



CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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FALL HAS ARRIVED, AND WITH A NEW COMMISSIONER!



Reynaldo Cantu, P.E.
Austin Clean Water Program

Larry Soward, Commissioner
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

November 18, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.
Joe C. Thompson Center – University of Texas at Austin

This month, Reynaldo Cantu, P.E., will give a presentation entitled “Austin Clean Water Program,” discussing the City of Austin’s initiative to improve its collection system. The meeting is open to anyone in the Central Texas area interested in water and wastewater issues. The evening will include a social gathering followed by a buffet dinner. Afterwards, Mr. Cantu will give his presentation and there will be a short business meeting. The price of admission is only \$10.00.

The Central Texas Section of WEAT is also proud to honor Larry Soward as the new Commissioner of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Please join us in greeting and congratulating Mr. Soward during this month’s social gathering.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact Laura DiPasquale at (512)322-5862 or at central@weat.org by Wednesday, November 12, 2003.

About Reynaldo Cantu...

Reynaldo Cantu is Assistant Director for Engineering for the City of Austin Water Utility. A Stanford University graduate, Mr. Cantu gained experience in a number of City operations, previously serving as assistant director of field operations for the Utility and for the Department of Small & Minority Business Resources and Public Works over a period of 13 years. Mr. Cantu is a registered professional engineer in the state of Texas, and active in AWWA and WEAT functions across the state.

Mr. Cantu leads the engineering program for the Austin Water Utility. In that capacity, he has organized and directed the City's response to an Administrative Order from EPA requiring the elimination of sanitary sewer overflows. As part of this response, Mr. Cantu helped create the Austin Clean Water Program, a combination of strategic system improvements and enhanced maintenance activities designed to curtail sanitary sewer overflows. Mr. Cantu will discuss the formation of the Austin Clean Water Program and what steps the City has taken since formation to enact this initiative.

NEWSLETTER NOTICE

Due to the decreased use of hard-copy newsletters, and to minimize expenses, the Central Texas Section of WEAT will be going to an all-electronic format for delivering its newsletter and other notices. If you would like to continue receiving a hard copy of this newsletter and future notices, please call Laura Di Pasquale at (512) 322-5862.

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The Central Texas Section normally meets at the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center at the University of Texas at Austin Campus. The meetings are usually held the third Tuesday of odd numbered months.

This newsletter is sent to more than 350 water professionals in the Austin area. If you are interested in sponsoring a meeting/newsletter, or if you have information for publication, contact Brad Castleberry at 512-322-5856.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2004, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center

“VOC Emissions from WWTPs” - Chris Quigley, CH2MHill

Tuesday, Mar. 23, 2004, 6:00 pm, Dining Room, UT Thompson Center

“Status of Chapter 210 Rule Revision” - Roger Schenk, CDM

OTHER EVENTS:

Plant Managers Round Table, San Antonio, Texas, November 5-6, 2003

Water Sources Conference, Austin, Texas, January 11-15, 2004

Texas Water 2004, Arlington, Texas, April 7-9, 2004



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