



WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Preserving & Enhancing the Water Environment of Texas

Central Texas Section

September 2011

Central Texas WEAT September Meeting Presents

Fred Ramirez, P.E. and Joe Jenkins, P.E.

Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas, Austin

Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant Digester Improvements and Sustainability Project

The Austin Water Utility (AWU) is highly committed to being a leader in sustainability and green infrastructure – a key component of its mission to be the most livable city in the country. The improvements currently underway at the Hornsby Bend Biosolids Management Plant (HBBMP) are in direct alignment with many of COA's sustainability and green infrastructure goals. Each of the improvements target specific areas where the City can implement green infrastructure. These include: 1- Improvements to the anaerobic digesters and related equipment to increase production of digester gas as renewable energy source, 2- Installation of an electrical generator fueled by digester gas that is expected to completely offset power usage at the facility, 3- Expansion of the existing biosolids composting facility to reduce remote off-site land application of Class B Biosolids.

Fred Ramirez received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Texas A&M in 1988 and has over 20 years experience in the Water & Wastewater industry. He joined the Austin Water Utility three years ago and is presently managing the construction of the \$31.8 Million Hornsby Bend ARRA funded Project. Prior to the AWU, Fred worked as a Consultant and Construction Manager with several local Engineering Firms on industrial and municipal projects.

Joe Jenkins is a graduate of Texas A&M University and has over 25 years experience in the municipal water and wastewater field. He is a senior project manager and process engineer for CH2M HILL in Austin. Mr. Jenkins has worked on many innovative and award winning projects, including an American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Engineering Excellence Award for an aquifer storage and recovery project, an Associated Builders and Contractors (ASBC) Public Works Project of the Year for improvements to an old water plant, a Marvin Black Excellence in Partnering Award for a digester improvement project, and most recently, the EPA Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Success (PISCES) Award for the project to be presented today. He has also served on several State Advisory Committees.

MEETING INFORMATION

Please RSVP by contacting Aldo Sotelo by Thursday, September 15, 2011

Call (512) 328-0011 or Email: asotelo@burypartners.com

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

Meeting fee covers facility rental, dinner and non-alcoholic beverages. Cash bar also provided.

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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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPONSOR(S)
September 19, 2011	Texas Water 2012 Abstract Submission Deadline	San Antonio, TX	WEAT/TAWWA
September 20, 2011	WEAT Webinar - 82 nd Legislative Session: Impacts on the Texas Water Environment	GotoWebinar.com	WEAT
September 20, 2011	Central Texas Section Meeting – Hornsby Bend BMP Digester Improvements and Sustainability Project	Austin, TX	CTS WEAT
October 15-19, 2011	WEFTEC 2011	Los Angeles, CA	WEF
November 2-3, 2011	Fundamentals of Asset Management: A “Hands-On” Approach Workshop	Austin, TX	USEPA/WEAT
November 15, 2011	Central Texas Section Meeting - An Innovative Uprating Case Study at the Waco MARSS Central WWTP	Austin, TX	CTS WEAT
December 1, 2011	Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Best Practices Seminar	Hornsby Bend BMP Austin, TX	WEAT

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

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WEAT/AWWA SUMMER SOCIAL – JULY 2011

The Central Texas Section of WEAT and the Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA held their annual summer social event on July 30th at Elizabeth Milburn Park in Cedar Park. The event was a big success with over 60 people attending including several families. The first group of people arrived at 4 PM and the last group left around 9 PM!! Event highlights included BBQ from Austin Rodeo cook-off champ Brian Phenegar, live music by Jon Emery “The King of Hillbilly and Rock and Roll”, swimming pool where kids (and some adults) had an opportunity to cool off from the Texas summer heat, raffle prizes, and washer tournament. Congratulations to our washer tournament winners: Sam Gide, Awet Reddy and Aser Wide!! Proceed from this event went to Water for People and the Operations Challenge Event. Thanks again to our sponsors Jose Guerra, CDM, Bury + Partners, HDR, DCS Engineering, EI2, and Hartwell Environmental for their support.



WEAT/AWWA HAPPY HOUR – AUGUST 2011

The Young Professionals held a happy hour at Opal Divine's Marina on August 25th, 2011. Thank you to HOBAS Pipe (www.hobaspipe.com) for sponsoring this month's happy hour. The next WEAT/AWWA YP Happy Hour is scheduled for 5:30 PM on October 20th, 2011. Location TBD. If you would like to be added to the announcement list or would like to sponsor an upcoming meeting, please email Rebecca Glaser at reg@freese.com or Wil Sarchet at wsarchet@carollo.com.

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