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WEAT PRESENTS
KEVIN KOELLER, P.E.

**“PROTECTING LIFT STATION PUMPS AND VALVES FROM LARGE DEBRIS:
INSTALLATION OF A DEEP SCREENING DEVICE AT TUNNEL OUTFALL”**

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2006 AT 6:00 PM

Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas at Austin

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by Wednesday, January 11, 2006**

Mr. Kevin Koeller is a project manager with Turner Collie and Braden in the public works division of the Austin, Texas, office. He has over 10 years of experience in the design and construction of water and wastewater treatment facilities and is currently serving as the Resident Engineer on the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion and Improvement Project.

Mr. Koeller has a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M University and a Master of Science in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Berkeley.

Continued growth and increasing wastewater flows in the City of Austin necessitated the expansion of the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant from 50 MGD to 75 MGD. Part of this 25 MGD expansion involved the rehabilitation of one of the existing on-site lift stations with new pumps, piping and valves. The design team developed an innovative way to capture and remove large debris within the deep receiving well of the lift station, ahead of the pumps. The resulting design customized innovative solutions which involved a heavy duty gripping device and corresponding screening structure.

*Come listen to Kevin discuss this successful project that was completed on schedule,
within budget, and is currently operating effectively.*

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS

WATER ENVIRONMENT FEDERATION (WEF) SPECIALTY CONFERENCES

**WEF/AWWA Joint
Management
Conference 2006**
Marriott Downtown
Salt Lake City
Salt Lake City, UT
February 19-22, 2006

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Management
Bridging to the Future**
Northern Kentucky
Convention Center in
Covington, KY &
Greater Cincinnati, OH
March 12-15, 2006

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Austin Convention Center
Austin, TX
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April 4-7, 2006

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Young Professionals (YP) Corner

The Central Texas WEAT YP group met for a happy hour on December 15th at Ringers. Thank you to everyone that attended and thank you to Diamond Fiberglass for sponsoring this event.

As your WEAT YP chairperson, I would like to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year. This new year will bring many exciting events and opportunities for the WEAT YP group. For example, in 2006, we will be hosting Texas Water in Austin, we will begin the student chapter of WEAT at the University of Texas at Austin, and we will be planning more opportunities for the young professionals to get involved in WEAT and to get to know each other.

If you would like to be part of the excitement, please email or contact Kathy Pontesso at Kathy.Pontesso@c-b.com or **512-732-7517** to be added to the WEAT YP distribution list.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the new year!

-Kathy Pontesso, P.E.
Central Texas WEAT YP Chairperson



Above: Central Texas attendees at WEFTEC, in front of the Texas Reception Ballroom.



Above: Texas Reception at WEFTEC - Halloween Party
Left: One of them is our very own Raj Bhattarai!

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