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President's Report by Tom Adams

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to another year of activities for the Central San Joaquin Section. We had some very successful dinner meetings with timely and interesting topics that sometimes left the restaurants bursting at the seams. And for this, we have our most recent past President, Rick Staggs, to thank. I hope to continue this practice of well-attended and interesting meetings for the upcoming year. On January 19, 2007, our section held its annual Awards Banquet and Installation at the Tachi Hotel and Casino. That evening, the following members became the 2007 Section Officers:

President:	Tom Adams
Vice President:	Aaron Aguirre
One-Year Director:	Dan Jameson
Two-Year Director:	Dan Cravins
Secretary/Treasurer:	Candice Padilla

In addition to the new Board, the following members have agreed to take on the responsibility of chairmanship of the various subcommittees:

OIT:	Kathy Hansen
TCP:	Robert Currie
Newsletter Editor:	Eric Casares
Awards:	Dean Uota
Safety:	Brett Fickel
Pretreatment:	Janelle Parker
Golf:	Aaron Aguirre

After the normal awards were presented, a special tribute was given to Walt Schmidt, who has served CWEA for more years than most of us can remember in the capacity of Secretary/Treasurer. During the tribute, a few who have known Walt over the years had the opportunity to roast him just one more time. As the fun subsided, CWEA President Paula Zeller presented a proclamation and special plaque on behalf of CWEA. Once the banquet festivities concluded, those who wished went downstairs to enjoy the other forms of entertainment offered by the casino.

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Dinner Meeting and Training Session Schedule - 2007:

Date

19 January 2007

15 February 2007

14 March 2007

April 2007

17-21 April 2007

04 May 2007

10 May 2007

13 June 2007

June 2007

11 July 2007

8 August 2007

12 Sept 2007

27-29 Sept 2007

Sept or Oct 2007

9 October 2007

13-17 Oct 2007

14 Nov 2007

December 2007

Event

CSJ Annual Banquet; Tachi Palace Hotel & Casino, Lemoore

Dinner Meeting; Cattlemen's Restaurant, Selma
– Topic: SKF Master Plan

Dinner Meeting; Double L Restaurant, Visalia
– Topic: Stormwater

Half-Day Training: Confined Space Entry, in Fresno
CWEA Annual Conference; Ontario, CA

Golf Tournament, Lemoore; Joint with Golden
Empire Section

Dinner Meeting; location TBD – Topic: Copper River
Design & Startup/Oxygen Monitoring

Dinner Meeting; location TBD – Topic: State WDR
Update

Half-Day Training: Lockout/Tagout and Electrical
Safety

Dinner Meeting; location TBD – Topic: Biosolids
Update

Half-Day Training: BOD Training (Robert Currie)
at SKF

Dinner Meeting; location TBD – Topic: Using
a BOD/COD Ratio to determine Utility Bills

Dinner Meeting; location undecided – Topic: Sewer
Rehab Projects in Fresno

Tri-State Seminar; Primm, NV

Half-Day Training: Confined Spaced Entry, in south-
ern part of Section

Dinner Meeting; Branding Iron Restaurant, Merced
– Topic: Pretreatment Sampling/Inspections (Keith Silva
or Greg Arthur), joint with Northern San Joaquin Section
WEFTEC.07; San Diego, CA

Dinner Meeting; location TBD – Topic: GIS
Mapping

Annual Planning Meeting, location TBD

Candice's Financial Update from Walt (March 2007)

The local section is in good financial standing. Our balances are as follows:

Checking:	\$3,248.02
Savings:	\$4,178.73
Total:	\$8,511.97

CWEA Holds Train the Trainer Workshop for New SSO Reporting

As California's wastewater collection system infrastructure begins to age, the need to proactively manage this valuable asset becomes increasingly important. The first step in this process is to have a reliable reporting system for SSOs. Although there are some data systems to record spills and various spill-reporting requirements have been developed, inconsistent requirements and enforcement have led to poor data quality. A few Regional Water Boards have comprehensively tracked SSOs over the last three to five years, and from this information they have been able to determine that the majority of collection systems surveyed have had SSOs within this time period.

Data supports the conclusion that virtually all collection systems have SSOs and that implementation of a regulatory measure requiring SSO reporting and collection system management, along with required measures to limit SSOs, will greatly benefit California water quality. Implementation of these requirements will also greatly benefit and prolong the useful life of the sanitary sewer system, one of California's most valuable infrastructure items.

As most of you should know by now, last spring the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) adopted a State Wide Waste Discharge Requirement that orders all public owned sewage collection systems to begin reporting sewer system overflows (SSOs) on the web and to develop a Sewer System Master Plan (SSMP) for each collection system. The SWRCB then reached an agreement with the California Water Environment Association (CWEA) to provide statewide training on how to use the web site to report SSOs and how to prepare a SSMP.



Tommy Greci, Carollo Engineers - Hard at work preparing SSMPs

Recently CWEA invited Tommy Greci of Carollo Engineers and other area representatives to attend a one-day Train-the-Trainer session. This session was used to review the training design and give a good sense of the skill sets needed to facilitate the SSO training events. CWEA and their consultant designed the workshop to be very interactive and focused on knowledge transfer using adult learning principles. The workshop was Power-Point free!! It used case studies and a database simulation for attendees to practice and engage around.

These workshops were designed with dual roles, one as a lead facilitator and one as a subject matter expert. This will enable the workshop teams to work on the case studies and receive the guidance needed. It will also allow CWEA to track the key areas that may need future refinement in the State Board's database.

Attendees of the Train the Trainer session will soon be working with CWEA to provide SSO-WDR Compliance Workshops. These

workshops will train you and your staff on the new General Waste Discharge Requirement's around Electronic Reporting of SSO's. The workshop is specifically designed for everyone who is involved in the collections system and reporting of SSOs. All staff levels will gain valuable experience on what data is needed to report, when to report it and how to report the data in the State Water Board's new electronic system.

In the session you'll work with a team of other attendees to tackle SSO situations and report them in a database simulation. You'll gain experience with the database and will leave the training with the ability to report SSOs in the State Water Board's new electronic reporting system (a part of CWIQS).

The session will use the latest techniques in adult learning and will be different from any other training you've attended for CWEA. The training will be provided in phases to sync up with the phased compliance schedule in the WDR. Training for those in Regions 5, 6, & 7, will begin in May.

The 2006 Annual Awards Banquet

The CSJ Section Annual Awards banquet was held on January 19, 2007 at the Tachi Hotel and Casino. While the absence of Elvis from the festivities was noticed by almost everyone in attendance, the casino's attractions kept our members busy well into the night. After a brief introduction by incoming President Tom Adams, the group was given a statewide update by CWEA President Paula Zeller. After the ceremonial recognition of the outgoing officers, installation of new officers, and presentation of awards, the crowd was treated to a special tribute in honor of our very own Walt Schmidt for his years of service as secretary/treasurer of the CSJ Section.



Rick Staggs, 2006 CSJ Section President, accepting an award for the Fresno/Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility.



Aaron Aguirre accepting the Engineering Achievement award on behalf of the Fresno/ Clovis RWRF.



Tom Adams and Paula Zeller present Frank Rascon the award for Electrical/ Instrumentation: Person of the Year.

The 2006 Annual Awards Banquet (continued)



CWEA President Paula Zeller introduces the new 2007 CSJ Section officers Tom Adams, Aaron Aguirre, Dan Jameson, Dan Cravins, and Candice Padilla.



Al Dehai giving a presentation letting us know just how important Walt's years of service have been to the CSJ Section.



Walt Schmidt gives the crowd some final words regarding his "retirement" as Secretary/Treasurer of the CSJ Section.

Thank You Annual Banquet Sponsors

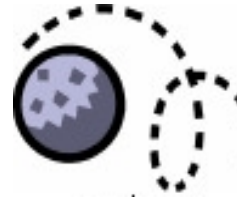
The Central San Joaquin Section would like to thank the following corporations for sponsoring our January 19, 2007 annual banquet. The sponsors were:

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The Central San Joaquin and Golden Empire Sections Take Pleasure in Announcing Its 1st Annual Joint Golf Tournament!



Lemoore Golf Course
350 Iona Avenue
Lemoore, CA, 93245 (559) 924-9658
Friday, May 4th, 2007



STARTING TIME IS 8:00 A.M. SHARP!
(Be early and check-in next to the Pro Shop!)

Entry Fee: \$55.00 per player
Entry Fee includes green fees, range balls, cart, BBQ lunch, beverages, and more!
Format: Four-Man Scramble

ENTRY FORM DUE BY WEDNESDAY, April 27th, 2007
Prizes to be awarded following the tournament.

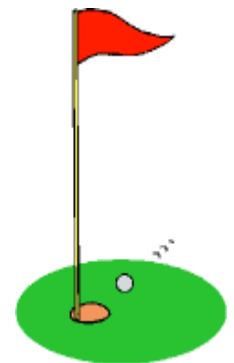
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WAIVER: In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I the undersigned, intending to be legally bound by myself, my executors, administrators, and assignees, do hereby waive and release the California Water Environment Association, and all persons and agencies connected with CWEA-CSJ Annual Golf Tournament from claims or damages arising from my participation in and travel to and from this event. I also certify that I am physically fit and adequately trained to participate in this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please type or print legibly, each player must submit a separate form!

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In Case you Missed it...

The Central San Joaquin Section's first dinner meeting of 2007 was held on February 15, 2007 at Cattleman's Restaurant in Selma, California. The topic of the discussion was the Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler Master Plan that was recently prepared by the SKF County Sanitation District and Carollo Engineers.

The first part of the presentation was given by Jose Gutierrez of Carollo Engineers who was responsible for preparation of the Master Plan. Jose's presentation centered on the technical aspects of the master planning process including gathering data, construction of the hydraulic model, and preparation of the capital improvement plan.

Jose's discussion was followed by Veronica Cazares of the Selma-Kingsburg-Fowler County Sanitation District who discussed how the Master Plan is currently being used by SKF to facilitate new growth, correct existing capacity deficiencies, and meet their current waste discharge requirements. The CSJ Section would like to extend a special thank you to Jose and Veronica for their outstanding presentation, as well as to everyone who attended the dinner meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, which will take place on May 10, 2007.



Jose Gutierrez of Carollo and Veronica Cazares of SKF following their presentation on the SKF Master Plan.

Mark Your Calendars

While there will not be a dinner meeting in April because of the CWEA Annual Conference, there are several important CSJ Section events that will be occurring in the upcoming months.

Annual Golf Tournament

The annual golf tournament will be held on May 04, 2007 at the Lemoore Golf Course. The golf tournament will again be jointly hosted by the CSJ and Bakersfield Sections. The day will begin with a shotgun start at 8:00 AM with an awards banquet and luncheon to follow. Watch your mailboxes, you should receive a flyer for the golf tournament shortly.

May Dinner Meeting

The May dinner meeting will be held on May 10, 2007. At this time, the topic and location have not been finalized. The possible topics for this meeting include the Copper River Facility or Oxygen Monitoring using ORP.

President's Message

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Let's now look to this year.

The Central San Joaquin Section has an activity-packed calendar planned for 2007. Besides our dinner meetings, scheduled every month except April and December, we are planning four half-day training sessions on topics such as confined space entry (actually, we have two: one in the Spring and one in the Fall), Lockout/Tagout and electrical safety, and a special BOD training session.

A practice that was instituted last year was to conduct our Board meetings during the social hour before each dinner meeting. This proved to be successful and will be continued for this year. Oh, we may still have a special meeting from time to time, but I don't expect this to be necessary too often.

Two planned activities warrant special recognition. During October 2007, our dinner meeting will be held jointly with the Northern San Joaquin Section. This was such a successful venture in 2006 that we decided to do it again. The other activity worth mentioning is our annual Golf Tournament, which we are planning on holding jointly with the Golden Empire Section.

I can see just how busy this year will be. Nevertheless, I am looking forward to all our activities. We're off to a good start. Our banquet in January had over 60 people in attendance; and our February meeting had over 50. If this continues, we may have trouble finding a restaurant to hold all of us.



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