



# WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

*Preserving & Enhancing the Water Environment of Texas*

**Central Texas Section**

**May 2010**

*Central Texas WEAT March Meeting Presents*

## **Carlos Rubinstein**

**Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas, Austin**

### **TCEQ Regulatory Updates with Commissioner Rubinstein**

Mr. Carlos Rubinstein's presentation to Central TX WEAT will include his philosophy as a TCEQ Commissioner, regulatory updates regarding air and water quality, as well as a discussion of the Sunset Review Process.



Carlos Rubinstein of Austin was appointed to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality by Governor Rick Perry on August 31, 2009. His term will expire on August 31, 2015. Rubinstein had served as the TCEQ's deputy executive director since June of 2008. His responsibilities included assisting the executive director in all major capacities such as directing operations of all employees in 17 statewide offices, administrative oversight of agency budget, legislative activity, and implementation of agency policies. Rubinstein serves on the Governmental Advisory Committee that provides advice to the EPA Administrator on environmental concerns regarding NAFTA, the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation, and the Commission for Environmental Cooperation. He also serves as a Texas representative in the Border Governors Conference water worktable and as a representative on the Environmental Flows Advisory Group. Prior to his position as deputy executive director, Rubinstein served as the director for the border and South-Central Texas area, and earlier as regional director for the Harlingen and Laredo offices. During this time, Rubinstein also served as the Rio Grande Watermaster, responsible for allocating, monitoring, and controlling the use of surface water in the Rio Grande basin from Fort Quitman to the mouth of the Rio Grande River. As watermaster, he was instrumental in finding a solution to Mexico's water debt to the United States. He also is a former city manager of Brownsville. Rubinstein has a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Chemistry from The University of Texas–Pan American. He and his wife Judy have three daughters and two granddaughters.

#### **MEETING INFORMATION**

Please RSVP by contacting Jason Christensen by Thursday, May 13, 2010

Call (512) 912-5109 or  
Email: [jason.christensen@hdrinc.com](mailto:jason.christensen@hdrinc.com)

Meeting Cost:       Members and Guests \$20.00  
                              Students                     \$5.00

Meeting Location:   Joe C. Thompson Center, University of TX  
                              2405 Robert Dedman Drive

Located on the SW corner of Dean Keeton and Red River.

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## CENTRAL TX SECTION AWARD WINNERS AT TX Water 2010!

Central Texas WEAT would like to recognize industry professionals within our section who received awards at Texas Water in Corpus Christi this spring. Congratulations to all of the award recipients!



**Brad Castleberry**, Past President of both WEAT and Central TX WEAT, received the **Arthur Sidney Bedell Award**, which recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the water environment profession and to the Federation and its Member Associations.



**Raj Bhattarai**, also a Past President of WEAT, received the **Winfield S. Mahlie Award**, which recognizes a member of WEAT who has made significant contributions to the art and science of wastewater treatment and water pollution control.



The **Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant** of the **Austin Water Utility** received the **Ronald B. Sieger Biosolids Management Award**, which is presented to a WEAT member(s), an engineering firm, a specific project, a municipality, or a specific municipal or industrial facility that has made significant accomplishments in the field of biosolids technology and management practices within the boundaries of the State of Texas.

## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

The Young Professionals held a well attended happy hour at the Hula Hut on Lake Austin on April 29, 2010. WEAT and AWWA are planning another Young Professionals happy hour on June 24, 2010. Location TBD. If you would like to be added to the announcement list, please email Justin Ware at [justin.ware@CH2M.com](mailto:justin.ware@CH2M.com) or Jessica Bradley at [jkb@freese.com](mailto:jkb@freese.com).

**Next YP Happy Hour is scheduled for June, 2010...Stay tuned!!!**

## WEAT/AWWA SUMMER SOCIAL – AUGUST 2010



The Central Texas Section of WEAT and the Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA will be hosting the joint summer social event on Saturday, August 21, 2010. We will be at the Dell Diamond again this year for a Round Rock Express ballgame.



If you would like to be on the planning committee for this event or would like to volunteer in another capacity, please contact Joe Hoepken at: [joe.hoepken@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:joe.hoepken@ci.austin.tx.us).

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



***IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN... Scholarship Assistance*** - Is college breaking the bank? The Central Texas Section of WEAT is here to help by providing a scholarship assistance program for WEAT-CTS members and/or their children and spouses. The scholarship assistance program will provide a \$500 award for students who attend either a 4-year college or university with accredited degree programs (preferred) or a junior college. Preference will be given to students who are interested in pursuing a career related to water quality, who have outstanding academic records, and who are actively involved in extracurricular activities. Applications are due by June 1, 2010. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the Central Texas WEAT website ([www.weat.org/central](http://www.weat.org/central)).

## 2010-2011 CENTRAL TEXAS WEAT OFFICER ELECTIONS

The Central Texas Section of WEAT (CTSWEAT) Nominating Committee has submitted the following list of official candidates to serve the CTSWEAT during the 2010-2011 year. During the May 2010 meeting, we will be holding an election. The official nominees are as follows:

- President-Elect – Susan Kelly
- Vice President – Joe Hoepken
- Treasurer – Orren West

In addition, the following positions will be filled in 2010-2011 based on the spring 2009 Elections:

- President – Darren Strozewski (automatic advancement)
- Secretary – Jason Christensen (continuation of term)
- Section Representative – Trooper Smith (continuation of term)
- Past-President – Kelly Payne (automatic advancement)

During the May meeting of the Section, an opportunity will be given to accept nominations from the floor prior to voting.

In addition to these positions, there will be a number of committee chair/member opportunities to serve. If you are interested in other opportunities, please contact Darren Strozewski at [DStrozewski@walkerpartners.com](mailto:DStrozewski@walkerpartners.com).



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## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPONSOR(S)
May 8, 2010	Water For People Fun Run	Austin, TX	TX WFP
May 13-14, 2010	FROG Workshop	Houston, TX	WEAT
May 19, 2010	NE WEAT Section Seminar	Longview, TX	NET WEAT
May 23-26, 2010	Residuals and Biosolids 2010	Savannah, GA	WEF
June 6-9, 2010	Membrane Application 2010	Anaheim, CA	WEF
June 13-16, 2010	Collection Systems 2010	Phoenix, AZ	WEF
June 17-18, 2010	Laboratory Topics: Old and New	Dallas, TX	WEAT
August 2-5, 2010	EPA/RVIPA Pretreatment Workshop	Irving, TX	EPA/RVIPA
August 30-31, 2010	Capacity Management Operation and Maintenance (CMOM)	Austin, TX	WEAT/AWU

## CENTRAL TEXAS SECTION WHAT DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT???

The Central Texas Section of WEAT is looking for your feedback on topics to be presented at our section meetings and at specialty conferences. Please contact Secretary, Jason Christensen with any suggestions that you may have. Also if you are interested in sponsoring a Central Texas Section WEAT event please contact President Elect, Darren Strozewski for more information. As always, we thank you for supporting Central Texas WEAT!!!

### Central Texas Section Officers are listed below.

- President – Kelly Payne, 473-3251, Kelly.Payne@lcra.org
- President-Elect – Darren Strozewski, 382-0044, dstrozewski@ge-walker.com
- Vice-President – Susan Kelly, 569-9022, skelly@LNVinc.com
- Secretary – Jason Christensen, 912-5109, jason.christensen@hdrinc.com
- Treasurer – Joe Hoepken, 974-1171, joe.hoepken@ci.austin.tx.us
- Section Rep. – Trooper Smith, 617-3116, tws@freese.com
- Past President – Heather Harris, 453-2468, Heather.Harris@ch2m.com

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