in electrical system design.
V. K. Gupta, P.E., Gupta & Associates, Inc.
- ♥ Getting to the heart of the matter: Budgeting and capital improvement planning in tough economic times; finding funds and prioritizing expenditures.
Andy Cronberg, P.E., City of Fort Worth
- ♥ Making the relationship work: case studies of hands-on experience with phosphorus limits at several operating plants; lessons learned.
Ken Wesson, P.E., & Dolan McKnight, P.E., North Texas Municipal Water District

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REGISTRATION

Seating is limited – please register early.

Please register separately or send a separate form for each registrant.

Registration Fees: \$120 per person. Includes breakfast, lunch, breaks, and handouts. *(Students are free of charge for seminar; student lunch tickets are \$30 each.)*

Sponsorships: \$250 each. Includes recognition during seminar and logo posting on all conference material.

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September E&I technical seminar recap

The WEAT E&I Committee held its sixth and final technical seminar of 2011 Nov. 16 at the Trinity River Authority's Central Regional Wastewater System facility in Dallas. There were 46 people participating from across the Metroplex. The topic was facility maintenance and the speakers were as follows:

1. Jeff Sober, Carollo Engineers and John Bennett, TRA: Lessons Learned
2. Kevin Patel, CDM: Alarm Management
3. Mike Woolsey, TRA: PCS Considerations

A copy of each presentation is being posted to the WEAT website. Lunch, sponsored by Schneider Electric – Square D, was provided for all participants immediately afterwards.

A voluntary collection for Water For People netted \$135. Since July of last year, the WEAT E&I Committee has donated \$912 to this charity.

Save the date! January seminar

The next E&I technical seminar will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 18. Watch your email and WEAT-NTS.org for details.

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APAI receives gold medal

APAI received a gold medal from the Texas CEC Environmental Excellence Awards for North Texas Municipal District's East Fork Raw Water Supply Project.

NTMWD and Rosewood Corporation's commitment to the efficient use of water resources facilitated the groundbreaking East Fork Raw Water Supply Project. This project has enabled NTMWD to meet a significant portion of its raw water needs through an environmentally friendly approach utilizing the largest constructed wetland in the country used within an indirect-potable reuse project.

The East Fork Raw Water Supply Project also represents an excellent example of the effectiveness of a public-private partnership in achieving the objectives of each entity. In partnership with the Rosewood Corporation, NTMWD developed a reliable water supply source using a natural system. Rosewood fulfilled its goal of restoring wetland habitat while providing educational opportunities for the local community as well as research opportunities for several universities. The East Fork Raw Water Supply Project exemplifies environmental excellence through water conservation, ecological restoration, and educational outreach.

For more information, click on the link below:

[East Fork Raw Water Supply Project](#)

Espey, RPS join forces

Espey Consultants Inc. recently joined RPS Group Plc, an international consulting firm with offices in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, America, and Australia/Asia Pacific. Espey Consultants Inc., now doing business as RPS Espey, will continue to provide the same professional services to its water and wastewater clients in North Central Texas through its Dallas office and recently opened Fort Worth office but will now offer environmental, energy and regulatory compliance services as well.

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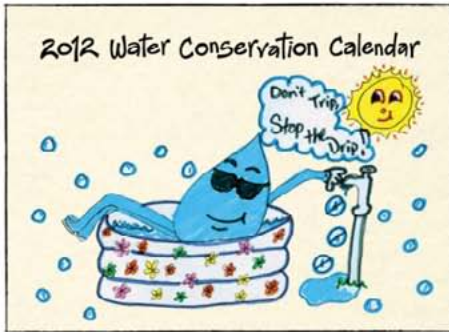
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Approximately 1,500 children accepted this "challenge", and the pictures chosen for use in this calendar were judged to be among the best.

All proceeds from the sale of this calendar will benefit Water for People. Water For People is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, ID #84-1166148. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. To purchase a calendar, please submit form below or go to www.weat.org. Shipping and handling is provided by WEAT.

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Announcements

Malik joins 2M

Junaid Malik, P.E., has joined 2M Associates, LLC in its Dallas office. Junaid holds a degree in civil engineering and brings nearly 13 years of engineering design experience to the 2M team.

Junaid has designed and managed a wide variety of site civil and municipal engineering infrastructure design projects for water, wastewater and storm water systems. In his new role with 2M, Junaid will support business development and manage a wide variety of engineering and construction projects related to site civil, water, wastewater and storm water infrastructure.



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Announcements

Carollo Engineers new hires

Carollo is pleased to announce four new engineers in its Dallas office.

Rick King, P.E., has 26 years of experience in large-diameter (up to 120-inch) infrastructure: wastewater conveyance, pump/lift station design, water transmission, water booster stations, pipe assessment, manhole assessment, and rehabilitation design. He has particular expertise in large-diameter assessment, cured-in-place pipe (CIPP), and large-flow bypass pumping (up to 225 mgd). His certifications include NASSCO, PACP, MACP, and Confined Space Entry. A graduate of the University of Alaska, Rick has worked on projects nationwide and is registered in several states. He will support Carollo's large-diameter infrastructure projects in Texas.

Steve Frost, P.E., earned bachelor's and master's degrees in civil and environmental engineering from Brigham Young University. Steve has 7 years of experience in construction management, design, and project management of treatment facilities, including resident engineer for the construction and start-up of five water and wastewater treatment plants in Utah and Mississippi. His role in Texas will include both design and construction management of treatment facilities.

Kara Scheitlin, E.I.T., holds a bachelor's degree in applied mathematics, a master's degree in environmental science and a master's degree in environmental engineering from Cal State. She has 7 years of experience in the permitting, design, and construction of water and wastewater treatment facilities. She is currently managing the day-to-day operation, sampling, data analysis, and troubleshooting of bench-scale, pilot scale, and full-scale biofiltration studies for three different utilities in North Texas.

John Zwerneman, E.I.T., earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M and a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of New Hampshire. His undergraduate and graduate research was in the areas of water and wastewater treatment. He will be working on various water and wastewater projects in North Texas.

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YP happenings

Check back here for YP activities in 2012.

The Young Professionals have a lot of great activities coming up in 2012 – recurring happy hours, a tour April 26 at Rahr and Sons Brewery in Fort Worth, a summer YP seminar, and a fall sports outing! Stay tuned for dates and locations.

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Dodson's Drive was established to further the work and education of the Young Professionals of WEAT/TAWWA. The sponsorship can be used to fund YP events and seminars, participation in other WEAT/TAWWA activities, recruiting activities and travel expenses to WEAT student design competition. Visit www.weat.org/yp.shtml for an application and instructions on applying for assistance.

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WEAT-NTS calendar of events

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Topic</u>
January Dinner Meeting	January 19, 2012	Texas Star	Screen Operations
February Seminar	February 14, 2012	Cityplace	Future of Wastewater
March Dinner Meeting	March 15, 2012	Cowboys Golf Club	Cannibal Digestion
Sporting Clays Tournament	March 16, 2012	Alpine Shooting Range	N/A
YP Event – Brewery Tour	April 26, 2012	Rahr and Sons Brewery	N/A
May Dinner Meeting	May 17, 2012	Texas Star	Mary's Creek
July Dinner Meeting	July 19, 2012	Cowboys Golf Club	DWU Grease Program
Daryl Hall Golf Tournament	September 14, 2012	TBD	N/A

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