

San Diego Chapter Newsletter

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

Padre Dam Breaks Ground on Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Project

Santee, CA, October 14, 2014 – With California's ongoing drought and the cost of imported water continuing to rise, Padre Dam Municipal Water District broke ground yesterday on its new Advanced Water Purification Demonstration Project. The project, funded through a three million dollar Proposition 50 grant from the Department of Water Resources, will use advanced water purification technologies to potentially diversify East County's water supply by providing a new source of water that is safe, reliable, locally controlled and drought-proof. The project is scheduled to begin operation in March 2015.

"Living in sunny San Diego County, our weather is beautiful, but with limited rainfall and local water sources, we continue to be susceptible to drought conditions and the continually rising cost to imported water," said Allen Carlisle, CEO and general manager of Padre Dam. "That's why it is important for Padre Dam to explore opportunities to diversify our water supply and reduce our reliance on imported water."

Padre Dam's Advanced Water Purification
Demonstration Project will take wastewater
through four advanced water treatment steps - free
chlorine disinfection, membrane filtration, reverse
osmosis and ultra violet/advanced oxidation. The
demonstration project will operate for at least 12
months. During this time, the demonstration project
will produce approximately 100,000 gallons of purified
water per day. The water will be tested daily to ensure
it meets the public health objectives for California
Health Department approval.

If the demonstration project is deemed successful and the project moves forward, the water would be injected into the Santee groundwater basin where it would be



naturally filtered, then withdrawn and treated again prior to distribution as drinking water. The project would have the potential to provide up to three million gallons of water per day.

Additionally, Padre Dam is working with Helix Water District, the City of El Cajon and the County of San Diego to study the feasibility of developing an expanded East County Advanced Water Purification Program. The study will focus on the possibility of expanding Padre Dam's proposed Advanced Water Purification Project to accommodate and treat wastewater from the other agencies' service areas in order to provide a recycled water supply for local and regional groundwater recharge, reservoir augmentation and other potable reuse opportunities. This expanded program could produce up to an additional10 million gallons of water per day.

"I am confident and hopeful that the demonstration project will be successful," added Carlisle. "If it is, this will open up a whole new source of water for many East County residents."

http://www.padredam.org/AWP

Meeting Announcements

NEXT MEETING: TBD WateReuse California Conference: March 15-17, 2015 Millennium Biltmore Hotel Los Angeles, CA



National Membership Announcement from WateReuse

From the desk of Erin DiMenna, Director Of Membership

WateReuse is offering a deal for new members this fall. Anyone who joins between now and the end of the year will be paid through December 31, 2015. This means that someone who joins at the beginning of October pays for 12 months and receives 15 months of membership benefits.

- It is effective immediately.
- No special codes or coupons needed
- Applies to all member types
- This deal is for new members as well as returning inactive members who left the organization and want to rejoin.

How can you take advantage of this deal?

There are no special coupons, codes or processes. They simply have to follow the usual steps for joining and their account will automatically be credited the extra time. Here's how you join:

- 1. Download an application at watereuse.org/join
- 2. Fax the completed application to <u>703-548-5085</u> or mail to the address on the application.
- 3. Submit payment as described on the application.
- 4. Call Erin DiMenna at <u>703-548-0880 ext 105</u> or email membership@watereuse.org with any questions

WateReuse California Endorses Water Bond - Proposition 1!

The Board of Trustees of WateReuse California unanimously voted to support the \$7.12 billion water bond measure set for the November 2014 ballot. Entitled the Water Quality, Supply and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014," the bond will appear as Proposition 1 on the ballot.

"The development of water reuse projects throughout California is critical to achieving water reliability," said Mike Markus, President of WateReuse California and General Manager of Orange County Water District. "The 2014 water bond helps meet this objective by providing funding for water recycling. As the state faces one of the worst droughts in history, California must maximize the potential for water reuse."

Proposition 1 contains \$725 million for recycled water projects statewide and \$810 million for Integrated Regional Water Management, which could fund a variety of water related projects, including recycled water.

"Proposition 1 will help develop and expand recycled water at a time when it's needed the most during this historic drought. Other than this bond, there really is no significant state funding available to help secure our future recycled water supplies," said Grant Davis, Vice President of WateReuse California and General Manager of Sonoma County Water Agency.

Pure Water San Diego Update

The Project SWELL water purification lesson is close to launching! Participating San Diego Unified School District 5th grade teachers will be receiving training starting in October. Teachers will be provided with the necessary materials to successfully add the new lesson into their science curriculum. Project SWELL is a partnership between San Diego Coastkeeper and Think Blue to educate local students about the importance of the region's waterways.

As part of the new lesson, students will have the opportunity to model the City's proven three-step water purification process and to learn more about Pure Water San Diego, the City's 20-year program to provide a safe, reliable and cost-effective drinking water supply for San Diego.

An initial 15-million gallon per day water purification facility is scheduled to be online in 2023 and the long-term goal is to produce 83 million gallons of purified water per day in San Diego by 2035. Youth engagement is critical as today's students will be the water customers and decision makers of the future.

When In Drought

After three straight dry winters and record-breaking heat in the first half of 2014, California's water supply situation is becoming more serious each day.

The San Diego County Water Authority's Board of Directors on July 24 called for mandatory water conservation measures across the region in response to worsening drought conditions and the need to save storage reserves for 2015.

The "When in Drought" campaign, which is supported by the Water

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U.S. Drought Monitor

California

Authority and its 24 member agencies, calls for our region to work together to save water every day in every way.

Recycled Water Program

Recycled Water Site Supervisor **Certification Training**

The City of San Diego • Public Utilities Department

Class Information:

Thurs. Jan. 16, 2014 Thurs. Feb. 27, 2014 Thurs. Apr. 10, 2014 Thurs. May 22, 2014 Thurs. July 10, 2014 Thurs. Aug. 21, 2014 Thurs. Oct. 2, 2014

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. City of San Diego Public Utilities Dept. **Training Center** 5510 Kiowa Drive La Mesa, CA 91942

Thurs. Nov. 20, 2014

Cost:

\$60 per person No on-site registration No refunds Payable by check only Checks payable to: "City Treasurer"

Enrollment deadline:

Ten days prior to start of class or when class limit is reached

Send registration form and payment to:

RWSS Coordinator Public Utilities Department 5510 Kiowa Drive La Mesa CA 91942 MS 43A





This half-day course is designed to provide recycled water users in the state of California with the necessary information required to become fluent in the operational practices of recycled water. The \$60 registration fee includes learning materials and a supervisor identification card. Course objectives include:

- Roles and responsibilities of a Site Supervisor at a recycled water use site.
- Identifying potential and direct cross-connections and learning appropriate preventative measures.
- Practicing appropriate techniques for the safe and efficient use of recycled water.

Testing materials will be available in Spanish.







The Public Utilities Department is authorized by IACET to offer .4 CEUs for this program.

Recycled Water Site Supervisor Registration Form

First Name	Email
Last Name (will appear on the certification card)	Class Date Requested – First Choice
Organization/Business Name	Class Date Requested – Second Choice
Street Address	CEUs Requested
City, State, Zip	For more information, please contact: Desmond Stecher
Phone	619.668.2090 dstecher@sandiego.gov
Printed on recycled paper. This information is available in alternative formats upon reque	Public Information Office October 2013

GOT NEWS??

For more information on submitting articles please email Sarp Sekeroglu at sarp@pluviaconsulting.com



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

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Membership forms are available at www.watereuse.org/sections/california/sandiego/membership

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