

# CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 7 A.M.

The Texas Water 2010 **Golf Tournament** benefits the scholarship programs of both WEAT and TAWWA and is a great way to meet friends and colleagues at the Gabe Lozano Sr. Golf Center. Get more details and a registration form on Page 10.

## MEET & GREET/EXHIBIT HALL

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 5 TO 7 P.M.

Texas Water attendees **Meet & Greet** in the Exhibit Hall at the American Bank Center. Registration opens at 4:30 p.m., then you can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of the Exhibit Hall. Texas Water 2010 hosts the **largest regional water exhibition on the continent**. More than 360 exhibitors in the Convention Center are in one place, at one time.

## NETWEETING BREAKS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14–FRIDAY, APRIL 16

Start each Texas Water 2010 day with **networking breaks** in the Exhibit Hall Wednesday and Thursday and near the Technical Sessions on Friday. These casual events are included in your Full Registration.

## OPENING SESSION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 9 TO 10 A.M.

Dr. Bryan Brooks of Baylor University will open Texas Water 2010. Dr. Brooks is a leading expert on emerging contaminants (e.g., pharmaceuticals, personal care products, endocrine active substances) and the repercussions felt in the water and wastewater industries. His current research focuses on water quality dynamics of rapidly urbanizing regions, water reuse, and the ecology and environmental toxicology of harmful algae blooms.



## CONFERENCE LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 11:30 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

**TICKET REQUIRED**

Enjoy a great meal with your colleagues at the Conference Luncheon. The Luncheon will feature the first of the conference **award ceremonies**, recognizing some of the longtime leaders of our water community. Your ticket to the luncheon is included with Full Registration or Wednesday-Only Registration, and extra tickets are for sale.

## TECHNICAL SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14–FRIDAY, APRIL 16

The Texas Water Program Committee offers technical sessions, presented by the top experts in the industry and targeted to the most important issues facing water professionals today. **For a full listing, see Pages 6-9.**

## STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

The WEAT Student Design Competition solicits design alternatives from university students for “real-world” water and wastewater treatment challenges. The winner of the WEAT Student Design Competition represents WEAT at the national level WEF Student Design Competition (held annually in conjunction with WEFTEC). This year’s design-prompt challenges students to expand an existing Wastewater Treatment Plant from 0.3 MGD to 0.6 MGD while leaving provisions for future expansion up to 1.6 MGD capacity. Students are further challenged by limited site availability due to close proximity to residential development and the 100-year floodplain. For more information, visit [www.texas-water.com](http://www.texas-water.com).

## AWARDS BREAKFAST

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 7:30 TO 9:30 A.M.

**TICKET REQUIRED**

After its successful debut in 2009, Texas Water will honor **TAWWA and WEAT friends and colleagues** who have demonstrated their commitment to the water profession. The ceremony will feature fast-paced video introductions and a full buffet breakfast. Tickets are only \$20. A ticket to the breakfast is included with Full Registration

## BOX LUNCH

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, NOON TO 1 P.M.

**TICKET REQUIRED**

Thursday is always a big day at the Texas Water Conference. In addition to the great Technical Programs and the full day of Exhibits, Thursday is also your opportunity to cheer your favorite team at the **Exhibit Hall competitions** – Pipe Tapping, Operations Challenge, or Top Ops. So you won’t miss a minute of the action, we’ll serve a great Box Lunch at numerous locations in the Exhibit Hall. Your Full Registration or Thursday Only Registration includes a ticket for the Box Lunch, and extra tickets are available for purchase.

## GUEST PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14–THURSDAY, APRIL 15

While Texas Water 2010 registrants are busy learning and networking, their spouses and companions can tour Corpus Christi attractions.

Wednesday begins with breakfast at the **City Diner** followed by a boat tour of the Marina/Port/Bayfront area. When the boat docks at the **Texas State Aquarium**, the adventure begins. Guests embark on an aquatic journey from the shore to the depths of the Gulf of Mexico. Guests will experience dive shows, animal feedings, training sessions, and hands-on programs. Lunch will be catered at the Texas State Aquarium.

On Thursday, guests get a taste of South Texas with breakfast at **La Bahia**. Culture and tradition continue with a tour of the award-winning **Art Museum of South Texas** with exhibits that range from Chihuly



to Remington to Ullberg as well as local artists and touring exhibits. **Corpus Christi Bay** provides a stunning view during lunch at the **Dobson Cafe**. Following lunch, Mariachi music and *folklorico* dancers entertain in historic **Heritage Park**. More surprises lie in store for our guests as they tour historic homes.

The guest program includes a ticket to the Conference Dinner on Thursday evening. Guest program registration is only \$125

## COMPETITIONS

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

#### Meter Madness

Contestants race to assemble a 5/8-inch meter from loose parts and test for leaks. The winner represents Texas at the AWWA national competition in Chicago. For information, check online at [www.texas-water.com](http://www.texas-water.com).

### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

#### Operations Challenge

The WEAT Operations Challenge Competition Committee invites you to join the best and the brightest that Texas has to offer. This is your opportunity to join the Trinity River Authority, The City of Dallas, The City of Austin, The City of Fort Worth, San Antonio Water System and the Brazos River Authority in an all-day competition designed to showcase the team's knowledge and skills in Process Control, Laboratory Analysis, Pump Maintenance, Collection System Repair and Safety. All team members receive certification hours from the TCEQ and the teams with the lowest overall time will go on to represent the State of Texas in the National Competition at WEFTEC '10, in New Orleans. For more information, contact John Bennett at 817-430-4657 or [bennettj@trinityra.org](mailto:bennettj@trinityra.org), or register at [www.weat.org](http://www.weat.org) or [www.texas-water.com](http://www.texas-water.com).

#### Texas Shoot Out

Who is the fastest draw on cutting a piece of 8-inch SDR 35 pipe with a hand saw, or boring a 4-inch hole with a bracing bit? It is time to show who really has the quickest hands in Texas at the annual Texas Shoot Out. This competition is designed to demonstrate elements of the

Operations Challenge's Collection event. This year, the event is open to all. All competitors will pay a \$5 entry fee with the proceeds going to Water For People. First place in both events will receive a plaque and a gift certificate from EI<sup>2</sup>. For more information, contact John Bennett at 817-430-4657 or [bennettj@trinityra.org](mailto:bennettj@trinityra.org), or register at [www.weat.org](http://www.weat.org) or [www.texas-water.com](http://www.texas-water.com).

#### Best-Tasting Drinking Water Contest

The Best-Tasting Drinking Water Contest brings together entries representing utilities across Texas. A panel of celebrity judges grades the samples. Along with Texas bragging rights, the winning entrant competes at the AWWA Annual Conference and Exhibition in Chicago. For information, see [www.texas-water.com](http://www.texas-water.com).

#### Pipe Tapping Contest

Four-person teams from across the state compete to determine who will represent Texas at the AWWA National Pipe Tapping Competition in Chicago in June. For information, contact Rhonda Harris, [rharris@pro-ops.net](mailto:rharris@pro-ops.net), or check online at [www.texas-water.com](http://www.texas-water.com).

#### Top Ops

Water operations personnel can impress their co-workers and dazzle their bosses with their technical knowledge by competing in this quiz show-style event. The winning team advances to the National Top Ops Competition in June 2010 at the AWWA Annual Conference in Chicago. For more information, contact J.R. Reavis at [jrreavis@swwc.com](mailto:jrreavis@swwc.com) or online at [www.texas-water.com](http://www.texas-water.com).