September 2013

# Texas State Rep. Callegari to Address WEAT Southeast Section at September 19th Lunch

he Honorable William (Bill) Callegari will address WEAT Section 9 at our September Lunch Meeting in Houston. A senior House member and Licensed Professional Engineer, Representative Callegari will bring his insight from the Texas Legislature as he addresses:

## State Water Plan Funding and Key Water Issues from the 83rd Legislature

Currently in his seventh term representing the Katy and Cypress areas, Bill Callegari is one of the Texas House of Representatives' leading water experts.

In 1974, Mr. Callegari founded AM-TEX Corporation, which provided management and privatization services to utility districts and municipalities throughout Texas. As President and CEO, he pioneered AM-TEX's growth as a major force in the state and national water industry. Subsequent to selling AM-TEX, he served as President of major national and international water companies.



During his professional career Mr. Callegari founded the Texas Association of Water Board Directors and served on several professional and civic committees and boards relating to environmental control, water, and wastewater treatment. He has been a licensed Professional Engineer for over 40 years and holds "Class A" certifications in water and wastewater management.

### **Meeting Information** Thursday, September 19th Meeting Sponsors\*: Date: Location: Hilton Westchase, 9999 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77042 Agenda: Registration @ 11:30 Lunch & Presentation @ 12:00 Cost: \$35 - Private Sector \$20 - Gov't Employees and Students \$45 - Late Registration Registration Deadline: September 12th Payment Information: Click here: PayPal Website: http://www.weat.org/southeast/meeting-notices.html RSVP e-mail: weatsoutheast@gmail.com \* Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available!

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### The President's Message

Dear WEAT Southeast Section Members,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a fun and relaxing Labor Day weekend. With the dog days of summer now officially behind us, the members of the Executive Committee and I are very excited to move forward with what promises to be a very memorable 2013/2014 season for our Section. Before getting into the particulars of the upcoming meetings and events, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Officers and Committee Chairs for their time and dedication in making the planning and operation of our Section possible. (Refer to the listing on page 6 for details related to the specific individuals, their company affiliation and area of service.)



Sarah Berkey, P.E. Southeast Section President

Since our last meeting in May, there have been a number of notable happenings to report. First and foremost, we successfully completed our annual scholarship application, review and award program, which directly benefits our members and/or their dependents. Thanks to you, and the generous contributions of our sponsors, we were able to grant dual scholarships valued at \$1,000 each to two very deserving students. We hope to have even more applicants and awards in the coming year, so please spread the word and stay tuned for more details in spring 2014!

Also over the summer, the Executive Committee has taken steps to formalize the Section's tax filing and accounting process, as well as revisit and revamp our constitution and by-laws. The proposed constitution and by-laws are currently being reviewed by the Executive Board of WEAT, and will be posted to the website for member access in the near future. It is the committee's hope that these and other anticipated operational enhancements will enable future Section leadership to more effectively plan and execute events, and ultimately take the organization to new and unprecedented heights!

On that note, we are pleased to announce our anticipated schedule for this calendar year: (specific dates/locations for upcoming months to follow)

- ♦ September 19, 2013 Lunch Presentation by Representative Bill Callegari (Hilton Westchase)
- ♦ November 2013 Facility Tour
- ♦ January/February 2014 Annual Seminar
- ♦ March 2014 Annual Clay Shoot Tournament
- ♦ May 2014 Engineering Ethics
- ♦ July 2014 State WEAT-Sponsored Seminar

With regard to this month, we are thrilled to have Texas State Representative Bill Callegari join us for a lunchtime presentation on September 19th, during which he

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will discuss "State Water Plan Funding and Key Water Issues from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislature". It goes without saying that the availability of safe and reliable water resources and infrastructure are crucial, not only to those in our profession, but to the continued growth and vitality of our state and its residents. Presentations of this nature help to further our own understanding of current issues, while simultaneously inspiring and empowering us to educate those within our sphere of influence about the importance of this topic to all Texans.

I'd like to encourage your attendance, and thank all of our committed sponsors in advance for their support. Please reserve your seat and/or sponsorship opportunity today by registering via our website or contacting Meera Victor directly at <a href="mailto:mvictor@carollo.com">mvictor@carollo.com</a>. I look forward to seeing you all on the 19th!



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Click on the symbol above for a listing of the upcoming webcasts & topics in development for this year.

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Texas water 2014 Abstract Water 2014 Submittal Deadline

September 27th

Click on the Texas Water Logo above to submit your abstract.

For information, please e-mail twips@texas.net or call 512-251-8101

### WEAT Calendar



19 September 2013*	Lunch with Rep. Callegari
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24 September 2013 **YP Bowling Event** 

27 September 2103 **Texas Water Abstract Deadline** 

**November 2103 Facility Tour** 

January/February 2014 Annual Seminar

March 2014 **Annual Clay Shoot Tournament** 

May 2014 **Engineering Ethics** 

**July 2014 State WEAT—Sponsored Seminar** 

### **About WEF and WEAT**



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36,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. WEF members, Member Associations, and staff proudly work to achieve our mission to provide bold leadership, champion innovation, connect water professionals, and leverage knowledge to support clean and safe water worldwide.



The Water Environment Association of Texas (WEAT) is made up of about 1,600 Texas professionals who have dedicated their careers to protecting and enhancing our state's water resources.

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July 24th Facility Tour Ashbrook Simon-Hartley Water & Wastewater Treatment Solutions







#### **Penny for your Thoughts** We'd love to know what you think...



If you have an idea for a future YP event, don't be shy! Please send your ideas to Ambarish (ambarish.ravi@aecom.com) or Daniel (daniel.olson@arcadis-us.com)



<sup>\*</sup>Webcast participants are responsible for exploring their state requirements to have their Educational Credits approved for credit.

<sup>\*</sup> Reaistration deadline is September 12th



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### Chicago, Illinois

86th Annual Water Environment Federation **Technical Exhibition and Conference** McCormick Place South | Chicago, Illinois USA Conference: October 5-9 | Exhibition: October 7-9

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Tuesday, October 8

305 Going for the Goal: Targeting Energy Optimization and Neutrality 425 Communicating With Elected Officials About Rate Increases to Support Major Infrastructure Improvements (half session) 429 Creating Meaningful Dialog to Support Green Infrastructure (half session)



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#### **WEFTEC 2014**

87th Annual Technical Exhibition & Conference September 27 - October 1, 2014 **New Orleans Morial Convention Center** New Orleans, Louisiana, USA

#### WEFTEC 2015

88th Annual Technical Exhibition & Conference September 26 - 30, 2015 McCormick Place Chicago, Illinois, USA

#### **WEFTEC 2016**

89th Annual Technical Exhibition & Conference September 24 - 28, 2016 New Orleans Morial Convention Center New Orleans, Louisiana USA







### Southeast Section NEW5

### **Our September Meeting Sponsors**

WEAT Section 9 would like to recognize the companies whose generous support helps to enable technical and educational events that further our mission: Protecting and enhancing our state's water resources. THANK YOU!























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-John Sculley | Former CEO, Apple

