



**WATER ENVIRONMENT
ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS**

Preserving & Enhancing the Water Environment of Texas

CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION

November 2006

<http://www.weat.org/central>



WEAT PRESENTS

SUSAN BUTLER

“BUILDING A BETTER TEXAS: ALTERNATIVE PROJECT DELIVERY CONCEPTS”

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2006 AT 6:00 PM

Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas at Austin

RSVP by contacting Pervez Jameel

Call: 512-328-8975 or Email: central@weat.org

by Wednesday, November 8, 2006



Susan Butler has more than 18 years in water resources, municipal, and strategic planning and project implementation experience. Prior to joining CH2M HILL's Austin, Texas, office where she currently works, she led efforts for community and City Council approval and implementation of a \$2.6 billion, 50-year water supply program for San Antonio Water System (SAWS). As SAWS' first conservation manager and, later, Water Resources Director, she coordinated programs to reduce water use by over 32% while adding to the city's supply through projects such as the 78-mile Water Recycling Project that supplies up to 20% of community's water. She also led the team to develop the water rights market for the Edwards aquifer region, conjunctive use water supply projects, satellite groundwater projects, the country's second largest Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project, an innovative agricultural conservation program to leverage federal funds, ecosystem restoration projects and the legislative policy efforts required for plan implementation. She also served as Assistant Public Works director for Leon Valley, Texas where she managed the capital improvement plan, streets rehabilitation, stormwater, city park, water and waste water utility and solid waste programs.

A graduate of Trinity University and holding a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Texas at San Antonio, Ms. Butler's key areas of expertise include environmental and urban planning, project development, public involvement, policy analysis ranging from environmental flows, interbasin transfers, and other surface water permitting issues to groundwater ownership, management and regulation to project-specific legislation.

Susan will present information on potential legislative changes that could allow political subdivisions to utilize design build for horizontal construction. Currently, design build has been limited to public works projects that only involve vertical construction. As cities, districts, and utilities continue to grapple with limited funds and numerous public works projects, there is a need to explore potentially more efficient and less costly project delivery systems. This presentation will discuss the host of project delivery systems available under current law, and provide insight as to what might change in the upcoming 80th Legislative Session, which begins January 1, 2007.

WEAT MEETING ATTENDEES PREPAY WITH PAYPAL

Pre-pay for each meeting by credit card online at:
www.weat.org/central.

Click on "Calendar" (on left side), under
REGULAR MEETINGS,
click on "pay in advance by credit card" link.

OR - go directly to:
www.org/central/paypal.htm



CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION OFFICERS ARE LISTED BELOW.

PRESIDENT - KAROL MENHARD, 974-3373,
KMENHARD@SBCGLOBAL.NET

PRESIDENT-ELECT - BRAD CASTLEBERRY, 322-5856,
BCASTLEBERRY@LGLAWFIRM.COM

VICE-PRESIDENT - HEATHER HARRIS, 453-2468,
HEATHER.HARRIS@CH2M.COM

SECRETARY - PERVEZ JAMEEL, 328-8975,
PJAMEEL@BRWNCALD.COM

TREASURER - DARREN STROZEWSKI, 912-5170,
DARREN.STROZEWSKI@HDRINC.COM

SECTION REP. - LYNNE MOSS, 346-1100,
MOSSLH@CDM.COM

PAST PRESIDENT - STEVE COONAN, 452-5905,
SCOONAN@APAIENV.COM



YP Corner
By Ryan Bell

This month, I am writing to you fresh from Dallas and WEFTEC 2006. And let me tell you, it was an awesome experience! For those who have never been, imagine Six Flags for the wastewater industry. The Dallas Convention Center was FILLED with every imaginable piece of wastewater treatment equipment, pipe, pumps and various and sundry other items we specify every day. Ever wonder how a package wastewater treatment plant works? They had one, fully operational with plexiglass windows. Have you ever seen a progressive cavity pump from the inside? I did, and it was quite interesting. This was an event that should be experienced by all young professionals. The hands on demonstrations gave valuable insights into complicated pieces of equipment that cannot always be gleaned from cut sheets or web-sites. I also had the privilege of attending a YP reception at Gator's Croc and Rock in Dallas' famous West End District. While enjoying complimentary beverages and food, young engineers from across the country (and Canada too) fellowshiped and networked into the evening. From start to finish, WEFTEC was an enjoyable experience.

On the local front, our Central Texas YP's converged on Brentwood Tavern on October 12 for cold beverages and (from what I'm told) the best burgers in Austin. I don't know about the burger rankings, but everyone agrees that the YP Happy Hours are second to none. I have been extremely pleased that attendance has increased every month and I hope this trend continues. Please plan to make our next Happy Hour, scheduled for December 7. The site is to be determined, but I am always taking suggestions. If your company has recently hired young engineers, by all means, please give them my contact information and encourage them to come out and get involved. The more the merrier!

As always, please contact me at rbell@kfriese.com with any questions or comments.



CH2MHILL

CH2M HILL is an employee-owned environmental consulting, construction and operations management firm that has built its 50-year reputation as a water industry leader by meeting client demands, working through complex issues and exceeding the expectations of its clients. CH2M HILL offers a growing range of integrated services that enable our people to take any industrial or public works project from concept through planning, financing, design, construction, operations and maintenance. CH2M HILL's highly skilled employees, each dedicated to ensuring project success, work with clients on conceptualization, design, construction and operational management-and do so with an emphasis on cost-savings for the client.



BLACK & VEATCH
building a world of difference™

ENERGY • WATER • INFORMATION • GOVERNMENT

Black & Veatch Corporation is a leading global engineering, consulting and construction company with the mission of Building a World of Difference®. By advancing the frontiers of knowledge, we provide our clients with reliable solutions to their most complex challenges, thereby helping improve and sustain the quality of life around the world. At the core of our business is providing for the full range of water and wastewater facilities. We have been providing our services in Texas for over 45 years with offices in Dallas, Fort Worth, Austin, San Antonio and Houston.

KBR

KBR provides the expertise and resources that bring your project to life – the right expertise and resources, when and where you need them, and for as long as you need them. Our engineers, planners, and scientists provide a broad spectrum of services in support of water resources development and water/wastewater utility infrastructure. We leverage the capabilities, knowledge and experience of KBR experts to your benefit, creating cost effective solutions to the most demanding projects. And we support our clients in all phases of project development from planning, to design, construction, and operation.

Whether your project involves planning for a new water source, constructing or inspecting a dam, tunneling through limestone karst, or rehabilitating pipelines deep beneath city streets, KBR delivers.

WEFTEC 2006

AWARD RECEIVED



Receiving the Outstanding Member Association Award on behalf of WEAT at WEFTEC '06 in Dallas are (left to right): Rhonda Harris, Past WEF and WEAT President; Richard Eason, Past WEAT President; Raj Bhattarai, WEAT President-Elect; Jody Zabolio, WEAT Secretary; Carol Batterton, WEAT Executive Director; Julie Lippe, Alan Plummer Associates, Volunteer who assisted with WEAT's Award Application; Betty Mayo, WEAT Awards Committee Chair, who led the WEAT's Award Application Team; Cheryl Smith, WEAT Executive Administrator; Paul Roach, WEAT President; and Michael Read, WEF President, who presented the award.

