

SAN DIEGO CHAPTER

NEWSLETTER



ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Trish Butler, The Butler/Roach Group, Inc.

We approach the end of the year with a healthy chapter and growing membership. I'd like to thank all of you who have supported San Diego AEP and our Board of Directors this year. In this month's Newsletter you will find a ballot to elect next year's chapter officers. Members - please vote! We're making it easy. You can bring your ballot to the Christmas party on December 12, 1985 or mail it to our Post Office box by that date.

We look forward to a great year in 1986. You will see that the Board will be composed of most of the same officers with some interesting additions! We will continue to press the local chapter issues with the State organization. PLEASE, SEND YOUR LETTERS TO RON BASS - SEE LAST MONTH'S NEWSLETTER!!!

In addition, I am very pleased to announce two special positions. Martha Wiley has accepted the challenge of being next year's Newsletter Editor. Expect to hear from her! And, Marian Harvey, who was this year's Chapter Secretary, has accepted the challenge of investigating San Diego's sponsorship of the 1987 State AEP conference. If we decide to accept the State organizations request to hold the 1987 Conference in San Diego, we will need lots of Chapter support and Marian will be forming a Conference committee.

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS

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SEE YOU AT THE AEP/APA CHRISTMAS PARTY AT HUMPHREY'S
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12
DETAILS IN THIS NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1985

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

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The Environmental Health Coalition (EHC) is a group of individuals and organizations who are concerned about worker health and safety, water quality, pesticides, toxic waste dumps, radiation hazards, and consumer product safety in San Diego. EHC publishes a bimonthly publication called the "Toxinformer" which provides information regarding recent legislation on toxic waste, world-wide toxic disasters, the government's position and action on toxic waste management, and existing and future developments related to toxic waste and waste treatment.

EHC has produced a series of educational and awareness videotape programs addressing the critical toxic substances issues facing communities today. Topics include exposure to hazardous materials in industry, potential toxic disasters in residential areas, and use, storage and disposal problems associated with household toxic materials. For more information about the Environmental Health Coalition and their educational videotape program contact:

Environmental Health Coalition
P.O. Box 8426
San Diego, CA 92102
(619) 235-0281

Just a Reminder:

The School of Renewable Natural Resources at the University of Arizona is sponsoring a conference addressing the issues associated with the integration of wildlife conservation and new residential developments. The conference will be held January 20-22, 1986. For more registration information contact:

Dr. Bill Shaw
School of Renewable Natural
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AWARDS PROGRAM

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This year at our annual AEP Conference awards will be given to recognize excellence in environmental reporting and individual contributions to the environmental field and to the AEP organization. Nominations are being accepted from now until February 1, 1986. Because there was no award given in the category of "Outstanding Environmental Document in 1984", nominations will be accepted for documents published in both 1984 and 1985. The winners will be announced at the San Francisco Conference, April 1986. The requirements for nominations are outlined on the attached flyer. For further information contact the Awards Chairman, Geraldine Knatz:

Manager of Environmental Planning
Port of Long Beach
P.O. Box 570
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(213) 590-4159

EVENTS OF INTEREST

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Citizens Coordinate for Century 3

C-3 will hold their Fourth Annual Christmas Open House: "Christmas on the Prado", on Dec. 6 and 7 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. The C-3 office is located in the House of Hospitality, Balboa Park. All members and guests are invited.

C-3's Water & Energy Committee will meet on Dec. 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the C-3 office. The guest speaker will be Steve Pearson, Project Manager of the proposed Water Reclamation Project for Morley Field. The experimental plant will be modelled after the Mission Valley plant and will have the capacity of a million gallons of water a day, reclaimed from sewage effluent. For more information, call Stan Keniston at 231-1312.

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AWARDS PROGRAM

ANNOUNCING THE 1985 AEP AWARDS PROGRAM

Nominations are now being accepted for the 1985 AEP Awards. Winners will be announced at the San Francisco Conference, April, 1986.

Three types of awards are given by AEP:

- Certificate of Appreciation
- Certificate of Achievement
- Certificate in Recognition of an Outstanding Environmental Document

General Requirements

Nominations can only be made by AEP members. Five copies of the nominating letter and all supporting materials must be sent directly to the Awards Chairman. Winners will be contacted by the Awards Committee.

ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED
BY FEBRUARY 1, 1985

Certificate in Recognition of An Outstanding Environmental Document

This certificate is given to the lead author(s) and to the agency or firm which produced an environmental document, published in 1984 or 1985 which is of outstanding quality. There will not be a single award for the "best" document nor will there be a limit to the number of awards given. To be considered eligible for consideration, the environmental document (a draft or final EIR, EIS, plans, reports, master environmental assessments, etc.) should meet these minimum criteria:

- Clarity of language (readable by laypersons).
- Economy of language (concise; to the point without padding).
- Clarity of organization and format (usable and logical).
- Adequacy and accuracy of data and documentation (reliable and thorough).
- Adequacy of the assessment of significant impacts from the proposal and alternatives, with integration of impact assessment into the text of plans where appropriate.

Reports will be judged on contributions to furthering the standards of excellence in environmental analysis and reporting.

Nominations must be made by an AEP and should include a cover letter with five (5) copies of the document. The cover letter should consist of:

1. Name or title of the document, its date of publication, and a one sentence description of the document and its subject matter.
2. Author(s) and publishing firm or agency with addresses and phone numbers.
3. Other persons or agencies involved in the document preparation with name and phone numbers of contacts (letters of endorsement should be included when possible).

4. A one page attachment which summarizes the document, explains its best features, and highlights any unique, trend-setting or innovative approaches used.
5. For final documents, a summary of how negative public comments were addressed, and the impact the document had on the decision making process.

Certificate of Appreciation

This certificate is given to AEP members who have made outstanding contributions to either the state AEP organization or local chapter.

Nominations must be made by an AEP member in a letter which includes:

1. Name, address and phone number of nominee and nominator.
2. Reasons for recognition.
3. Statements or endorsements from persons knowledgeable about the nominee's contributions.

Certificate of Achievement

This award is given to an individual, firm, agency, or organization for unique achievements in an environmental field or activity. Recipients need not be members of AEP. With this award in the past, AEP has recognized a lifetime of excellence and accomplishment in the environmental profession (usually given at a transition point, such as a retirement or change of administrations). The award has also been given to individuals who have had a high level of accomplishment in a specific environmental field or with a specific issue. The award is also appropriate for any significant environmental-related activity that has been highly successful and noteworthy, including newspaper or magazine reporting, development of key legislation, implementation of a progressive program, etc.

Nominations must be made by an AEP member in a letter which includes:

1. Name, address and phone number of nominator.
2. Reasons for recognition and statements or endorsements from knowledgeable persons.
3. Sufficient supporting material to allow the committee to make its evaluation without seeking further sources.

Submittals

Five copies of all nominations should be sent to the Awards Chairman by February 1, 1986. If you have any questions please call the Awards Chairman at (213) 590-4159.

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FREEWAY LANDSCAPING

The California Transportation Commission (CTC), proposed a policy at its October 9th meeting that would virtually eliminate the highway landscape program, including revegetation and screen plantings, over the next five years. A statewide shortage of construction funds is blamed.

The policy states that new landscaping on State highways be limited to the minimum work needed to satisfy present legal requirements. This would include planting only if the local agencies and community require that planting be included as a condition in approving the highway project. This condition would also have to state that planting must be installed in a specified time frame, such as six months of highway construction.

Mitigation planting, although required by environmental documents, will not necessarily be completed immediately following construction. These and other mitigation projects "not required by law" would be postponed until 1990-91 and possibly longer.

It appears that CTC is acting contrary to federal laws and regulations. The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1968 states, "A special effort should be made to preserve the natural beauty of the countryside." The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 states, "It is the continuous responsibility...to ensure for all Americans safe, healthful, productive and aesthetically and culturally pleasing surroundings." The public wants and expects certain standards of quality.

Most people would agree that permanent barren slopes without trees, flowers and vines, loss of wildlife habitat, and what we like to think of as a quality of life should NOT be sacrificed. Landscaping is and should be a part of the freeway construction process.

Environmentalists are also concerned. Laws protecting the environment are eroded as quasi-legal bodies take action that impose long-term adverse effects on the environment.

Its not too late yet. Lobbying efforts by a concerned public could convince the CTC to include appropriate landscaping on current and future highway construction projects.

The CTC is scheduled to take final action on the proposed policy at its December 12th meeting in Los Angeles. Contact your local legislators and public officials to voice opposition.

(This article about a current environmental problem was provided by Judith Heyer, Environmental Planner at CALTRANS. Please call her at (619) 237-7210 for additional information.)

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THANK YOU!!!

AEP appreciates its Newsletter Subscribers: Linus Heydon, Consulting Aquatic Biologist; The Butler Roach Group; and GEOCON. If you would like to become a sponsor of our monthly newsletter, please call Trish Butler at 298-7127.

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POSITIONS AVAILABLE

The City of San Diego has an opening for an Associate Planner with the Environmental Quality Division. Minimum requirements include a college degree and two years of full-time professional experience in environmental analysis. Applications should be submitted immediately at the City of San Diego, Administration Building (lobby) at 202 "C" Street, San Diego.

The Environmental Department at Nasland Engineering has an opening for a full-time Environmental Analyst (1-2 years of experience) or Environmental Assistant (entry level) to prepare technical sections of environmental impact reports and feasibility studies. Responsibilities will include research, analysis, and report writing and preparation. Bachelors degree required; graduate degree preferred. Send resume and letter of interest stating salary requirements to Donna Pope, Nasland Engineering, 4855 Ruffner Street, San Diego, CA 92111. Must be received by December 6, 1985.

If your firm or agency has an open position in environmental analysis or planning, the AEP NEWSLETTER can help spread the word in the local community. You may send information regarding the opening to Marian A. Harvey, RBR & Associates, Inc., 233 "A" Street, Suite 904, San Diego, CA 92101.

The Newsletter is published every month, usually in the last week of the month. Information for the NEWSLETTER should be submitted by the 20th of each month.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Dames & Moore is seeking to hire a terrestrial plant ecologist or botanist who wishes to diversify into a more broad-based environmental scientist. Responsibilities would include conducting biology resource studies, including field surveys; impact assessments; technical writing; and other environmental analyses in biology and related fields. Suitable academic qualifications would be a BA or MA from a California institution and strong transcripts. Applicants should have an ability to think critically, an interest in environmental sciences, an ability to work with people, and good writing and communication skills. In addition, applicants should be familiar with the California flora and have experience conducting field surveys. Prior experience with environmental consulting and agency work is helpful, but not required. Please send a letter of interest and resume to Dr. John T. Gray at Dames & Moore, 222 Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93101-2074. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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Nasland Engineering has opened a Riverside office, at 3359 Chicago Avenue, Riverside, CA 92507. It will be staffed with three engineers, a survey coordinator and clerical and data processing support. Chuck Collins, RCE, will be the Office Manager. Nasland's other offices include company headquarters in San Diego, and a branch office in Ocean-side.

Bobbi Herdes has recently resigned from the City of San Diego Planning Department. She plans to pursue a career as an environmental and planning consultant.

Karen Ruggels has been promoted to the position of Senior Planner at the Environmental Quality Division City of San Diego. She will be covering the coastal areas of the City of San Diego.

NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY

The new publication Living in the Chaparral of Southern California is the third in a series written by members of the National Foundation for Environmental Safety (NFES) or produced with the support of the Foundation. The book features the theme of an Integrated Approach to Public Safety. Public safety professionals, wildland resource management experts and industry representatives address fire-, vegetation- and watershed management; land use and planning; and disaster mitigation, preparation, and assistance. Subjects covered are as diverse as the fire-flood-erosion cycle; insurance for flood, earthquake, fire and landslide, and disaster psychology. The book can be used as a year round reference guide in conjunction with other public safety literature. This publication can be ordered by mail from the National Foundation for Environmental Safety, 2210 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 184, Santa Monica, CA 90403; (213) 456-2652. Send your check for \$14.06 (\$10.95 plus tax and \$2.40 for first class postage).

NFES is sponsoring two public safety seminars: Wildland Fire Management in Urbanized Areas and Ecological Landscaping for Fire and Erosion Control. Each of the seminars will be held on four days (December - March) at the Veterans Memorial Building, 4117 Overland Avenue, Culver City; 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The cost of the seminar is \$85.00; the fee includes refreshments and lunch as well as a program package that contains literature on fire and watershed management. Please call NFES at (213) 456-2652 for additional information.