LAST MEETING: The last Capital Area Chapter meeting was held on Friday, April 13th at the Waller Creek Center. We heard from Dr. Caroline Russell, Ph.D., P.E., BCEE with Carollo Engineers about managing distribution system stability to maintain water quality. Thank you to Dr. Russell for the presentation and thank you also to our April sponsor, Carollo Engineers.

NEXT MEETING: The next Capital Area Chapter meeting will be held on Friday, June 15th, at noon at Waller Creek Center (625 E. 10th Street, Austin) Room 104. Please be sure to arrive by 11:45 am to ensure a good seat. Fred Blumberg, with Arcadis will give a presentation on aquifer storage and recovery entitled “Demonstrating Aquifer Storage and Recovery for Texas Utilities”.

Mr. Blumberg is a water resources consultant with Arcadis-U.S. His current projects include: water resources planning and feasibility; aquifer storage and recovery (ASR); watershed planning and management, and source water protection; dam safety; reclaimed water; and municipal and industrial water supply.

Prior to joining Arcadis, Mr. Blumberg retired after 33 years of service with the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority, retiring as Deputy General Manager and Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Blumberg has a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Agriculture degrees from Texas A&M University. At Texas A&M, he was a distinguished student and a distinguished military graduate.

Please join us for this interesting presentation and earn one (1) professional development hour toward your annual licensing requirements.

TEXAS WATER RECAP: Thank to everyone who helped make our chapter a great one this last year. At Texas Water 2018 in San Antonio, TX, the Capital Area Chapter received the service award.
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The Texas Section AWWA is committed to the support of higher education through the Texas Section AWWA Scholarship Program. This year, there are three different scholarships available to TAWWA members and their families: The Texas Section AWWA Scholarship, the Alan Plummer Associates/TAWWA Environmental Scholarship, and the One AWWA Operator Scholarship. The deadline for each is July 13, 2018, and the application process is all online.

Requirements are different for each scholarship, so please review the instructions carefully before proceeding with the applications. Please note that there are separate applications for each scholarship. To be considered, applicants will need to fill out each form separately and submit materials separately.

Please contact scholarship@tawwa.org with any questions.
About the Capital Area Chapter
The Capital Area Chapter meets at the City of Austin offices at Waller Creek Center, 625 E. 10th Street, Austin, Room 104 on the third Friday of even numbered months.

Upon arrival, 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 Mark Graves: 512-617-3193 or mark.graves@freese.com.

This newsletter is sent to over 800 water professionals in the Austin area. If you are interested in sponsoring a meeting or have information for publication, contact Olivia Beck at 512-972-1839 or Olivia.Beck@austintexas.gov.

Water Conservation License Plates Available
The Texas Section AWWA has created the only Water Conservation License Plate in the country. It only adds $30 to your annual license plate fee. Through our partnership with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, $22 of the mere $30 comes back to the Section to fund scholarships for families of Texas AWWA members like you. Your small investment helps shape the future of Water Conservation and the future of water professionals. Go to www.conservetexaswater.org to purchase yours today!

Consumer Outreach Committee
The Consumer Outreach Committee is proud to bring you “All Things H2O,” a monthly blog highlighting existing water utilities and programs across Texas. This month features a piece by Martha C. Koester of El Paso Water who highlights their TecH2O Learning Center’s first HEART (Helping Educators with Additional Resources and Training) educators’ fair. We hope you enjoy and come back next month!

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 Karen Menard, Committee Chair, at kmenard@utrwd.com.

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