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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Western Chapter Board of Directors has **adopted a budget** that placed the Chapter in the black (that's the "good" color!). Getting to "black" required surgical cuts to the budget in areas unlikely to impact service to Chapter members, and a laser focus on making sure that Chapter programs are sustainable and focused on member service. To that end, some administrative functions have been transferred from our contract administrative assistant over to our volunteer Directors, and we have cosponsored events with likeminded organizations to share the risk and the rewards that go along with hosting educational events.

Speaking of co-sponsored events, the Western Chapter co-sponsored the *BMP Summit* held at Shasta College in May. The *BMP Summit* included both classroom and field training, and exhibitor displays and exhibitor product demonstrations. Attendees came from far and wide



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including multiple states and even an international contingent. The evaluations received after the event underscored the success of the event. The Western Chapter networking event held on the first evening of the BMP Summit was a success was well.

The Western Chapter is aggressively pursuing education and training events for our members, and we have several programs in the works.

- Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control for CIP/PIP/LUP Projects: This
 one-day class will be on October 26, 2016 in San Marcos, California.
- Dust Control: This class will be in January 2017 in Phoenix, Arizona. The exact date and location are still in the works.
- BMP Summit: This will be another two-day session, with one day in the classroom and one day in the field. The session will be in May 2017 in Redding, California. While the emphasis of Chapter education and training events is on service to members, non-members are welcome to attend most events. One particular benefit of membership is a substantial discount on registration fees for Chapter events.

The Western Chapter web page is the place to go to get the most updated information regarding Chapter events, including the training and education events noted above.

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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!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

The Western Chapter continues to modernize in our quest for efficient and effective member service. A *Chapter Store* is being developed for the Chapter web page. The *Chapter Store* will provide the means for both attendees and exhibitors to register for upcoming Chapter events. Look for the *Chapter Store* to be functional in time to take attendee and exhibitor registrations for the October 2016 *Construction Site Erosion and Sediment Control for CIP/PIP/LUP Projects* event in San Marcos. Who knows, with the *Chapter Store*, we might even start selling chapter polo shirts!

The Western Chapter Annual Meeting will be held again this year during Environmental Connection 2017. EC-17 is in Atlanta, Georgia February 21-24, 2017. The Western Chapter Annual Meeting will likely be in the evening on February 22. I have personally been to the last two Western Chapter Annual Meetings: they were both a lot of fun and excellent networking opportunities.

The deadline for applications for the **Western Chapter Scholarship Program** was July 1, a few days after the cutoff for the **Summer Newsletter**. Look to the Fall Newsletter for results of the scholarship competition.

Chapter Elections are conducted in July – watch for your voting instructions and please take a moment to read the candidate statements and to vote for your **Western Chapter Board of Directors**.

The Western Chapter has a lot going on, but can do even more with member support. Please encourage your colleagues to join IECA and the Western Chapter. If you have ideas for Western Chapter events and/or if you are interested in volunteering, please drop me an email or give me a call.

Best regards,

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Is your project going great? Did someone do a good job? Do you have a technical article, regulatory update, contractor to highlight or event announcement you'd like to share with your fellow members?

Please forward articles to the westernchapter@gmail.com and we'll publish them in the next issue of Western Chapter News!

Thank you!

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BOOK REVIEW: EROSION CONTROL AND LAND RESTORATION PABLO GARCIA CHEVESICH, PHD.

First, thanks to the Western Chapter for giving me the opportunity and privilege to write this review, which required me to finally slow down and read this work, critically, and for the most part in its entirety.

This is an exceptional and comprehensive publication, well investigated and well written by one the IECA's most talented, dedicated, and generous contributors. According to the author, the inspiration for his work began when he was taking care of his dad during a hospital stay and it occurred to him that there wasn't any textbook about the topic in Spanish. Following production of the text in Spanish (Procesos y Control de la Erosión. 2008. Outskirts Press, Denver, CO. 276 p.) he subsequently realized that the English literature is also very sparse, and decided to produce the English version. The only other text addressing erosion control that I am aware of is the 1986 publication *Erosion and Sediment Control Handbook* (S. J. Goldman, K. Jackson, and T.A. Bursztynsky) McGRAW-HILL. This is a good text, a little bit dated, and not as comprehensive as the Chevesich text. And since the author is Chilean, the reader also benefits from his experiences and observations in his native country.

Dr. Chevesich is a forest engineer with a Masters of Science in Watershed Management. He received his PhD. from the University of Arizona in Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering. He is currently a Board Member of the Western Chapter.

The book was self-funded and is available on Amazon. It is the required text for his course, but sold at cost price. He will be teaching a chapter of the text and his course at the upcoming IberoAmercia conference in Cartagena on August 15, 2016 (http://www.viiicices.org/), ('Control de erosión posterior a incendios'), and has recently taught the course at the University of Denver, and Costa Rica. As of this writing he is teaching it in Chile and will be teaching in Cuba. Maccaferri and GEI Works purchased a few copies of the book, as a contribution to cover part of the publishing costs. Ten percent of the sales profits are also donated to the IECA Soil Fund.

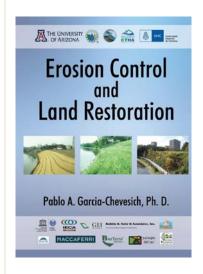
The quote from the back cover summarizes the gravity of the issues addressed in the text: "The future of our species is currently being threatened by three main environmental issues: global warming, overpopulation, and soil erosion. This text addresses the third issue. Every minute about 36 HA are lost worldwide due to erosion and desertification processes and many of them don't ever recover again." Throughout the book the author continuously reminds the reader and links the terms "erosion, desertification, and poverty" as a "chain reaction that is difficult to break".

Contributors included individuals, organizations, universities, businesses, and 'people'. The cover includes logos from a variety of these contributors. Unlike other US state-oriented BMP manuals and texts from individual states, Pablo's book has examples of global processes and techniques that originate from a wide range of climates, geology, and geography, and include the countries of Costa Rica, Argentina, Brazil, Madagascar, Great Britain, several US states, Spain, Uruguay, and Texas.



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Julie Etra, MS, CPESC, Principal of Western Botanical Services, Inc., has more than 28 years of experience in the fields of erosion control, revegetation, restoration, botanical surveys, environmental documents, monitoring, and wetlands. She has had extensive teaching experience, has produced more than fourteen publications, and has received numerous awards for design work. She has been an active member of IECA since 1988 and currently serves on the Board of Directors as Vice President for International Development. She is also bi-lingual (Spanish). Etra is also a regular contributor of articles to **Environmental Connection** Magazine.



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SHASTA COLLEGE BMP SUMMIT SUMMARY

The Shasta College BMP Summit (Summit) was hosted by Shasta College and cosponsored by Sacramento Watersheds Action Group (SWAG), California Community College's "Doing What Matters for Jobs and the Economy", and the Western Chapter IECA. John McCullah, SWAG and Shasta College instructor, was the project manager; Heather Kelnhofer, DSN Agriculture, Water and Environment, coordinated the event facilities; and Cyndi Brinkhurst (WC-IECA) coordinated the exhibitor attendance. Eric Berntsen and John McCullah were the event instructors.

The Summit was very well attended. SWAG's records show over 100 attendees. There were 9 exhibitors. There was a great range of professionals representing those working in stormwater – cities of Redding, Napa, and West Sacramento were represented; Butte County, the State Water Board, the Bureau of Reclamation and Caltrans were some examples of agencies. PG&E, Western Area Power Admin. and Redding Electric Utilities had professionals eager for more information for access roads and ROWs. Santa Clara Valley Water District and Siskiyou Telephone also sent staff. Nearly 50% of the attendees were individuals and professionals with QSD/QSP, CPESC, CPSWQ certifications looking for new information and continuing education. Some construction companies and consulting firms, very active in stormwater, also came to the Summit. We also hosted individuals from far flung countries such as Taipei, Marianas Islands, Reunion Island, and France. The French ONEMA (their EPA equivalent) is developing BMPs for inclusion into their Water and Rivers regulations.

Shasta College and SWAG offered certificates of attendance for the individuals looking to report the professional development hours (PDHs). The college and SWAG also provided reduced group rates and offered free scholarships of attendance to students. The college, being active in North State workforce development, is very interested in looking at more opportunities such as more stormwater curriculum and possible college certificates. The college and workforce development staff are also open to ideas for sharing the experiences offered by the Erosion Control Training Facility, the Heavy Equipment Operations program, and Erosion Control curriculum with other California Community Colleges.

The Western Chapter distributed a survey the results of which combined with the participants comments, clearly showed a need and desire for hands-on BMP demonstrations and experiences. The large numbers were awesome but also presented some challenges when trying to demonstrate the BMPs in the field. About 25% responded to the survey and overall the responses were positive. Several respondents provided valuable suggestions to make the experience in future Summits even better. It seemed clear that the facilities, food, field site, and dates were more than adequate to excellent. Based on these experiences the college is reserving the facilities for another BMP Summit next May.











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John McCullah owns and operates Salix Applied Earthcare (Salix), a consulting firm located in Redding, California. Since 1994, the company has been implementing Erosion Control. Watershed Restoration, Bioengineering and Biotechnical Stream bank Stabilization projects, as well as developing educational materials and training programs for these disciplines. Mr. McCullah is a Watershed Geologist and CPESC #311.He has completed many projects, including biotechnical slope stabilization. John's career in Watershed Management has also involved forming Sacramento Watersheds Action Group (SWAG) allowing him to design and implement largescale stream, road, and slope restoration projects. He has taught at Shasta College for 16 years and produces the Dirt Time video series. It has been said that "Dirt Time is the This Old House of erosion control".

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WHAT'S NEW AT HEADQUARTERS

Some highlights from IECA for our members:

- Felix Ortiz is the new Marketing/Publications Director.
- Mark Pinkel was a contractor helping us out with membership planning, and has finished his assignment. We are in the final stages of reference checking for two candidates for an in-house Membership Director position, and will be making that announcement soon.
- Jimmy Eanes has resigned and Joanna Fetherolf has stepped up to fill the Education Director position.
- Rose Ann Barranco is our new Office Coordinator/Bookkeeper.
- Gretchen Bliss is the new Meeting Planner and ready to help in any way with your events.
- We have developed a new chart of accounts that will enable us to better track and predict financial trends. Along with that, we have moved from Peachtree Accounting to QuickBooks online, so if you ever want detailed IECA financial information, you will be able to look at reports from your desktop. We also successfully completed an audit and passed with flying colors!
- We are re-aligning some of the chapters due to the inception of a new Canadian Chapter of IECA. All the provinces that were formally in other chapters will now be a part of a new Canadian Chapter. (Western is not impacted by this re-alignment.)
- We are in the process of upgrading our membership database system, which will automate many of the functions we now do manually. This will also include a new website. This process should be completed before conference.
- Atlanta is the location of EC17; Long Beach EC18 and Denver EC19. We hope to have you actively involved in Long Beach planning and speaker selection.
- Please let me know when the next board meeting is so that I can make sure someone is a part of your call. We like to hear about all the Chapter's accomplishments!

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BOOK REVIEW: CONTINUED

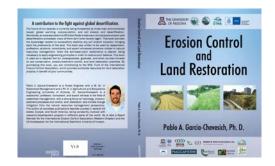
The book is organized into three units: Unit 1 details the erosion process, causes, and classification; Unit 2 includes methodologies for determining design flows; and Unit 3 addresses design of structures and practices. For example, surface creep, a phenomenon of which I was unaware (or at least unobservant) until I met Dr. Chevesich in Panama several years ago, is well described in Unit 1. The scope of the book is broad and addresses topics ranging from design of bridge abutments, to biotechnical engineering, to mine tailing remediation. The book is sprinkled with interesting facts. I learned that gabions were constructed as long ago as 4,000 years, but that the wire version was first produced by Maccaferri in 1892, patented in 1913 by an Italian engineer, and then acquired by Maccaferri.

The only topics I thought were a little weak or where I take issue were as follows:

- The general lack of explanation or differentiation between sediment control versus erosion control, (sediment control is necessary only when erosion control has not been achieved): Silt fences don't control erosion; they control sedimentation after erosion has already occurred.
- 2. Confusion among types of erosion control fabrics and geotextiles (Chapter 8, Geosynthetics): Geosynthetics to me means that these materials are manufactured from synthetic monofilaments such as polypropylene and nylon and are meant to persist in the environment. By definition they would not include rapidly degradable (more or less, depending on climate) textiles manufactured from plant-derived materials such as coconut fiber, jute, etc. Biomats would therefore not be a subset of geosynthetics but more broadly a subset of geotextiles.
- 3. Soil engineering versus biotechnical engineering (Chapter 13): Also from my perspective and experience biotechnical engineering does by definition include the use of biology, (e.g., in this case vegetation) for engineering solutions where the vegetation is integral to the erosion control system. Species are generally not comprised of typical landscaping species in a conventional application but rely on native vegetation to achieve stabilization. For example, I consider willow brush mattresses to be an excellent type of biotechnical engineering, where the willows provide erosion control and bank stabilization while also providing habitat (shade for fish, cover for birds, small mammals, and reptiles) in lieu of typical hard armoring with riprap.

But decide for yourself, as this text should be in every practitioner's library.

Chevesich, P.G. *Erosion Control and Land Restoration*. 2016. Outskirts Press, Denver CO. 451 p.



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SHASTA COLLEGE HOSTS INTERNATIONAL EROSION CONTROL BMP SUMMIT

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In May of this year, the WCIECA hosted the 2016 Erosion Control BMP Summit in the picturesque community of Redding, CA. The event was located at the Shasta College Erosion Control Training Facility. The facility is nestled in with the horticultural department of the campus and provided a tranquil backdrop for the conference. Professionals from all over the world attended the 2-day session. The seminar offered classroom and field instruction, as

well as the opportunity to meet vendors and network with other professionals in the erosion and sediment control industry.

Classroom presentations were led by industry icon, John McCullah. His genuine enthusiasm and passion for his profession elevated his lecture from the typical humdrum experience of a classroom setting. McCullah's discussion focused on the proper implementations of erosion control and sediment control applications, and he provided information on current technologies in erosion and sediment control. McCullah placed an emphasis on understanding the environment, geology, and soils of your project to assist in BMP selection. Highlights of his lecture were sustainable sediment control applications such as compost and the use of willows in stream bed restoration projects. Assisting in the classroom presentation was restoration biologist, Eric Berntsen provided a brief overview of current stormwater regulations. Berntsen offered insight into the benefits of low impact design (LID) principles and solutions on how to mimic pre-project hydrology using LID principles. Field instruction was also led by McCullah. It was conducted at the five acre training site just a short walk from the classroom. This portion of the seminar delivered a fun and interactive learning experience for participants. Various sections of the site were dedicated to BMPs ranging from hydroseed, compost socks, and coir mats/ fiber rolls for students to observe. Attendees participated in the application of hydroseed and compost, and assisted in the installation of coir fiber rolls and geotextile mats. demonstrations of silt fencing and the use of willow cuttings for slope stabilization were performed by students from the college.

The classroom and field sessions also provided vendors with the opportunity to showcase their products. Vendors had booths set up inside the classroom displaying their products. The vendors were able to discuss the design of their products and applicable uses on a one-on-one basis with attendees during break times. Field instruction also gave vendors the ability to show how their products are installed and the effectiveness of their technology.

Overall, the event was an excellent chance for professionals at all levels within the industry to learn about erosion and sediment control applications.

If you have a contractor, book, project etc. you would like to highlight please send submissions to:

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UPCOMING DATES & MEETINGS

EVENTS

- August 14–17 (Cartagena, Columbia) <u>VIII Iberoamerican Congress of Erosion</u> and Sediment Control
- September 12 (San Diego, CA) <u>CASQA's 12th Annual Conference!</u> Stormwater Evolution: Source to Resource
- October 17-21 (Redding, CA) Stream Restoration Summit preliminarily scheduled for 2-days during this week.
- October 26 (San Marcos, CA) CIP/PIP/LUP Projects In Construction Workshop. More details to follow soon!

WEBINARS

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- July 20 Start Here: A Primer on Erosion and Sediment Control
- August 3 FREE* Organic, natural, weed free, photodegradable, and biodegradable products: What's the difference and when should they be used? Sponsored by East Coast Erosion Control
- August 31 <u>Tecnicas de Ingeniria del Paisaje para Las Obras de Infraestructuras: Materiales</u>
- September 7 <u>FREE* Underground Storage: More Than Hiding Stormwater</u>sponsored by StormTank
- September 21 Designing LID Systems: What do you need to know and why

DEADLINES

- May 31 Environmental Connection 2017 in Atlanta, Georgia Abstract submissions.
- June 15 IECA abstract deadline for EC17 Call for Presentations.
- June 29 WCIECA Election Closes. Check your email for your voting key.
- July 29 IECA Board Nomination Closes. Details here.

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NEXT WESTERN CHAPTER EVENT

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday, October 26, 2016

CONSTRUCTION SITE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP COVERING TRADITIONAL, LINEAR UTILITY, AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

WHO:

Contractors, Engineers, Inspector, Designers, Regulators

WHERE:

City of San Marcos, 3 Civic Center Drive, San Marcos, CA 92069

WHEN:

October 26, 2016, ~8:30 AM to ~4:30 PM

WHY:

Meet training requirements, earn Professional Development Hours for certification renewal, networking, and learning.

WHAT:

Hear from local and regional experts and product vendors regarding construction site erosion and sediment control and storm water

management. Detailed agenda to follow.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Registration information coming soon!

PRODUCT MANUFACTURES / REPS:

Limited exhibit space and presentation opportunities available.



