



CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION OF THE WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

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Central Texas Section: Legislative Update



WEAT Presents – Ty H. Embrey

March 22, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Joe C. Thompson Center – University of Texas at Austin

This month, Ty Embrey will be our guest speaker, and will be providing an update on current and predicted activities with the 79th Legislature. The meeting is open to anyone interested in this subject. The evening will include a social gathering followed by a buffet dinner. Afterwards, Mr. Embrey will give his presentation and there will be a short business meeting.

If you plan to attend the meeting, please contact Laura Di Pasquale at (512) 322-5862 or at central@weat.org by Wednesday, March 16, 2005.

About Ty Embrey:

Ty H. Embrey is a member of Lloyd Gosselink Blevins Rochelle & Townsend, P.C.'s Government Relations and Water Practice Groups and practices in the areas of environmental and water law. Ty received his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Baylor Law School and his Bachelor of Arts in history from the University of Texas at Austin. Ty served as General Counsel to the Texas Senate Natural Resources Committee. He served as lead staff for the Oil-Field Cleanup Fund Advisory Committee and General Counsel for the Texas Senate Water Advisory Council and the Joint Senate and House Committee on Water Resources. He also served as General Counsel to Senator J.E. "Buster" Brown and Legislative Aide to State Representative Beverly Woolley. Ty is a member of the State Bar of Texas (Environmental and Natural Resources Section), the Austin Young Lawyers Association, and the Austin Bar Association.

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YP CORNER

Hello All! I would like to take this chance to introduce myself. My name is Kathy Pontesso and I am an Associate and Project Manager for Carter and Burgess, Inc. in the Austin Public Works Unit. I have been named your new Young Professionals chairperson.

My experience lies primarily in the design of water and wastewater treatment plants and pumping stations, water distribution systems, water storage facilities, and wastewater collection systems. One of my areas of specialization is in hydraulic modeling of water distribution systems. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in December 1993 in Civil Engineering from Louisiana State University, GEAUX TIGERS!!! I have been a registered professional engineer in Texas for 6 years.

So, now that you know me, let's talk more about the Young Professionals group! The WEAT YP mission statement defined three dimensions to our group: Professional Development, Friends and Family, and Community Service. Getting involved in WEAT gives us opportunities to learn new information about our business as well as share resources of information with our peers. The YP group gives us the opportunity to meet new friends and feel more comfortable getting involved at meetings and conferences. The YP group also organizes events for our members to get involved in giving back to the community.

Our first event to meet new people of the year was a happy hour on February 24, 2005 at Billy's on Burnet. Thank you to everyone that attended!

Our plans to give back to the community this year are pretty diverse. Several of us from the Central Texas YP WEAT will be volunteering at the upcoming Texas Water 2005. We are also planning to participate in some Habitat for Humanity projects this year. Additionally, our goal is to begin student chapters of WEAT at some of the Central Texas universities. As volunteer opportunities are scheduled I will post this information on the website, in the newsletter and I will e-mail the YP list.

For more information about YP activities and to get on the e-mail list, please feel free to contact me at (512) 732-7517 or at pontessokd@c-b.com.

Kathy Pontesso, P.E.
YP Chair – Central Texas Section

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UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Northeast Section Environmental Seminar, Rose Garden Center, Tyler, Texas, March 15, 2005

Texas Water 2005 – Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas, April 5-8, 2005

3rd Bi-Annual Texas Odor and Corrosion Conference and Expo, Irving, Texas, May 12-13, 2005

Central Texas Section Meeting : IFAS Treatment Technology, Austin, Texas, May 17, 2005

AWWA 2005 Annual Conference & Exposition, San Francisco, California, June 12-16, 2005