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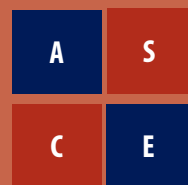
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Assessing Soil Infiltration Rates & Ground Water Mounding

Curtis Koger, P.G., P.E.G., P.Hg, Principal Geologist/ Hydrogeologist, Associated Earth Sciences, Kirkland WA

Mr. Koger will provide us with an overview of assessing soil infiltration rates used for design, and the potential effect of ground water mounding on design infiltration rates.

He will review: (1) the purpose of mounding analysis; (2) input required from design engineers; (3) ground water mounding potential effects on long-term design infiltration rates; and, (4) potential downstream impacts. Mr. Koger will also provide us with King County case studies on infiltration facilities monitored for groundwater mounding effects.

Members Invited to Comment on Body of Knowledge Report

from ASCE.org

The Task Committee on the Academic Prerequisites for Professional Practice (TCAP3) is seeking comments from ASCE members and other interested professionals on the Body of Knowledge draft report. The Body of Knowledge draft report is defined in ASCE's Policy Statement 465 as the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become a licensed professional civil engineer.

Comments will be reflected in the final report presented in January. If you are an ASCE member, please have your member number available to complete the comment form. Comment period closes Nov. 22.

NOVEMBER 11 MEETING

LUNCH

Private Dining Room
LaQuinta Inn
 1425 East 27th ST, Tacoma
 253.383.0146

Social	11:30-12:00pm
Lunch	12:00-12:30pm
Program	12:30-1:00pm

Lunch Buffet

Soup, salad, 2 entrees, vegetables, dessert, coffee, iced tea

Cost: \$14.00/person*
 (this charge covers food, tax and gratuity) We will collect money at the door.

*1/2 price for students

RSVP by Nov. 7

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President's Corner by Connie Linden

In addition to the presentation program at the October Section meeting, the Section welcomed the new officers at an induction ceremony officiated by Jim Carlsen, District 12 Director. As you know, Jim too will "pass the torch" to Greg DiLoreto (Oregon Section) at the National Conference, to be held in Nashville, Tennessee, November 12-15. We thank Jim for his dedication and hard work these past two years, and for keeping our Section abreast of ASCE National issues and proposals.



On the ASCE National front, an update to the assessment of the nation's infrastructure, entitled Report Card for America's Infrastructure, released in March 2001, was issued by the Society on September 4, 2003, entitled 2003 Progress Report for America's Infrastructure. As you may recall, the March 2001 assessment conferred an overall grade of D+ on our nation's infrastructure. For more information on the March 2001, and the updated 2003 infrastructure assessment, see the ASCE national website, asce.org. In general, the 2003 Report concludes that there has been little or no progress in the past two years to improve our nation's infrastructure. At a press conference held on September 4th, President Jackson made the case for a more vigorous response from Congress to ASCE's assessment. President Jackson's message is published in the October 2003 issue of ASCE News.

"In general, the 2003 Report concludes that there has been little or no progress in the past two years to improve our nation's infrastructure."

Last month in the President's Corner, Chris Beckman, Past President, mentioned the ASCE governance proposal. To summarize ASCE's governance proposal, currently the Board of Direction consists of 28 members: 3 Presidential Officers (President, President-Elect, Past President); 4 Vice Presidents (Elected from our four domestic, geographic Zones); 20 Directors (Elected from our 15 domestic, geographic Districts); 1 International Director (Nominated by the Board and elected by the International members). The new governance proposal would restructure the Board of Direction to 17 members consisting of: 3 Presidential Officers (President, President-Elect, Past President); 9 Domestic Directors (Elected from 9 geographic Regions); 1 International Director (Elected from the International membership); 2 Institute Directors (Elected from the Institute membership); 2 At-Large Directors (Nominated by the Board; elected by membership). Under this proposed governing structure, each of the geographic Regions (Domestic and International) would have a Board of Governors. The Chair of each of these Boards would be the Society Director from that Region. The goal of re-

structuring is to provide a more flexible and responsive governing body, provide more diverse perspectives, improve communication, enhance opportunities for members to serve and participate, and to build member leadership. For more information on the proposed geographic regions structure, restructure timing, and funding, see the "White Paper, ASCE Governance," dated April 2003, which is available on the ASCE website, asce.org.

Lastly, I thank the Section membership for this opportunity to serve as Section President. I look forward to the upcoming year's challenges, and to working with our dedicated Board members.

Regards,

CONNIE LINDEN,
Tacoma/Olympia Section
President '03-'04

Positions Open/ Wanted

*resume/ad policy
Ads must be received by the 15th of the month prior to the next newsletter. Ad will run for one newsletter only.*

The newsletter application is limited to the following: **Name, membership status, ASCE section, engineering degree/year, position desired, years of related experience, address to obtain resume, and a daytime phone number.**

Submit information (by the 15th of the month) to:
Richard Swanson
3539 81st AV SW,
Olympia 98512 or
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Section Calendar

Meetings/Programs

December 1: Board Meeting
6:00pm; Engine House #9,
Tacoma

December 10; Joint Meeting w/
Seattle Section (hosted by
Seattle Section); Tukwila; Puget
Sound Near Shore Project

**January 13, 2004; Point Defiance
Zoo Additions;** Guest Speaker:
Dick Ramsey, Program Project
Manager; location TBA.

February 2, 2004; Board Meeting;
6:00pm; location TBA.

Upcoming Events

**November 12 - 15,
Civil Engineering Conference
and Exposition 2003;**
Nashville, Tennessee

**February 20, 2004; Engineering
Week,** Saint Martins College,
Lacey.

*DATE/TIMES/LOCATIONS ARE TO
BE VERIFIED

Section Meetings are open and held once a month, September through May. Meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Locations alternate between Tacoma and Lacey, and times vary between lunch and dinner meetings.

Local Board Meetings are open and generally held the first Monday of the month at 5:30pm. Locations vary. Please check the WEB site, this calendar, or contact the president for confirmation.

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Traffic Signal Design:
November 5-7, Seattle

**Pubic Works Construction Project
Management:**
November 6-7, Seattle

**Construction Inspection of Public
Works Projects:** November 3-4,
Seattle

**Work Zone Traffic Control Plan
(TCP) Design:** November 18-20,
Seattle

**Introduction to Retaining Wall
Type Selection and Layout:**
November 20, Seattle

Pavement Design: December 2-4,
Lacey

Traffic Engineering Operations:
December 15-17, Seattle

**Roadway Safety: Analysis,
Evaluation, and Programming:**
January 5-6, 2004, Seattle

**Basic Highway Capacity For
Engineers and Planners:** January
7-9, 2004, Seattle

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**Wetland and Upland
Habitat Restoration Design**
November 3 and 4, 2003—
Seattle

**Storm and Surface
Water Monitoring**
December 2 and 3—Seattle

