

Sewer Leaks

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President's Message



What a journey we've been on these past two years! Natural disasters, economic and supply chain volatility, a pandemic... While so much has been outside of our control, my mission this year is to reconnect our wonderful community and continue to provide training on the prominent issues challenging our industry.

In particular, I want to provide our members with an up-to-date understanding of the California drought and the role of wastewater as "one water." More than ever, recycled water has gained attention as a resource to both the public and the environment. We plan to have a few events focused on the drought's impact on the state, regional, and plant level.

We are also already hard at work to make sure the Annual LABS Awards Banquet is an extra celebratory affair this year! I hope you can join us in person in January to honor the award-winning work of our industry peers. We will be navigating a mix of in-person and virtual presentations and tours - stay tuned for our new events!

In Service and Gratitude,
Jenny Tanphanich

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Upcoming Events

12/1/2022

LABS: A Systems Approach to Weather Whiplash, Webinar
by Debbie Franco, WSN
Managing Director

1/28/2023

LABS: Annual Awards Ceremony

1/30/2023—2/1/2023

P3S 2023 Annual Conference
Embassy Suites, Seaside

3/28/2023—3/31/2023

The Utility Management Conference

Past President Event LA Dodgers vs Chicago Cubs

July 10, 2022

LABS hosted the past president event at Dodger stadium to celebrate our first in-person event since the pandemic. It was great to celebrate our past President of the last two years, Jennifer Thompson, during the game last July. We were happy to be able to reconnect with the community.



“Meet the Board” Event at Golf ‘N’ Stuff

September 16, 2022

LABS hosted a meet the board event to introduce the newly installed 2022 Board to members at Golf ‘N’ Stuff last month. Thanks for coming out to celebrate the new Board and showcasing the strong putt game. We look forward to the events planned for the rest of the year!



Call for Annual Award Nominations!

**Know of a project or a co-worker, project, or facility
that deserves recognition?**

Nominations are due soon!

Apply to <https://www.cwea.org/awards/>

- ◆ Community Engagement and Outreach: Project of the Year – Small, Medium, and Large
- ◆ Community Engagement and Outreach Photography Award
- ◆ Tertiary Recycled Water Plant of the Year
- ◆ P3S Facility of the Year
- ◆ Photo Contest (may depict anything related to the clean water profession)
- ◆ Kirt Brooks Scholarship
- ◆ Community Engagement and Outreach Best Use of Social Media
- ◆ Gimmicks and Gadgets
- ◆ Emerging Leaders
- ◆ Safety Plant of the Year – Small, Medium, and Large
- ◆ Supervisor of the Year
- ◆ Plant of the Year Small, Medium, and Large
- ◆ Richard D. Pomeroy
- ◆ Golden Manhole
- ◆ CWEA Quarter Century
- ◆ Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers
- ◆ Outstanding Young Professional of the Year
- ◆ P3S Person of the Year
- ◆ Community Engagement and Outreach: Film Festival
- ◆ Community Engagement and Outreach: Person of the Year
- ◆ Crystal Crucible
- ◆ Laboratory Person of the Year
- ◆ Dr. Jenkins Research Achievement
- ◆ Dr. Jenkins Engineering Achievement
- ◆ Collection System Person of the Year
- ◆ Operator of the Year
- ◆ Mechanical Technician Person of the Year
- ◆ Electrical Instrumentation Person of the Year
- ◆ Collection Systems Small, Medium, and Large





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The Los Angeles Basin Section of CWEA Virtual Presentation

**Drought in Context:
A Systems Approach to Weather Whiplash
Debbie Franco, Managing Director,
Water Solutions Network**

**Thursday, December 1, 2022
Noon to 1:00 p.m. Via Zoom**

To Register: [Event Info \(mycwea.org\)](https://mycwea.org)

Fee: **\$0 for LAB Members; \$25 for CWEA Members and \$35 for non-CWEA Members.**

(Discount is automatically applied during check-out)

Education Credit: **Continuing Educational Credits will apply; Educational Credits will be applied after the presentation.**

Questions: Bonnie Temple, LABS Vice President at btemple@pcl.com or Jenny Tanphanich, LABS President at jennytanphanich@lacsdsd.org

Session: We are in the midst of a mega drought, punctuated by one- and two-year wetter periods. This is the leading edge of the weather whiplash that climate change is bringing to California. While all attention is on drought and expanding water recycling, how can we also assure that our infrastructure investments will stand the test of much wetter wet periods? Expanding water recycling and achieving direct potable reuse is forcing more conversation between water supply and sanitation communities. What opportunities does that create to more thoughtfully meet the needs of humans and the ecosystems of which we are a part? Debbie will put drought in the larger weather whiplash context and will zoom out to watershed scale and system function to identify opportunities that may not be obvious when focused on urban water and wastewater management.

Our Speaker: Debbie Franco Managing Director of Water Solutions Network

Debbie Franco is Managing Director of the Water Solutions Network. The Network provides an intensive cohort-based learning experience designed to expand and diversify the community of water leaders crossing boundaries, connecting resources, and choosing bold action while collaboratively working toward equitable and sustainable land and water stewardship.

Before joining the Water Solutions Network, Debbie spent 10 years in the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, ultimately serving as the Senior Advisor on Water and Rural Affairs. In that role, she was known for her commitment to collaboration across agencies, and between agencies and stakeholders. Debbie served on Governor Brown's Drought Task Force as the Local Drought Liaison, focusing on local government and local agency assistance and household water supply shortages. She also served on the Forest Management Task Force that spanned the Brown and Newsom administrations, leading the Rural Economic Development Steering Committee/Wood Utilization Work Group. Debbie participated in and contributed to the development of California's historic Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Debbie sits on the Board of Directors for the California Water Data Consortium and the Advisory Council for the Public Policy Institute of California's Water Policy Center. She was the inaugural recipient of the Debbie Davis Graduate Student Award, a recognition named in her honor (maiden name) and still awarded by the UC Irvine Associated Graduate Students. She also received the Planning and Conservation League's Environmental Justice Advocate of the Year Award in 2010. Debbie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from UC Davis and a Master of Arts degree in Social Ecology from UC Irvine.



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