



WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Preserving & Enhancing the Water Environment of Texas

Central Texas Section

September 2007

Central Texas WEAT's September Meeting Presents

GOPAL GUTHIKONDA, P.E. **AUSTIN WATER UTILITY'S** **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CIP) PROGRAM**

Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at 6:00 pm
Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas, Austin

RSVP by contacting Susan Kelly
Call (512) 569-9022 or Email: central@weat.org
By Wednesday September 12, 2007

Continually planning and forecasting finances to maintain Austin Water Utility's existing assets and construct new infrastructure to meet growing demands for water and wastewater services is a monumental task. Gopal Guthikonda is responsible for reviewing the Austin Water Utility's CIP Program, (FY 2008 through FY 2012) and he will discuss highlights of the FY 2008 program. With millions of dollars identified over the next five years for water and wastewater improvements, the Utility will strive to meet the following key initiatives;

- ✓ Water Conservation,
- ✓ Line Maintenance and Emergency repairs and
- ✓ Austin Clean Water Program

The budget for the CIP Program is scheduled for Councils approval this month. Details regarding the proposed budget can be found at www.ci.ausitn.tx.us/budget.

Gopal Guthikonda, P.E., is Assistant Director of the Engineering Program with the Austin Water Utility and the Program Manager for the Austin Clean Water Program. He holds bachelors and masters degree in civil engineering and has worked in various capacities for the Utility since 1987. He has over 27 years of experience in the water and wastewater industry. Before joining the Utility, Mr. Guthikonda designed wastewater collection systems and treatment plants as a consulting engineer. Mr. Guthikonda is the recipient of the WEAT's 2007 Sidney L. Allison award and is the 2007 Texas ASCE Government Engineer.

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The Joe C. Thompson Conference Center (TCC) is currently under construction. Access through the south lobby entrance, which faces the LBJ Library and Museum is no longer available. Please access the facility from the north lobby doors or the TCC dining room. There are two sidewalks which lead directly from the TCC parking lot 40, located on Red River and Dean Keeton, to our north lobby entrances.

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We are looking to have watershed and stormwater featured technical sessions at **Texas Water 2008** in San Antonio. For this to happen, we need the technical contents to fill it. If you would be willing to provide your thoughts on a recent project, we'd greatly appreciate it.

Submit your abstract by September 30, 2007
www.gillelandcreekpress.com/txwater08/

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September 6-7, 2007
Biosolids/Odor Corrosion
Conference
San Antonio, TX
WEAT

October 11, 2007
YP Happy Hour
Location TBD
WEAT

October 13-17, 2007
WEFTEC
San Diego, CA
WEF

November 13, 2007
Next WEAT Meeting
Stormwater Issues and
Compliance Requirements for
the new Phase II MS4
By Michael Bloom

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