

# CWEA P3S Executive Committee Meeting

June 14, 2018 11:30-am – 12:30pm  
Stone Brewing – Escondido, CA

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**A. Meeting called to order at 11:30am by Susan Hiestand (Chair)**

**B. Introductions and Icebreaker**

- Question: What kind of trainings do you want to see from the P3S Committee?
  - i. Environmental crimes (enforcement)
  - ii. Waste Hauler track (monitoring, permitting, automated controls, record keeping, SCADA tracking) → Luis Torner explained his program
  - iii. Ways to collect and reuse stormwater
  - iv. Local limits with respect to advanced water treatment and how it may affect a pretreatment program
  - v. Basic inspector training
  - vi. Stormwater training (QISP)
  - vii. Technology usage in the profession (Google meetings, etc.)
  - viii. Susan asked people to jot down their ideas and give them to her

**C. Agenda Changes/Additions**

- None

**D. 2019 P3S Conference Program Update**

- February 10-13 in Monterey
- If anybody wants to be involved in conference planning, knows speakers, wants to speak, etc., let us know

**E. P3S Website and Social Media Update**

- Website is currently a little outdated; we are working on updating it slowly
- Jonathan talked about P3S Yahoo group and how to be added → contact us
- Jonathan talked about new position within P3S → Public Affairs Coordinator
  - o Contact us if you are interested. Duties would include being in charge of social media, calendar, website, and being the liaison between other committees

**F. Liaison Report**

- If you sign up for the P3S Yahoo group then you also get the Board Insider
- Liaison is William Cassidy and Kevin Calderwood
- Next board meeting is June 22-23 in Oakland
- CWEA and CA-NV American Water Works Association signed a statement of agreement to jointly develop the Advanced Water Treatment operator certification program
- Launched [CAWaterInterns.org](http://CAWaterInterns.org), a free internship/apprentice listing site for public agencies
- P3S 2020 will be in the fall instead of in February
- P3S 2019 dates have been approved for February
- CWEA AC20 → Reno, March 31 – April 3
- AC18 website has all presentation uploaded from the conference
- AC19 in Palm Springs → if you have P3S track ideas let Berlinda know

## G. Action Items

1. P3S Exam Update
  - All have been revalidated in past 3-4 years, all study guides are new and revised → print from CWEA bookstore
  - Must read KSAs to be “expert” in the KSA
    - Each KSA has a certain weight to it, focus on those more heavily weighted
  - Exams are undergoing another transformation in near future → will be reviewed by a consultant to make sure all questions are written grammatically correct. Will be completed in the next few years.
2. P3S Tool Belt Training Update
  - Bimonthly meetings (switching north to south)
  - August = maybe Lagunitas
  - October = back in south → tour of advanced water treatment plant possible
  - If you would like to lead a tour or training please let us know
3. P3S Special Project Update
  - Grant update → “1,000 Ways to Make a Change”
    - P3S budget has \$5,000 for grants
    - We give five \$1,000 grants to agencies to improve water in their community (outreach, stormwater improvements, etc.)
    - Grants are awarded by December 1<sup>st</sup> and the money must be spent by the end of the fiscal year
    - Applications are simple and should be out by July on the CWEA and P3S websites
4. P3S Facility of the Year Update
  - Stone Brewing won last year for large facility
  - Last year we had a very low number of nominees
  - Nomination period is July 1<sup>st</sup> through mid-November
  - Nominate companies that are just doing something “better”
    - Pretreatment, stormwater, newer processes, business plan, community outreach, etc.
  - Entries are separated into large and small industries
    - Divided by revenue, volume of wastewater, and number of employees
    - More information is on the nomination form
  - Goes beyond pretreatment program compliance
  - CWEA will do inspections in December/January of those that move up to the next step so awards can be printed.
  - Non-winners get a certificate of merit
  - More information is located on the website
5. PFI Update Subcommittee
  - Pretreatment Facility Inspection book (aka Ken Kerry Manual) is being revised
    - currently with subcommittee and being reviewed
    - will become more like a college textbook and will have less illustrations

- Collections and Water Treatment books have already been completed
- If you would like to have input, provide photos, etc., email Shannon or Jonathon.

6. ECI Train the Trainer

- Trying to make study sessions more uniform. Want to make sure everyone is getting the same opportunity at the study sessions.
- In early development - pilot program at last conference
- There is a minor delay in the program right now
- There is already of list of interested trainers
- If you are interested email Shannon, Jonathon, or Susan

**H. New Business**

- "Gimmicks and Gadgets" annual contest
  - If you created something that has improved your job or lets you do it better
    - Prizes = \$300/\$200/\$100
    - Winners will be displayed on the big screen at CWEA Reno
    - The audience is the judge
    - Deadline to enter is June 27<sup>th</sup>
    - Contact Ralph for more information at [rpalomares@etwd.com](mailto:rpalomares@etwd.com)

**I. Next Meeting Time/Location**

- Next conference planning meeting in June 20<sup>th</sup> and occurs monthly
- Next P3S meeting/TBT will be in August in the north. May or may not have call-in capabilities. Location still TBD

**J. Meeting adjourned at 12:21pm by Susan Hiestand**



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# CWEA P3S Executive Committee Meeting

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 ECI Tool Belt Training

P3S Executive Committee Meeting

11:30pm -12:30pm

Stone Brewery

There will be no meeting connectivity from computer, tablet or smartphone.

**Executive Committee  
2018-2019**

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**CWEA Board Liaisons**

William Cassidy  
Orange County  
Sanitation District

Kevin Calderwood  
HDR

TOPIC	TIME	LEAD
<b>A) Meeting Called to Order</b>	11:30 am	Susan
<b>B) Introductions and Icebreaker</b>	11:31 am	All
<b>C) Agenda Changes/Additions</b>	11:45 am	Committee
<b>D) 2019 P3S Conference Program Update</b>	11:50 am	Susan and Jonathon
<b>E) P3S Website and Social Media Update</b>	11:55 am	Jonathon
<b>F) Liaison Report</b>	12:00 pm	Berlinda Blackburn
<b>G) Action Items</b>		
1) P3S Exam Update	12:05 pm	Shannon
2) P3S Tool Belt Training Update	12:10 pm	Jonathon/Susan
3) P3S Special Project Update	12:12 pm	Susan (for Alina)
4) P3S Facility of the Year Update	12:15 pm	Bryce Dragan
5) PFI Update Subcommittee	12:18 pm	Shannon
6) ECI Train the Trainer	12:20 pm	Shannon
<b>H) New Business</b>	12:25 pm	Open to all
<b>I) Next Meeting Time/Location</b>	12:30 pm	Susan/Jonathan
<b>J) Adjourn</b>	12:30 pm	Susan

**Get involved!**

Find us online at [p3s.cwea.org](http://p3s.cwea.org) and [www.facebook.com/CWEAP3SCommittee](http://www.facebook.com/CWEAP3SCommittee)

Join our email list by sending a blank e-mail to [cweap3s-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:cweap3s-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)



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CWEA P3S COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**FREE**  
**ECI TOOL BELT TRAINING**

EARN UP TO 4.5 CEU'S and LUNCH IS INCLUDED!

**WHEN:** June 14, 2018 - 9:00am – 3:30 pm

**WHERE:**

**ESCONDIDO WASTEWATER PLANT**  
1521 S. HALE AVE.  
ESCONDIDO, CA 92029

**STONE BREWING CO.**  
1999 CITRICADO PARKWAY  
ESCONDIDO, CA 92029



- 9:00AM -11:00AM:** Tour Escondido WWTP, an advanced treatment plant that uses tertiary treatment to allow for the distribution of recycled water to downstream users. The plant is also developing a project to reclaim bio-gas as an energy source.
- 11:15AM-12:15PM:** P3S Committee Business Meeting - call in number will be provided.
- 12:15PM-1:00PM:** Enjoy lunch catered by Stone Brewing in the Mezzanine.
- 1:00PM-2:00PM:** “Interviewing and Report Writing Tailored to Environmental Crimes Investigations, the Do’s and Don’ts” - Lenny Washington, Orange County DA Investigator
- 2:00PM-2:30PM:** Learn about asset management solutions through real time condition assessment – Smart Cover Systems.
- 2:30PM-3:30PM:** Behind the scenes brewery tour conducted by the water operations manager. Learn about the brew process, pretreatment and discharge characteristics.
- 3:30PM:** No Host Happy Hour – Live music, networking, and happy hour in the Stone Garden.

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**REGISTER AT EVENTBRITE:** <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/june-2018-tool-belt-training-escondido-wwtp-tour-and-stone-brewing-p3s-facility-of-the-year-tickets-45704751141>

**USE PASSWORD:** JuneTBT

**WEAR INSPECTION APPROPRIATE ATTIRE: STEEL TOES AND HARDHAT RECOMMENDED**

email [jpowell@ocsd.com](mailto:jpowell@ocsd.com) for more information

SPACE IS LIMITED - REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 06/04/2018





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## Board Insider: Meeting Highlights

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Board Meeting April 16 and Annual Business Meeting April 20, 2018  
Sacramento

### Annual Business Meeting Highlights: State of our Association is healthy

CWEA President Debi Lewis updated attendees at the April 20th Annual Business Meeting on the State of the Association. The Association received a clean audit for FY16-17 with one departure from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), which we anticipated (for treatment of membership dues on a cash basis). CWEA's fiscal year ends June 30th; a report on preliminary year-end results will appear in the October *Clean Water*.

Through February 2018, financial performance for FY17-18 is on track. Year-to-date income is over budget by 5% and expenses are under budget -6% .

True to President Lewis's theme, the Association is **Stronger Together**. The Board continues to work on a new Strategic Plan to provide the best value for our members. Other accomplishments for the year include:

- ✦• CWEA and CA-NV American Water Works Association signed a Statement of Agreement to jointly develop the Advanced Water Treatment operator certification program
- A new way of celebrating Water Professionals will take place during Water Professionals Appreciation Week every October
- *Clean Water Magazine* featured a *Women Impacting Water* campaign to highlight California water leaders
- CWEA will send its first Student Design Competition team to WEFTEC in New Orleans this October
- Agencies, professionals and volunteers came together to assist in the fires and mudslides that rocked the state this year
- ✦• Launched [CAWaterInterns.org](http://CAWaterInterns.org), a free internship/apprenticeship listing site for public agencies.
- Launched the Clear Path Project to make preparing for CWEA certification exams straightforward and clear
- Launched Tri-Counties, Monterey Bay Section and North Coast section websites



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### Upcoming Board Meetings

May 23, Board Web mtg

Jun 22-23 Board mtg, Oakland *next mtg.*

Oct. 19 Board mtg

Jan. 25-26, 2019 Board mtg,  
San Diego

April 8, 2019 Board mtg, Palm Springs

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### What is a Board Liaison?

Being your liaison is one of my most important functions on the CWEA State Board. As your liaison, I'm available to answer questions, hear about your successes and challenges, and help bridge any gap between the state CWEA Board and our local sections and committees. Our board and our organization learn and grow through the stream of liaison updates during the year. Our Annual Conference marks the beginning of a new Board term, and that can mean new liaison assignments to local sections and committees. I'm your liaison and you'll find a list of **Board liaison assignments on the last page of this edition.**

### Membership

Record high of 10,331 members

### Certification

Record high of 6,823 cert holders

## 2018-19 Board elected

Members unanimously approved the slate of nominees for the 2018-19 Board of Directors as recommended by the Board:

- Vice President from the South—**Wendy Wert**
- Director from the South (to be Treasurer)—**William Cassidy**
- Director from the North—**Kathryn Gies**
- WEF Delegate Director from the South—**Brian Peck**

Two additional directors joined the Board who are appointed by the President and come to the Board through their committees and:

- Northern Regional Committee Chair/Director-**Mark Takemoto**
- Technical Certification Program Chair/Director-**Anthony Pirondini**

## NEW VOLUNTEER LEADERS JOIN CWEA



### Vice President (S)

Wendy Wert



### Appointments to the Board

### Director-at-Large (N)

Kathryn Gies



### NRC Chair

Mark Takemoto

### Director-at-Large (S) (Treasurer)

William Cassidy



### TCP Chair

Tony Pirondini

### WEF Delegate Dir. (S)

Brian Peck



## Is your local section board current?

Please check your Local Section Board list this month using this [link](#) and send any changes to Victoria Thornton at [vthornton@cwea.org](mailto:vthornton@cwea.org).

## Scholarship Update

Local Sections and newly inducted 5S members contributed almost \$30k in donations and pledges to CWEA's Kirt Brooks Memorial Water Environment Scholarship Fund during the Annual Conference!

CWEA's Scholarship Fund provides annual scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 to students in the wastewater field. Five scholarships were awarded for the 2018-19 school year.

- Sammy Arvizu
- Janelle Garabedian
- Edwin Hale
- Phillip Leone
- Seth Rossi

Scholarship applications for the 2019-20 school year will be available online in September. The application deadline is January 15—plan now for next year. Scholarship applicants do not have to be members of CWEA; however, they do need a CWEA member to sponsor them.

## April Board Meeting Highlights

At the April 16th Board meeting the Board reviewed and discussed key assumptions for the draft FY18-19 budget along with key priorities for the draft program of work. Highlights include:

- Clear Path Project continues: developing exam blueprints, improving exam forms and test items, and republishing updated exams for CSM grades 1-4, MT grades 1-4, and ECI grades 1-4.
- Monitoring attendance and performance of certification study sessions
- Approved FP116 revisions to the Kirt Brooks Memorial Water Environment Scholarship Fund developing a procedure for calculating the annual amount of scholarship grants

- Approved holding P3S 19 in February 2019 and will develop a plan to transition P3S 2020 to the fall of 2020
- Authorized the renewal of the Memorandum of Agreement between CWEA and the State Water Resources Control Board for training and outreach related to the Sanitary Sewer System WDR update
- Approved a SWRCB process for designating State and Regional Staff who can attend CWEA Educational Events at no charge
- Approved dates for AC20 in Reno: Tue Mar 31 – Fri Apr 3, 2020

### AC18: Full of New Experiences

We just wrapped up an incredible educational conference in Sacramento with about 1,200 professionals attending, 500 vendor personnel attendees, 231 speakers & 4 fun-filled days of clean water education. Thank you to the AC18 committee for planning an event to remember!



New experiences added for attendees included:

- Pre-Conference Workshops on Tuesday
- Women Impacting Water breakfast
- Invitation only lunch for General Managers and Executive Leaders
- New conference app
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social Media contest to engage with fellow attendees and share experiences using the #CWEAAC hashtag
- Photo booth at the Icebreaker to celebrate CWEA's 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- Community Service Project – *The Water Project* held inside the exhibit hall by the SYP committee
- More than 30 CWEA State award winners recognized and new Select Society of Sanitary Sludge Shovelers (5S) installed
- If you missed it or want a refresh...AC 18 proceedings and presentations are available at <https://bit.ly/2KiMow8>

If you have any questions about CWEA or our Board work, please contact me. My e-mail address is at the top of page 1.

I'm interested in knowing how things are going for you, your Local Section, or your committee, as well as hearing your input on ways we can improve our association as we all work together to fulfill our mission to protect public health and our water environment through education and certification.

**Our Core Purpose:** Enhance the effectiveness of water environment professionals and benefit society by protecting and enhancing our water environment.

### New Committee Chairs take office for 2018-19

CWEA State Committee Chairs, appointed annually by CWEA's President, take office each year at the close of the Annual Conference. You can find the [list](#) of current CWEA Committee Chairs, committee descriptions, and the CWEA state board liaisons at [mycwea.org](http://mycwea.org). Please check this [list](#) and send any changes to Victoria Thornton at [vthornton@cwea.org](mailto:vthornton@cwea.org).

Thank you to all our 2017-18 committee leaders for their role in fulfilling CWEA's mission.