Last Meeting: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, December 19th at Waller Creek Center. The December CAC AWWA meeting featured a presentation by Matt Berg and Robert Cullwell on Water for People. The independent, volunteer, monitoring arm of Water for People, known as the World Water Corp, has undergone significant change in the six years since its inception. We learned more about the shape this organization is taking on and the types of programs and assignments in which World Water Corp volunteers are participating from the perspective of one volunteer. A special thanks to Matt and Robert for their great presentation!

Next Meeting: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, February 20th, at noon at Waller Creek Center (625 E. 10th Street, Austin) Room 104. Please be sure to arrive by 11:45am to ensure a good seat.

David Howell has been the Deputy Executive Director for the Texas Board of Professional Engineers since November 2013 and served as Director of Licensing prior to that. He has over 25 years of engineering experience working for the State of Texas, eight of them with the Board. As the Deputy Executive Director, he helps oversee all agency functions including Enforcement and Licensing activities. He is responsible for legislative reporting and implementation, rule development, budget and policy issues, and represents the Board at statewide and national functions. David has been selected to represent the Texas Board on several national taskforces and committees related to engineering licensure, public outreach and exams. He prepares and gives Licensing and Ethics live and webinar presentations to engineering organizations, universities and other groups.

David has a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso. Prior to coming to the Board, his work was primarily in the field of environmental engineering. Please join us for David’s informative presentation featuring recent Board rule changes, current initiatives and the Code of Conduct.

TAWWA Annual Officer Election

Capital Area Chapter Officer elections will be held during the February meeting prior to our presentation.

If you are an AWWA member and would like to place a nomination for Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President, or President, please send your nominations to Behnoush Yeganeh at behnoush.yeganeh@aecom.com

Upcoming Events and News:

- **AWWA/WEF YP Summit**  Will be hosted at the Hyatt Regency Austin on February 17th, 2015. See attached flyer for more information.
- **AWWA/WEF Utility Management Conference**  Will be hosted at the Hyatt Regency Austin from February 17—20, 2015.
- Find more upcoming events on Page 5
YP Happy Hour

Our last happy hour was hosted on February 9th at DartBowl Austin (5700 Grover Ave. Austin, TX 78756). A big thank you to our sponsor for this event, WWaterTech, Inc.

If you are interested in being added to the Young Professionals email distribution list, please contact Membership/YP Chair Theresa Hlavinka at 512-852-3009 or TheresaHlavinka@KennedyJenks.com

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Northwest Pipe Company manufactures steel water pipe for the North American municipal water and wastewater market, with plants located nationwide to meet customers’ needs. Spirally welded steel pipe are engineered from 12-inch to 156-inch diameter per AWWA C200 and M11, and are lined and coated to customers’ requirements. All operations, including end prep, lining, coating and special fittings, are performed in-house. Founded in 1966 and headquartered in Vancouver, Washington, Northwest Pipe is a leader in the large-diameter steel pipe segment. For questions, please contact William Ast, Regional Sales Manager @ (817) 304-8991 or wast@nwpipe.com

Northwest Pipe Company also manufactures steel casing pipe for the trenchless market for applications such as microtunneling, pipe jacking, auger boring, pipe ramming, and Direct Pipe® through Permalok®, a Northwest Pipe Company product line. The Permalok® T5 is a proprietary interlocking joint that utilizes a precision-machined interference fit that eliminates the need for time-intensive field butt welds vs. traditional plain-end casing pipe. The Permalok® T7 joint is also available for one-pass tunneling systems. Diameters range from 30-inch through 150-inch and larger, with cylinder thickness up to 2.5-inches. Other Northwest Pipe trenchless technologies include the manufacture of steel Reliners and Slipliners for rehabilitation of large diameter PCCP pipelines, as well as welded steel pipe for use in horizontal directional drilling (HDD). For questions, please contact Shah Rahman, Director of Trenchless Technologies and Pipeline Rehabilitation @ (909) 471-6095 or srahman@nwpipe.com

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AWWA/UT Chapter Creek Cleanup

The local and student chapters of AWWA are organizing a creek cleanup on Saturday, March 7th to clean a portion of Waller Creek near the UT campus. If you are interested, please see the following information and RSVP to olivia.beck@austintexas.gov by Feb. 27 so we can procure enough supplies for everyone. Remember to dress appropriately with sneakers, long-sleeved shirts, and long pants, and bring some water to stay hydrated. Let’s keep Austin clean!

Date: March 7th  
Time: 9 am – 11 am 
Location: ECJ Parking Lot (SW corner of Dean Keeton/San Jacinto) 
RSVP by date: February 27th

Consumer Outreach Committee

Interested in staying up to date on innovative water education programs currently in action across Texas? The Consumer Outreach Committee cordially invites you to check out their new blog, All Things H2O, a monthly publication that highlights existing water education and outreach programs throughout Texas. Tune in for the February post, featuring the City of Wichita Falls recent potable re-use project. An electronic version of the blog can be accessed via the following link http://www.tawwa.org/group/Ed_Out, we hope you will check it out!

If you’d like to learn more about the Consumer Outreach Committee, including volunteering with the Committee, or if you’d like to suggest a topic for future posts, please contact Grace Wike, Committee Chair, at grace.wike@jacobs.com.

Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament

The Texas Section of American Water Works Association and Water Environment Association of Texas are partnered to sponsor the third annual Water for People Charity Volleyball Tournament to be held May 2, 2015 at Aussie’s Grill & Beach Bar in Austin. Over 100 players and spectators attended the event last year, raising over $6,000 for sustainable water projects around the world. Based on average costs for Water for People’s work, this is enough money to provide safe water or sanitation for over 120 people for a lifetime.

For sponsorship opportunities or to register a team, please contact Matt Berg at matt.berg@ch2m.com or 512-249-3313. See attached flyer for additional information about the event.

Water For People is AWWA’s charity of choice, with active AWWA member volunteers all over the world. Water For People works with people and partners to develop innovative and long-lasting solutions to the water, sanitation, and hygiene problems in the developing world.
Junior Meter Madness Contest—April 15, 2015; 1—2:30 pm; Exhibit Hall

The Junior Meter Madness Contest matches students from high school environmental programs, for a test of their meter-assembling skills and dexterity in the Exhibit Hall from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Please support these “future water professionals” by attending on Wednesday.

Meter Madness—April 15, 2015; 2:30—4:30 pm; Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall Contestants race to assemble a 5/8-inch meter (sponsored by Master Meter) from loose parts and test for leaks. The winner represents Texas at the AWWA national competition. For information, check online at www.txwater.org.

Operations Challenge—April 15 & 16, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 10am—5pm
Thursday, April 16, 9am—3:45pm

The WEAT Operations Challenge invites you to join the best and the brightest professionals that Texas has to offer. Sign up your utility today! Teams of two to four members can compete in one or more (up to six) events. Anyone can sign up a team! The competition takes place Wednesday and Thursday in the Exhibit Hall.

Join teams from Arkansas, Louisiana, Colorado, Austin, Dallas, TRA, San Antonio and more in a multi-day competition designed to showcase the team’s knowledge and skills in Process Control (Sponsored by Freese and Nichols), Laboratory Analysis (Sponsored by Hartwell Environmental), Pump Maintenance (Sponsored by CP&Y), Collection System Repair (Sponsored by AECOM), Safety (Sponsored by Carollo), and our 4th annual Exhibition event (Sponsored by seepeX). Non-Utility Teams can sign up and compete in the Exhibition Event.

Two Divisions are available: Division I for past teams who compete in all of the events, and Division II for any new team that wants to compete in any event for the first time. Competitors can receive up to 10 TCEQ CEU hours, t-shirts, entry into the technical sessions and exhibit halls, and bragging rights!

The Top Three Texas Teams earn a free trip to WEFTEC Nationals which will be held in September 2015 in Chicago. Contact Jeff Sober at 214-883-6263 or jsober@garverusa.com or register at www.weat.org or www.txwater.org.

One Water – Many Stories
April 16, 2015, 1:15pm—3:15pm

Don’t miss TAWWA and WEAT’s inaugural joint program highlighting water outreach initiatives currently in action across the state at the upcoming Texas Water Conference!

Join us in a collaborative, storytelling environment as we learn about the tools and resources used by El Paso Water Utilities, the City of Wichita Falls and the San Jacinto River Authority before, during, and after their highly visible and politically charged water projects. Then hear how a utility can easily implement a program tailored to its own unique situation.

**Chapter 1** - Wichita Falls: How the Citizens went from No Way to OK!
**Chapter 2** - El Paso Water Utilities: Drink Up! The Public Perception of Toilet to Tap & Getting Public Acceptance.
**Chapter 3** – SJRA: If You Don’t Tell Your Story, Someone Else Will…A Hard-Hitting Approach to Communicate the Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

*WateR You Waiting for?*-Open Dialog on Creating Your Own Story
About the Capital Area Chapter

The Capital Area Chapter meets at the City of Austin offices at Waller Creek Plaza, 625 E. 10th Street, Austin, Room 104 on the third Friday of even numbered months.

Enter the parking garage from either 10th or 9th streets. Sign in with the security guard at the 10th street entrance. Room 104 is the large conference room on the east side of the first floor.

If you are interested in speaking at a meeting or have suggestions for meeting topics, contact Bree Carrico: 512-527-6079 or bree.carrico@arcadis-us.com.

This newsletter is sent to over 600 water professionals in the Austin area. If you are interested in sponsoring a meeting or have information for publication, contact Behnoush Yeganeh at: 512-479-1630 or Behnoush.Yeganeh@aecom.com.

AWWA/WEF YP Summit

The 2015 AWWA/WEF Young Professionals Summit will be held on Tuesday, February 17th one day prior to the Utility Management Conference at the Hyatt Regency Austin. We expect to have about 100 young professionals from all parts of the US and Canada. Speakers with diverse water industry background will provide perspectives focused on leadership topics and professional development.

There will be evening events on both Monday the 16th and Tuesday the 17th. For more information and online registration, please visit http://www.awwa.org/membership/get-involved/young-professionals/yp-news-events/awwa-wef-yp-summit.aspx

You can also contact Theresa Hlavinka at 512.852.3009 or TheresaHlavinka@KennedyJenks.com with any questions about the events.

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Upcoming Events and News (continued):

- **AWWA/WEAT Texas Water 2015** Will be hosted in Corpus Christi from April 14—17, 2015.
- **WFP Volleyball Tournament** Is scheduled for April 25th, 2015. More information to come, hope to see you there!
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