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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Western Chapter Meeting at EC-16 will include a short (I promise) presentation on what's going on in the Chapter, and then plenty of time to network, socialize, and trade business cards. The Chapter meeting will include food and beverages thanks to several generous sponsors.

Western Chapter is gearing up to co-sponsor the **Erosion Control Summit III** at Shasta College. The two-day session will include classroom training and field time to observe the correct way to install or apply erosion and sediment control products and materials. The Summit is scheduled for May 3-4, 2016 in Redding, California. Western Chapter intends to have vendor and attendee information out soon. For now, mark your personal calendar, and/or get the Summit on the calendars for a few of your best staff as recognition for a job done well. I'm planning to send a couple of my staff again this year: my staff attending the Summit last year reported the event was amazing. All attendees will earn Professional Development Hours (PDHs) to use for license/certificate renewals.



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Speaking of events, the Western Chapter needs to hold an event in the summer and/or fall. We're open to member ideas, and hope to select a topic and location that will appeal to many members or that will attract members from under-served areas of the Western Chapter area.

Watch for the **Western Chapter Scholarship Program** this year. The Scholarship is intended to assist a student in their pursuit of an education in an area related to erosion and sediment control. Students from junior colleges, colleges, and universities in the Western Chapter area are eligible to apply.

John McCullah, a Western Chapter member, has been named IECA's Outstanding Professional of the Year. Read more about John and his accomplishments elsewhere in this newsletter.

After an extensive search IECA has selected **Sharan Wilson** to be the leader for the organization. Sharan has more than twenty years of senior level leadership experience in the telecommunications industry, followed by nearly ten years as an Executive Director in the non-profit sector. Her undergraduate degree is in Advertising/Public Relations and her Masters' is in Organizational Development from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. Sharan and I have spoken by telephone and networked via email several times already, and we plan to meet at EC-16. Sharan is also planning to stop by the Western Chapter meeting, so that would be a good opportunity to meet her. I'm impressed by Sharan's open communication style and her support of chapters.

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Be All You Can Be – many hands do make light work!

An organization is only as strong and active as its members-will you become an active member?

Please see the Committees list on the Western Chapter's website to see how your talents and interests may benefit your peers and email the chairperson of that committee today!



CALL FOR ARTICLES

Do you have a technical article, regulatory update, or event announcement you'd like to share with your fellow members? Please forward articles to Cyndi at westernchapter@gmail.com and we'll publish them in the next issue of Western Chapter News! Thank you!

NEXT DEADLINE MAR. 31, 2016.

WESTERN CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING & MIXER

All attendees from California, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii are invited and encouraged to participate in the Chapter's General Meeting & Mixer to be held at EC16 on Wednesday evening – Feb. 17. The Western Chapter Board will provide a brief update on what's been happening in the Chapter, and there will be plenty of time to network with fellow Western Chapter members.

"A Texas Home Compañero" was cancelled. This gives the Western Chapter more time to socialize during our mixer, after a brief meeting. See the flyer on the last page of this newsletter for details and a list of sponsors who helped to make this event enjoyable!



WESTERN CHAPTER MEMBERS ON IECA COMMITTEES IN 2015 – WE THANK YOU!

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Craig Benson	Save Our International Land (SOIL) Fund	
Danielle Kurek	Educational Track: Stormwater Management	
Dennis Richards	Educational Track & Subcommittee: Surface Water Restoration	
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Jeanne Duarte	Awards Committee	
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Julie Etra	Save Our International Land (SOIL) Fund	
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THE USE OF VETIVER GRASS FOR HEDGEROWS AND EROSION CONTROL IN THE STATE OF OAXACA, MÉXICO

Vetiver (*Chrysopogon zizanioides*) is a grass species native to India with many useful attributes, particularly for erosion control. It is a perennial plant that does not produce viable seed, stolons, or rhizomes; but has a very fibrous and deep root system. It is not invasive. Vetiver has been used globally for decades in tropical and semi-tropical climates over a wide range of site conditions and soils; however it will not tolerate prolonged freezing at depth. This plant has been used extensively all over the world for erosion and sediment control, mostly in tropical or subtropical climates, such as Brazil, China, the Congo, Australia, Indonesia, Venezuela, Vietnam, Thailand, India, the Philippines, Senegal, Zimbabwe, Nigeria, Colombia, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Costa Rica, and the southern United States. Vetiver made its debut in Oaxaca Mexico over 20 years ago. Propagation is rapid and easy and one tiller can multiply to 25 plus tillers in two to three months, depending on climate and growing conditions. The Vetiver Network International (http://vetiver.org/) is the most thorough and current resource for this plant.

Vetiver was introduced in the State of Oaxaca about 20 years ago to three regions of the state, through the non-profit LASOS. After its introduction, there is little record of its use elsewhere in the state, although plants can be found in unexpected places; presumably established by the government between 10 and 20 years ago. Its fall from popularity or lack of use as an excellent erosion control material remains unexplained.

The State of Oaxaca located on the southern (Pacific) coast of Mexico is the 5th largest state in Mexico with an area of 95,364 square kilometers. It ranks first, however, for cultural and biological diversity, and is home to 14 distinct indigenous peoples (30% of Mexico) and at least 16 distinct languages. Oaxaca is divided into 570 municipalities. Its capital is Oaxaca de Juárez, acknowledging the birthplace of Benito Juarez, Mexico's first indigenous (Zapotec) President. It contains 80% of the vegetation types in Mexico, from semi-desert to tropical rain forest with much original forest intact, and is home to more plant species than Europe.

Being primarily mountainous, erosion problems are mainly associated with land use conversions from native forest to agriculture and grazing, timber harvesting, and road development. The change in land use, including road development, has mainly been done on the municipal and local level. The Federal Government, based in Mexico City, is responsible for developing and maintaining the federal road system. It is not uncommon to see slope failures associated with corn, now an annual crop (resultant from thousands of years of plant breeding from the original perennial grass called teosinte) planted on unsuitable cleared, steep slopes.

Whether on the local or federal level, erosion control, e.g. source control, is rarely addressed, and resultant sediment control is often under analyzed, inappropriate, inadequate, or poorly implemented; resulting in frequent slope failures, water body contamination, and road closures. Typical sediment control methods seen in Oaxaca and elsewhere in Mexico are hard engineering solutions such as gabions, rock fall netting, and geotextiles. Underappreciated and rarely used are biotechnical methods such as the use of vegetation for both erosion and sediment control, alone or in combination with other structures. (Continued on Page 6)



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IECA NAMES ITS OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR FOR 2015

Denver, Colo. – The International Erosion Control Association Region One (IECA) has named **John McCullah** as the Outstanding Professional of the Year for 2015. This award recognizes an IECA member that demonstrates excellence in their work in the industry and is viewed by his IECA peers as an industry leader through significant engagement with the IECA. McCullah has been in the industry for more than 30 years and during that time he has become a renowned industry expert whose influence spans the globe. In addition to working across the continental United States, McCullah has completed projects in exotic and dramatically different locations such as Malaysia and New Zealand.



He is a teacher, a scholar, an activist and a professional; and in each of these roles he has made significant positive impacts on the industry in a number of ways over the years. John is a member of the Western Chapter of IECA. John will be officially honored at IECA's annual conference and expo, Environmental Connection 2016 in San Antonio, Texas on February 17.

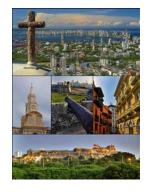
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We recently sat down with BMCI's President, Julian Mendez, and asked him more about BMCI and their commitment to erosion and sediment control. Julian states that he is an active member of the WCIECA - an organization he has belonged to since 2014. The IECA keeps him up to date on the latest technology and courses required to maintain his credentials as a storm water practitioner. Julian emphatically shared that "working to save our waterways for future generations is a primary goal for BMCI." Putting BMCI's reputation behind the work and products they use are what has kept BMCI an erosion control industry leader in Southern California for the past several years. Julian also stated that BMCI is not "just about one person," but all of his employees that make BMCI the company it is today.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As you can see, the Western Chapter has a lot going on, but can do even more with member support. If you have ideas for Western Chapter events and/or if you are interested in volunteering, please drop me an email (jendicott@cascinc.com) or look me up at EC-16 so we can talk.

Best regards,

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THE USE OF VETIVER GRASS FOR HEDGEROWS AND EROSION CONTROL IN THE STATE OF OAXACA, MÉXICO (Continued from page 3)

In 2013, with the intent of increasing its use through broader distribution and education, Western Botanical Services, Inc. (WBS) obtained a box of bare root tillers from the Benemérita Universidad Autónoma de Puebla and re-initiated its use along the coast though the establishment of several small nurseries and projects. In 2015, hedgerow plantings were installed on small organic farms, and in the coffee-growing region of Pluma Hidalgo on over-steepened slopes. Pluma, only relatively recently settled, suffers from severe slope failures that result in property loss, road closures, decreased productivity, and almost continuous road maintenance. In 2016 additional plantings have taken place at a rural school on the outskirts of Huatulco, and at the high-end resort of Montecito, where is it being used primarily for screening and privacy.

Through successful demonstration plantings and education, we anticipate that vetiver will be adopted and more broadly used along highway corridors, in lieu of or in addition to traditional engineering solutions.

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Feb 17 (5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.) Western Chapter General Meeting and Mixer (Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center in San Antonio, TX. Room 302B)

May 3-4 (Shasta College Erosion Control Training Facility in Redding, CA) Erosion Control Summit with exhibitor opportunities!

Here's a link to find out more about the Shasta College Erosion Control Training Facility: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zAz71Fgys M8

UPCOMING WEBINARS

See <u>ieca.org</u> for more details

March 16 - Lessons Learned from 46,000 ESC Inspections

April 6 - IECA Vendor Webinar: Maximizing Project
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