



WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Preserving & Enhancing the Water Environment of Texas

Central Texas Section

May 2012

Central Texas WEAT March Meeting Presents

Greg Meszaros

Tuesday, May 15, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Joe C. Thompson Center, University of Texas, Austin

State of the Utility

Greg Meszaros will be doing a presentation on the state of the utility for the Austin Water Utility. Greg joined the Austin Water Utility as Director in September of 2007. As Director, Greg is responsible for a \$460 million budget, 1,000 plus employees and a \$ 1.1 billion 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Greg, along with his executive team, has emphasized the achievement of excellence within the utility and has achieved key industry recognition for Austin Water. Among these achievements is the successful launch of construction on the \$500M Water Treatment Plant 4, one of the of the largest infrastructure projects in Austin's history, which is scheduled to be operational by 2014 and ultimately produce 300 million gallons of water a day after all phase of the plant are built. Under Greg's leadership the utility also achieved significantly lower peak and average day water use levels in 2011, received Peak Performance Gold Awards from "National Association of Clean Water Agencies" (NACWA) for achieving 100 percent compliance with permit limits, and received two Director Awards from the Partnership for Austin Water's commitment to superior water quality at the Albert H. Ullrich Water Treatment Plant and the Albert R. Davis Water Treatment Plant.

Greg received his Bachelor of Science degree from Ball State University and his Masters in Public Administration (MPA) from Indiana University. He previously served as the Director of City Utilities and Public Works for the City of Fort Wayne, Indiana.

MEETING INFORMATION

Please RSVP by contacting **Aldo Sotelo** by Thursday, May 10, 2012

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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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

| DATE | EVENT | LOCATION | SPONSOR(S) |
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| May 15, 2012 | Central Texas Section Meeting | Austin, TX | CTS WEAT |
| May 16, 2012 | Northeast Texas Section Biennial Seminar | Longview, TX | NET Section WEAT |
| June 6-7, 2012 | Laboratory Topics Seminar | Austin, TX | WEAT |
| July 1, 2012 | Deadline for V. M. Ehlers Scholarship Application | | V. M. Ehlers Scholarship Foundation |
| July 20, 2012 | Water Reuse Seminar | Fort Worth, TX | Water Reuse Texas, WEAT and TAWWA |
| July 31, 2012 | 2 nd Annual Eckenfelder Lecture Series | Fort Worth, TX | WEAT |
| August 10, 2012 | San Antonio Section Summer Seminar | San Antonio, TX | SA Section WEAT |
| August 20-21, 2012 | CMOM 2012 | Austin, TX | WEAT/EPA |
| September 18, 2012 | Central Texas Section Meeting | Austin, TX | CTS WEAT |
| September 29- October 3, 2012 | WEFTEC 2012 | New Orleans, LA | WEF |
| November 13, 2012 | Texas Water Environment Horizon | Austin, TX | WEAT/TACWA |

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, **Aldo Sotelo** with any suggestions that you may have. Also, if you are interested in sponsoring a Central Texas Section WEAT event, please contact President Elect, **Joe Hoepken** for more information. As always, we thank you for supporting Central Texas WEAT!!!

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WEAT/AWWA HAPPY HOUR – APRIL 2012



The Young Professionals had a happy hour at Hula Hut on April 19th with 15 attendees. Thanks to Treatment Equipment Company (<http://www.tectx.com/>) for sponsoring the April YP event. The next YP happy hour will be in June. Date and location still TBD. The Student Chapter held an end of the semester picnic for members and YPs at Pease Park on April 24th. The picnic was made possible in part by Dodson's Drive Funding. If you would like to be added to the announcement list or would like to sponsor an upcoming YP event, please email Rebecca (Glaser) Musk at reg@freese.com or Wil Sarchet at wsarchet@carollo.com. In addition, seasoned professionals (SPs) are always welcome to attend YP events!

WEAT/AWWA SUMMER MEETING – JULY 2012



The Central Texas Section of WEAT and the Capital Area Chapter of TAWWA are currently planning the joint summer social event. The event will take place on Saturday July 28. Although the venue is still to be determined, this year's event will be held in an air-conditioned facility to make the event more enjoyable to those folks concerned about our Texas summer heat. Sponsors and volunteers are needed to make this event a success. If you would like to sponsor or help, please contact Aldo Sotelo at asotelo@burypartners.com

TEXAS WATER ENVIRONMENT HORIZON – NOVEMBER 2012



Get an outlook from Texas leaders and industry experts on timely regulatory and legislative water quality related issues. This event will take place on November 13th at the Long Center in Austin and it is presented by the Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) and Texas Association of Clean Water Agencies (TACWA).

TEXAS WATER – APRIL 2012



By all anecdotal accounts and sheer numbers, Texas Water 2012 seemed to be a great success. This was the largest show in Texas Water history with over 3,600 attendees and 455 exhibitors. During a few brief but event filled days, WEAT elected a new slate of officers that includes President John Bennett, President Elect Curtis Smalley, Vice President Steve Coonan, Secretary Lynne Moss, and Treasurer David Jackson; we honored hard working members with awards; many of us took in numerous technical sessions; and we watched our Ops Challenge teams compete for a place at the national competition at WEFTEC – go Austin Dillo Xpress! Attendees also heard from elected officials including our keynote speaker, Representative Lyle Larson discuss innovative approaches to meeting our state water needs and funding for the state water plan. Even our golf tournament was a great success and collected over \$8,000 for WEAT and TAWWA scholarships. Thank you to everyone involved from our volunteers to our speakers. San Antonio was a wonderful host city filled with a fantastic host committee!

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