

CWEA P3S Committee

North and South Joint Meeting

October 11, 2005

Minutes of the Meeting

10:00am :

No Technical Session

11:00 am

Introductions

Those in attendance:

Paul Martyn (LACSD); Joe Petchuk (City of Santa Monica); Ann Heil (LACSD); Jeff Carter (United Water); Gary Welling (City of Santa Monica); Doug Rands (LACSD); Rob Weinke (LACSD); Bill Garrett (LACSD); Philip Lo (LACSD); John Boyd (LACSD);

Teleconferencing – Lynne Scarpa (City of Richmond); Darren Greenwood (City of Livermore); Akin Barbitole (City of Santa Cruz); Gayle Tupper (EBMUD)

Business Meeting

Old Business

Treasurer's Report (Joe Lucia e-mailed finance status)

I will not be able to attend or call in to the meeting on Tuesday. However, I'll provide a very brief treasurer's report for all to submit for me. It's pretty simple and basic: Current balance ----\$30, 548.66

There were no expenses paid during September and the only revenue was \$3.42 in interest. All monthly financial reports have been filed on time with the CWEA office. The September report, such as it is, will be filed with the office before the end of October, as required.

That's about it. Make sure that 2006 P3S Conference development continues in our tradition of an outstanding event by all measures---brilliant in its offerings and flawless in execution. Keep in mind the perceptive words of William Simon: "The difference between failure and success is often the difference between doing a thing nearly right and doing it exactly right".

Best Regards,

Joe.

CWEA Long Range Planning Committee – Darren Greenwood in his own words.

The training workshops have been scheduled for volunteers who wish to become trained study session moderators for CWEA's Technical Certification Program. There will be two one-day sessions:

North Session-- November 8, ~10am-3pm, Sacramento Regional CSD

South Session-- November 15, ~10am-3pm, OCSD

Please let Chris Lundeen clundeen@cwea.org know if you'd like to participate and/or if you have somebody you'd like to suggest become a trained study session moderator

CWEA is moving towards computer based testing.

Our survey of 536 July test-takers and 78 supervisors shows a majority prefers computer-based tests (CBT) over traditional paper-and-pencil testing. CBT will allow more flexibility with test scheduling and results can be reported to the test-taker immediately after the test. The survey also shed light on some concerns about CBT such as test takers' computer skills, the ability to go back and change answers, and the being able to use scratch paper. Knowing those concerns will help us address them as move forward with CBT. We currently plan to move to CBT in two phases: The first set of vocations would be converted to CBT by the summer of 2007 and the second set would be converted by the winter of 2009. The Technical Certification Executive Committee, led by Chair Walter Payne, is using the survey results to determine which vocations will be converted at each phase.

Jeff Carter – Train the Trainer Teacher's manual guides are being reviewed. These guides are companion to the candidate's handbook

New Business

Storm Water Certification – The hope is that the workgroup will be available after the CASQA conference. CWEA is currently putting together the lab certification.

Philip Lo – Discussion regarding the CASQA conference. Tetrattech indicated through their audits that Inspectors from Pretreatment Programs are better able to understand and implement storm water programs. One hundred plus persons attended the conference. Pretreatment folks (Steve Aguiar, City of Livermore and Daryl Hartwill, City of Riverside) did a good job presenting their storm water training session.

The construction site inspection training conducted by CDM (Luis Leon, Melinda McCoy) and Vali Cooper and Associates (Mike Broadwater) was also well done.

Ann Heil – WEF agreement to conduct training on local limits is 75-80 % approved.
Sherril Bond will coordinate the Wednesday training on FOG.

John Boyd - mailings will go out this week for the nomination for “plant of the year”.
John is encouraging nominations for plants in the small category. There has been a decrease in small category nominations over the past few years.

Akin Barbitole – 29 businesses in Santa Cruz received “Clean Ocean Business Awards”
These were vehicle service facilities. The “Clean Ocean Business Program” has changed business operations in a positive way.

Bill Garrett – He needs one speaker for the Environmental Inspector Training – Tuesday February 28th, 2006.

Gayle Tupper, Lynne Scarpa – They spoke regarding San Jose’s Pretreatment Program at the Annual Conference.

Next committee meeting is on November 9, 2005 in Sacramento.

Announcement Information:

Wednesday November 9, 2005

Sacramento Regional County Sanitary District
10545 Armstrong Ave. Suite 101, Mather, CA conference room 170

Technical Presentation: Methyl Mercury

Speaker: Peter Halpin, Caltest Analytical Laboratory

Host: Terry Musil, SRCSD

Bill Garrett - December 13 - Burbank Hilton - Preview conference/Hotel layout - Lunch

Business Meeting closed

Conference Planning

Bill Garrett discussed local arrangements – Tuesday night activity related to Studio Tour.
Bill and Jeff finalizing arrangements with Warner Bros.

Ann Heil – Must have all information related to the conference by October 21.

Bill Garrett – Gordon Graham with discuss “Avoiding Civil Liability” in our day-to-day job.

Ann Heil - Discussed Pretreatment Streamlining

Lynne Scarpa – Discussed Pharmaceutical Sessions

Gary Welling – Discussed the CASQA conference – EPA venue, CASQA venue – focus on construction

Ann Heil - Abstracts and Speaker information due to Ann Heil.

Jeff Carter – Will do mailing to building industry for the storm water session

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Welling
Secretary, CWEA P3S Committee