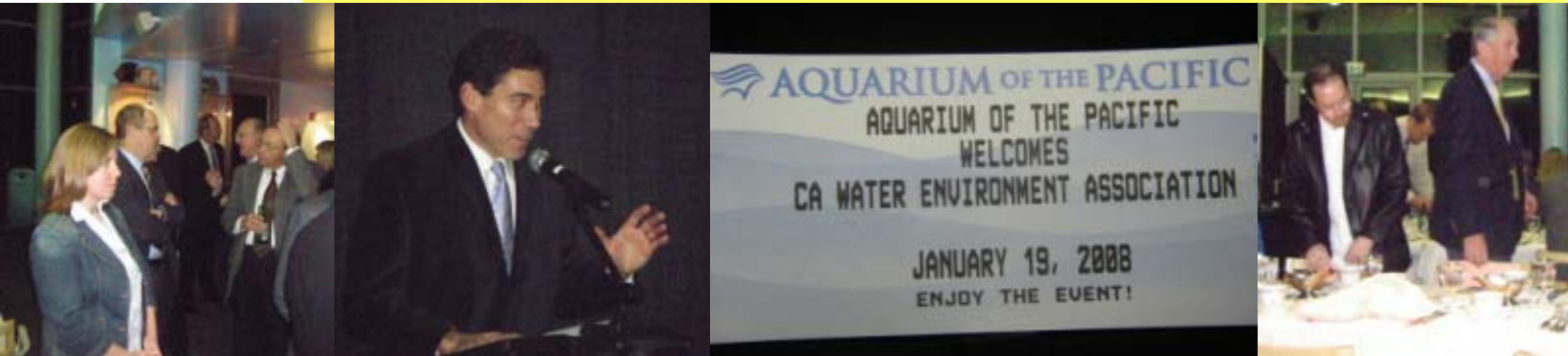




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LABS members socialize at the Awards Banquet (above left) CWEA President -elect Dave Greenwood delivers the Keynote Address (above center left) CWEA even ticket (above center right) LABS attendees dine at Café Scuba (left) and (below).



LABS 2008 Awards Banquet at the Aquarium of the Pacific



LABS President Pei-Chin Low of MWH initiated the ceremony (left), LABS Award (center) LABS Past President John Mays of the City of LA distributed the Awards (right).

On January 19, 2008 the Los Angeles Basin Section (LABS) of California Water Environment Association held the 2008 Awards Banquet at the Aquarium of the Pacific in Long Beach. LABS President Pei-Chin Low initiated the ceremony by recognizing the contributions of corporate sponsors, public agencies, and individuals that have led to a dynamic and successful 2007.

Keynote speaker Dave Greenwood, 2008 CWEA President-elect, then delivered a challenging and inspirational message for the water/wastewater industry. The most powerful point made by President-elect Greenwood was the 2007 opinion of a Washington based panel of scientists and experts that cited advances in sanitation as the most important accomplishment of the last 100 years of technological advances. Although this is certainly exciting and bodes well for the profession, President-elect Greenwood contrasted the accomplishment with the minimal amount of notoriety received and challenged the industry professionals present to join him in becoming ambassadors of the field in order to help CWEA achieve it's Big Audacious Goal "The public will value wastewater professionals as partners in protecting the water environment."



CWEA President-elect Dave Greenwood delivered the keynote address

And the Winner is...



Award Winners Jon Ganz, LACSD (left) Sean Christian, LACSD (center) Ken Rademacher LACSD and presenter Jon Mays CLA (right)

The **Project Engineering Achievement Award** went to LACSD Los Coyotes Water Reclamation Plant NdeN Conversion Project. NdeN reduces inorganic nitrogen and total ammonia in effluent. The plant meets the ammonia-nitrogen limits of 1 – 2 mg/L and a combined nitrite/nitrate-nitrogen level of 8 mg/L on a monthly average.

The **PS3 Person of the Year Award** went to **Sean Christian** of LACSD for work on the Storm Drain Initiative. This initiative is a multi-jurisdictional effort to capture and maintain a comprehensive GIS layer of stormwater management infrastructure within LA County. Sean has been a member of LABS for 10 years, a featured speaker at the May 2004 LABS dinner, a presenter at the CWEA 05 Annual Conference, and a member of the GIS, computer automation, and Instrumentation Committee for WEF.

The **Plant of the Year >20 MGD Award** went to LACSD's Joint Water Pollution Control Plant. The Plant began operation in 1928. The JWPCP treats an average of 320 MGD, and is one of the largest wastewater treatment plants in the world. For six consecutive years the JWPCP has not exceeded any permit limits, earning the Platinum AMSA award for 2006. The Plant produces 21 MW of power from methane digester gas, uses biofilters for odor control, and has 379 employees.



Award winners Basil Hewitt, LACSD (left) LACSD Sequential Chlorination Program (center left), LA/Glendale Water Reclamation Plant (center right), Burbank Reclamation Plant, United Water operator (right)

The **Public Education – Large Budget Award** went to LACSD's Clearwater Public Outreach Program. The Clearwater Program is the new facilities planning effort to provide adequate capacity for the service area, which includes 73 cities and unincorporated areas of LA County. The target audience for this program includes community leaders and key stakeholders that represent critical growth areas. Outreach support material developed through the Clearwater program includes: 5 fact sheets, a 25-minute powerpoint presentation, an English/Spanish newsletter, a web site, and a 9 minute video.

The **Research Achievement Award** went to LACSD's Sequential Chlorination Program. An innovative approach to minimize the formation of disinfection byproducts and improve disinfection performance. The program uses breakpoint chlorination with existing mannich polymer and chlorination with DMA-free polymers. The program focuses on the reduction of NDMA, by 50 to 75% while complying with the total coliform limit for reuse water. NDMA is a carcinogen. The process achieves 5-log inactivation of viruses, in a much shorter chlorine contact time than required in CA Title 22 regulations. LACSD is working with the State Department of Health Services on approval reduced contact time in the chlorination tanks in order to control NDMA formation.

The **Safety Award - < 25 Employees** went to LA City – LA/Glendale Water Reclamation Plant. The LAG Water Reclamation Plant has achieved a 0 count of recordable incidents for 2 years, 0 in lost-time incidents, and no serious injuries between 1/1/06 and 6/30/07. The Plant has implemented an extensive safety program.

The **Safety Award - > 26 Employees** went to the Burbank Reclamation Plant operated by United Water. The Burbank Reclamation Plant has achieved a 0 count of recordable incidents for 2 years, 0 in lost-time incidents, and no serious injuries between 1/1/06 and 6/30/07. The plant averaged 6 hours of safety training per employee per month in both 2006 and 2007.

League of California Cities January Event at MWD



On Thursday, January 3, 2008 the League of California Cities Los Angeles County Division held a dinner meeting at the Metropolitan Water District in downtown Los Angeles. The program began with an introduction of the Leagues 2008 strategic goals in light of the fact that LA County's population is higher than that of 42 U.S. States.



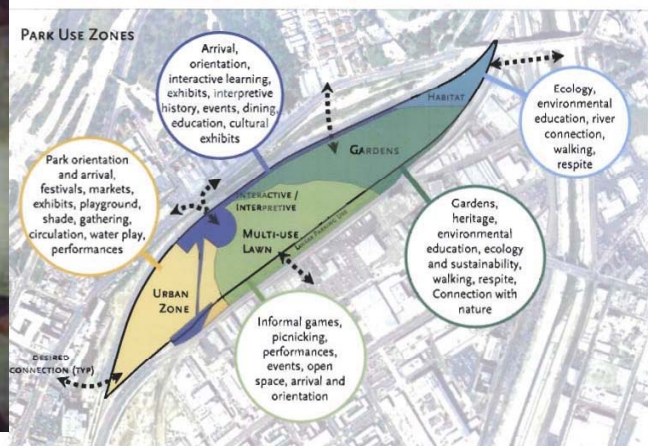
James Christy from the US Census Bureau spoke on "Why you should care about the 2010 Census." For example local cities, such as Monrovia, are using census data to obtain federal funds.

Representatives of the South Coast AQMD were present to provide technical support as the council of eastern cities elected a representative to the air quality committee. After much discussion and three runoff elections Mayor Louie Lujan of La Puente was selected to serve as an air quality committee representative. The League of California Cities is strongly committed to advocating policies that support sustainable communities across our state, that help build a strong economy, protect our environment and advance social equity.

Nominations Open for CWEA Los Angeles Basin Section Officers

The Los Angeles Basin Section (LABS) of CWEA is beginning the selection process for our 2008-2009 officers. Why don't you nominate someone to represent your interests on our Board of Directors, or to serve as an officer. LABS is now accepting nominations for **Board Members, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer**. Please contact LABS President, Pei-Chin Low (Pei-Chin.Low@us.mwhglobal.com) (626) 568-6999) or Vice President, Patrick Griffith (pgriffith@lacsds.org) (562) 908-4288 x-2117) to nominate candidates.

Los Angeles Department of City Planning Cornfields/Arroyo Seco Specific Plan Future Land Use Workshop



On Saturday, December 1, 2007 concerned citizens, met with community advocates and LA city planners at the Cornfields/Arroyo Seco Specific Plan Future Land Use workshop at the LA Conservation Corps in China Town. At the workshop, participants were introduced to the Specific Plan. The participants were then divided into smaller groups to discuss community values, merits of the Specific Plan, areas for improvement, and their future vision for the area.

The top five things the participants value in a community are: parks and open space, mixed uses, transit options, safety, and a sense of community heritage, history and character.

Participants felt that the LA River is central to the effectiveness of the Specific Plan. The participants liked the River's inclusion in the plan area and wanted to see improved access to the River.

The participants like the fact that the Specific Plan area is close to transit options. Attendees pointed out that mass transit is available, affordable, and that Union Station is close.

The participants commented that they like the cultural diversity and the diversification of land uses in the area.



The Cornfields/Arroyo Seco Vision

Concerns expressed included the loss of affordable housing and the loss of the areas character and historical significance due to gentrification. A large number of participants are also concerned about potential traffic issues, the need for better transit options, and the need to make the area more pedestrian and bike friendly.

The participants envision an area that has a vibrant mix of open space, residential, industrial, and commercial uses. Some of the uses specifically envisioned are affordable housing, retail, entertainment, and services. Participants also want to see access to open space and the River for all income levels and the creation of job opportunities in the area.

Monrovia Works Event a Huge Success!

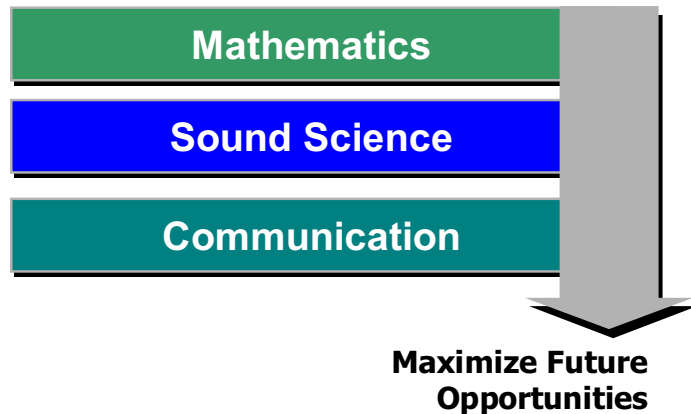
California’s students are leaving school at the rate of about 150,000 a year. A number equivalent to the population of Torrance, or Irvine, or all of Imperial County. Fewer than 70% of ninth-graders statewide will graduate from high school, and in some districts the percentage drops to less than half.



Mayor Rob Hammond of Monrovia welcomes students and mentors to the 2007 Monrovia Works event

Reducing the dropout rate statewide will require a profound rethinking of how we encourage students to stay in school. A report released in 2006 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation found that almost half of dropouts say they left school because they did not see any real-world or work-world, applicability to what they were learning.

Rising to this challenge, the City of Monrovia Chamber of Commerce coordinated the Monrovia Works Symposium series presented by local business people to students. On December 5, 2007 the third in the series was held at Monrovia Highschool. Approximately sixty (60) local businesses participated in shaping the workforce for the future of Monrovia. At this event professionals from multiple career paths participated with students in an honest discussion about the correlation between work opportunities, salaries, and education.



The purpose of the event was to capture the interest of our students early and get them actively thinking and working toward their future job and college preparation, this in turn will benefit everyone. The professionals that participated all called it a rewarding experience.



THE LOS ANGELES BASIN SECTION OF THE C W E A
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Wastewater Treatment in Tomorrow's Climate Change Driven World: The California Perspective

Thursday, February 28, 2008

Maria's Italian Kitchen

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--Guest Speaker--

Brian Whitaker – Senior Project Manager, CH2M Hill

California is under the gun to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020. This commitment and increasing public concern has led to dramatic activity by many regulatory agencies in recent months. In a proactive approach, California wastewater agencies have formed the California Wastewater Climate Change Group (CWCCG) to provide a unified voice for the wastewater industry and head a specific effort to develop of estimation methods for CH₄ and N₂O emissions from WWTP treatment processes. Brian Whitaker will provide a summary of CWCCG progress to date, the plan of action in place to appropriately represent WWTP emissions, and strategies considered by wastewater agencies to address potential mandates.

Dinner is at 6:30; presentation at 7:15; join us at 6:00 for the mixer if you can.

Dinner Menu:

Meals include soup or salad, appetizers (Formaggio Fritti or Bruschetta), and your choice of:

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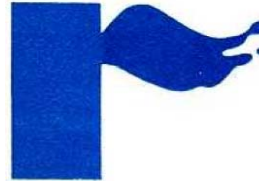
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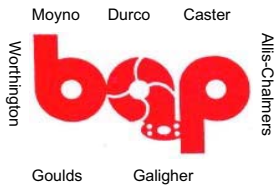


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- Feb 23rd Cornfields Arroyo Seco Specific Plan Community Workshop, Los Angeles
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