

Our Mission

The San Diego Chapter of the WaterReuse Association provides a forum for the exchange of information to promote the beneficial use of recycled water in the San Diego region.

Huell Howser: California Gold

“Now that’s a big deal!” Huell Howser exclaimed during his “California’s Water” interview with City of San Diego’s Water Purification Demonstration Project Director Marsi Steirer in the Spring 2010. They were at San Diego’s North City Water Reclamation Plant, and Marsi was telling Howser about the plan to implement a demonstration project in San Diego and test the feasibility of turning recycled water into a new local source of drinking water. Howser was a friend not just to the Demonstration Project and water reuse, but all of California, so it was a great loss when Howser passed away on January 7 of this year.

“California’s Water” ran for seven years with Howser as producer and host, and featured almost 30 different water topics in locations around California. The Demonstration Project clip was featured in an episode about how water recycling would affect California’s water supply. “California’s Water” was only one of many Huell Howser Productions, the most popular and well known being “California’s Gold.” He also had a number of other California-based programs, including “Visiting with Huell Howser,” “Road Trip with Huell Howser,” “California’s Golden Parks,” “California’s Green” and “Downtown.”

Howser’s passion for exploring and discovering the Golden State made him a California public television icon. It was this enthusiasm that made his visit to the North City plant a memorable one. He will always be remembered for his infectious charm and his homespun storytelling style.



Huell Howser and Marsi Steirer at the North City Water Reclamation Plant

“You couldn’t help but get swept up by his larger than life persona,” said Steirer. “His passion for life was contagious.”

As Howser put it, “We are all part of this ongoing water story.” We are grateful for what he did to showcase water reuse, and for his many contributions toward telling the story of California. To view Howser’s full interview with Steirer, view “Marsi Steirer on California Water with Huell Howser” at www.youtube.com/PureWaterSD.

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Meeting Announcements

NEXT MEETING:
May 8, 2013 9:00am-11:00am
Location: San Diego County
Water Authority
Regulatory Meeting

REMINDER:
2013 WaterReuse Annual Conference
March 17-19th
Monterey, California

Helping Rwanda get Safe Drinking Water

Randa Chichakli, an environmental engineer with CDM Smith, performed volunteer work for Water For People in Rwanda. Randa will present her adventures Wednesday evening, April 24th at the Neotech Aqua Solutions Magic of Water For People Mixer. This fifth annual after work hours event has become a favorite among San Diego County water industry professionals. Evening includes Greek buffet, silent auction, prize drawings, and more. For details, hyperlink <http://committees.tap.waterforpeople.org/event/magic-of-water-for-people-spring-mixer>. For fast registration, go to <http://2013springfriendsmixer-zvents.eventbrite.com/>.

Water For People has programs in 10 countries to bring sustainable drinking water, sanitation and hygiene training to those in need. Find out more at <http://www.waterforpeople.org/>



Randa Chichakli visiting orphanage in Rwanda, Africa

Upcoming San Diego Chapter Events

The San Diego Chapter is asking for volunteers for a few upcoming WaterReuse events:

Wednesday, March 20 is Professional Society Judging Day at the 59th Annual Greater San Diego Science & Engineering Fair, where the San Diego Chapter of the WaterReuse Association will award prizes to the best science project that advocate water reuse or desalination. We are looking for volunteers to help judge these middle and high school science projects. This is typically a 2-hour commitment over lunch.

Sunday, April 21 is San Diego EarthWorks' Earth-Fair 2013 at Balboa Park. We are looking for volunteers to help staff the WaterReuse booth and answer the public's questions about water reuse. This is an all day event, but will have 2-3 hour time slots throughout the day for volunteers.

If you can help at any of these events or would like additional information, please contact Mike Wykosky at mikewykosky@gmail.com. Thank you!

Recycled Water Site Supervisor Training

City of San Diego is offering Recycled Water Site Supervisor Training Certificate. The half day course (8:00am - 12pm) is designed to provide recycled water users in the State of California with the necessary information required to become confident in the operational practices of recycled water. The course is \$60 and includes learning materials and a supervisor identification card.

Upcoming classes are scheduled for:

- March 14th, 2013
- April 25th, 2013
- June 6, 2013
- July 18, 2013

Please contact Will Curcio for more information, wcurcio@sandiego.gov or 619.668.2091

WaterReuse Annual Conference 2013

The WaterReuse Annual Conference, will be held at the Portola Hotel and Spa in Monterey, California from March 17-19. The conference will feature technical presentations, educational workshops, a technical tour, receptions, an awards luncheon, the annual Gordon Cologne Breakfast,

a plenary session about direct potable reuse and an exhibit hall.

For more information or to register for this event, please visit <https://www.watereuse.org/conferences/california/13>.

For more information about our local section please visit
www.watereuse.org/sections/California/sandiego

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