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Dinner Meeting

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2010

Location: Cowboys Golf Club
1600 Fairway Drive
Grapevine, Texas 76051

Speakers: Donna Long, PE—Senior Program Manager, Dallas Water Utilities
Kip Kalisiak, PE—Senior Project Engineer, Carollo Engineers

Topic: Dallas Water Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facilities Strategic Plan: Key Study Drivers and Planned Capital Improvements

Meeting Agenda: Social hour - 5:30
Dinner - 6:30
Introductions - 7:00
Section Announcements - 7:15
Program - 7:30 - 8:30

Costs: \$20 Members
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Dallas Water Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facilities Strategic Plan: Key Study Drivers and Planned Capital Improvements

Dallas Water Utilities' (DWU) operates two wastewater treatment plants with a combined permitted capacity of 260 MGD. DWU is currently completing a Strategic Plan to assess the current wastewater treatment facilities, identify future needs, establish priorities, and develop a 30-year Capital Improvement Program. The presentation will include impacts of decreasing dry weather flows, future regulatory changes, and the timing of future projects.

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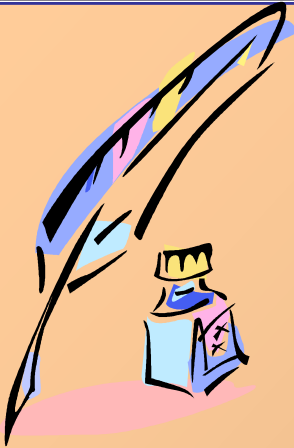
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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings from the WEAT-NTS. Hopefully you have all recovered from our record snow fall in February. Since my plant and home suffered no ill effects, I considered it a rare treat but I must admit, I am starting to get a little spring fever. It is getting time to pull out the golf clubs and hit the links. Speaking of golf, I hope you have all penciled in our March dinner meeting at Cowboys Golf Club on the 18th in

Grapevine. Donna Long and Kip Kalisiak will be presenting on Dallas Water Utilities Wastewater Treatment Facilities Strategic Plan: Key Study Drivers and Planned Capital Improvements. Besides this being a great topic, The Cowboys golf course is a very interesting place to have a dinner meeting and a great course if you have time to get a round in as well.

Another opportunity to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather is our 1st Annual WEAT-NTS Sporting Clay Shoot on March 19th. Beyond having a good time and getting the opportunity to meet with fellow professionals from the area, we will be raising money for a great cause; the proceeds from this event will go to the WEAT-NTS scholarship fund and Water for People. So far we have 26 teams registered and a host of volunteers. Jeff Sober and Darryl Corbin have done a great job of putting this event together and inform me that we can easily handle six more teams. Even if you are not interested in shooting, you can participate by sponsoring. Please contact either of these guys if you would like to participate.

Have you registered for Texas Water yet? If not, you are behind. Looking at the technical presentation this is going to be a strong program and of course I would be remiss if I did not mention the opportunity to see the Operations Challenge team's from Texas compete for the state championship. Our two local teams, the TRA CRWSers and the Dallas Aquatechs, have a strong history in the competition and in recent years have proven to be very tough competition for each other. Sponsorship for the Operations Challenge program has not met my goals this year; please

contact me if you would like an opportunity to be a part of this great program.

If you missed the February seminar, "Poopers and Bloopers, the Joy of Designing, Constructing and Operating a Wastewater Treatment Plant," then you missed the opportunity to spend the day with 117 other professionals in our industry. I was most pleased with the variety of attendees; there were ample numbers of Operators, YP's, Contractors, Manufacturer Reps as well as our fair share of Engineers. I really appreciate those of you that volunteered to present and thought our group of speakers was fantastic; a very special thank you to all that participated, especially our numerous sponsors. This event is paramount to the financial success of our organization and I believe we will be happy with the final outcome.

It is time to start thinking about selecting new officers for the Executive Committee; please let Becky Guthrie know if you are interested in volunteering for a position. All you need to become a committee member is dedication to the water environment, time to volunteer and a willingness to do a little hard work. These past three years have been a true labor of love for me and I have greatly enjoyed the time and efforts put forth by all that have been involved. Everyone deserves the opportunity to be a part of this great program.

Of course I would be remiss if I did not tie a section of my message into the outdoors. Most people think the hunting season is over once it warms up. Not true, spring brings in a time to spend some of the prettiest time of the year outside. The trees are turning, the grass is getting green and the flora and fauna is not as pretty any other time of the year in Texas. True, the insects and snakes are out and it can get a little warm but if you have not ever experienced the pure thrill of personally calling in a spring gobbler then you haven't really lived. Spring turkey hunting is one of the most challenging. Turkeys are surprisingly smart, their hearing is incredible and their eyesight allows them to catch even the slightest of movement. For all of you that participate in this annual event, good luck!

John Bennett
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January 2010 Dinner Meeting Highlights

Topic: Biologically Enhanced High Rate Clarification—A Case Study in the Application and Resulting Regulatory Interactions

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WEAT NTS President John Bennett presents members of the TRA CReWSers a framed version of the December 2009 WE&T magazine cover. The CReWSers won their fourth Operations Challenge National Championship in October 2009 at WEFTEC in Orlando.



President John Bennett presents Jennafer Covington and Dolan McKnight their speaker plaques as a token of appreciation for presenting at the dinner meeting.



Jason Crawley, WEAT YP Committee Vice-Chair, presents Angellia Points and Drew Aleto of the SMU Student Design Team with a plaque for placing 4th at the WEF Student Design Competition.



Speakers Jennafer Covington and Dolan McKnight discuss the Biologically Enhanced High Rate Clarification project for the North Texas Municipal Water District. The presentation focused on a case study in the application of biologically enhanced high rate clarification and the resulting regulatory interactions.





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Speakers:

- John Morgan, City of Indianapolis
- Ahmad Habibian, Ph. D., P.E., Black and Veatch Corporation
- Marc Ancilil, Logiball Inc.

Webcast Coordinators:

- Tina Wolff, P.E., Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. (Moderator)
- Jim Paluch, Joint Meeting of Essex and Union Counties



As for all WEF webcasts, attendees are eligible to receive Professional Development Hours (PDH) and can receive more information upon registration. This webcast will provide 2 PDH credit hours.

Webcast Date:

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Eastern Time

WEF Members: \$155; Nonmembers: \$195

Registration Deadline:

Monday, April 19, 2010

Questions?

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Take Note

Please Take Note of the Following Announcements

SAVE THE DATE....

WEAT E&I Committee's Technical Seminar

The next WEAT E&I Technical Seminar will be on March 17, 2010.

Plans are for this seminar to cover the various aspects of the expression "...or approved equal" when used in bid specifications. This means different things to different people depending on the individual's perspective. And it can have a huge impact on the success of a project if it leads to confusion or mis-application. We plan to have a variety of speakers such as:

- A Lawyer from a major wastewater operator
- Two Construction Contractors active in the local W/WW construction market
- A Consulting Engineering Manager active in the local W/WW engineering
- A Water/Wastewater Operations Representative with both engineering and operations experience

Plans are for each of the above to make an individual presentation and then to have a panel discussion with Q&A. Another announcement will be sent as the date gets closer with additional details. But until then, be thinking of the questions you would like to ask.

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Perkins Engineering Consultants, Inc. is pleased to announce that Luke Goralski, EIT has recently joined the firm.

WEAT-NTS is Accepting Nominations

The WEAT North Texas Section Nominations Committee is accepting nominations for the following offices: President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer and Section Representative.

If you are interested in one of these positions, please contact Becky Guthrie at 940-349-8938 or Rebecca.guthrie@cityofdenton.com. All nominations must be received by April 1, 2010.

1st WEAT North Texas Section Sporting Clays Tournament

Don't forget the 1st WEAT-NTS Sporting Clays Tournament which benefits the WEAT-NTS Scholarship Fund and Water for People organization.

The event is Friday, March 19, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to early afternoon. (Lunch will be provided.) This event will be held at the Alpine Shooting Range, 5482 Shelby Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76140.

This is a great opportunity to get your group's name out in front of over 130 professionals in this area. You can sponsor a Station for \$150 or be an event sponsor for \$200.

Space is still open, we currently have 26 teams, 108 shooters and 23 volunteers so get your teams together and register with Jeff Sober at jsober@carollo.com (972-239-9949).

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| May 20, 2010 | TexasStar | WEAT-NTS | Dinner Meeting |
| July 15, 2010 | Cowboys Golf Club | WEAT-NTS | Dinner Meeting |
| September 2010 | TBD | WEAT-NTS | Annual Picnic |
| November 18, 2010 | TBD | WEAT-NTS | Dinner Meeting |

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