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Columbia Section Monthly Meeting

Date:	June 27, 2012
Place:	Home Builder's Association— Directions 10001 W Clearwater, Kennewick WA 99336
Meal:	All-You-Can-Eat Pizza/Sandwiches - Free for Section members (Annual Free Lunch!) and \$10 for non-members. Please pay cash or check to treasurer at meeting.
Topic:	Update on Current Projects
Speaker:	City of Kennewick
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Hi Everyone,

The May 23rd joint meeting at Snipes Mountain Brewery in Sunnyside was super! WSDOT did a great job, everyone that RSVP'd actually showed up and the food was great! It was especially nice seeing the excellent participation from the Yakima branch.

This month we're excited to hear from the City of Kennewick to hear an update on their current and upcoming projects. This month's meeting will be our annual free Section luncheon event. Since this is the free lunch, we'll be deviating from the norm and having this month's meeting at the Home Builder's Association (HBA) offices located in Kennewick.

In the news, the Federal Highway Administration has been requiring agencies to replace non-compliant devices with those that satisfy updated standards by certain dates. To keep up with these compliance dates ASCE recently hosted a webinar, Techniques for Systematically Upgrading Traffic Control Devices to Comply with the MUTCD.

A final reminder that this month we're holding elections for next year's officer team and also a couple of Director positions. As this will be my last meeting, I wanted to thank you all for the opportunity I've had to serve our Section. Meetings will resume again in September and our team is trying hard to have a great schedule for this coming year. Stay tuned and have a great summer.

Sincerely,

Chris Ells, PE



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Brightwater Prepares to begin full scale operations this September

Last September, King County, Washington, began initial operations at its new 36mgd Brightwater Treatment System. This fall, the 13mi long conveyance system that will be used to discharge treated effluent and convey reclaimed water from the treatment system is scheduled for completion [See the full article.](#)

Gonzaga University Wins ASCE Sustainable Development Award

A team of five students from Gonzaga University's civil engineering department won this year's ASCE Sustainable Development Award, presented as part of the People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Student Design Competition for Sustainability, an annual event organized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This year's P3 competition was held in Washington, D.C., on April 23. [See the full article.](#)

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ASCE Columbia Section Seeking Officer and Director Nominations

Walla Walla & Pendleton/La Grande Area Director Positions are open for election this year. Voting will take place in June and nominations will be taken by email and at the next Joint Section Meeting. The term of service for Director is 3 years and interested persons can contact [Paul Knutzen](#) for more details. Officer positions are open for election as well.

OSBEELS: Biennial Renewal Changes

Effective with the June 30, 2011 renewals, registrants are required to submit the CPD Organizational form along with their renewal for active status to certify completion of the required professional development hours. Failure to submit the CPD Organizational form may result in delinquent status or a delay in renewal processing. [Go to the Website.](#)

NCEES announces changes to FE exam

The current specifications for the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam will change in January 2014 in conjunction with the exam's transition to computer-based testing (CBT). At that time, the FE exam will be seven freestanding, discipline-specific exams: Chemical, Civil, Electrical and Computer, Environmental, Industrial, Mechanical, and Other Disciplines. [See the full article.](#)

WSDOL working to raise awareness of motorcycles

OLYMPIA — As temperatures rise across our state this season, the Department of Licensing (DOL) would like to remind drivers to watch out for an increasing number of motorcycles on our streets and highways.

ACI Foundation Fellowships & Scholarships

Applications will be accepted for ACI Foundation Fellowships and Scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year from May 10, 2012 through October 12, 2012. [Go to the Website.](#)

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