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SDAG MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

REGULATING LAND USE IN GROUNDWATER DEPENDENT AREAS OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY - ACHIEVEMENTS AND CHALLENGES

presented by

Jim Bennett, PG, CHG - County of San Diego Groundwater Geologist

Where: Catalina Room (southern end of MVCC) **SEE MAP, PAGE 2**
Marina Village Conference Center
1936 Quivira Way, San Diego, CA 92109

When: 5:30 pm – Social Hour
6:30 pm – Dinner
7:30 pm – Program

Directions: FROM INTERSTATE 5: Take the SEA WORLD DRIVE exit. From SEA WORLD DRIVE, take WEST MISSION BAY DRIVE on your right. When you see the large green sign that says QUIVIRA ROAD, get in the farthest left of the two left turn lanes. Turn left, go one very short block and turn left again. Drive about one half mile and MARINA VILLAGE will be on your right.

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Dinner: Italian Buffet. Beverage station. Dessert. Cash bar.

Cost: \$30 per person, \$15 for students, \$5 discount for CURRENT SDAG members and their guests. Add \$5 if you did not make a reservation.

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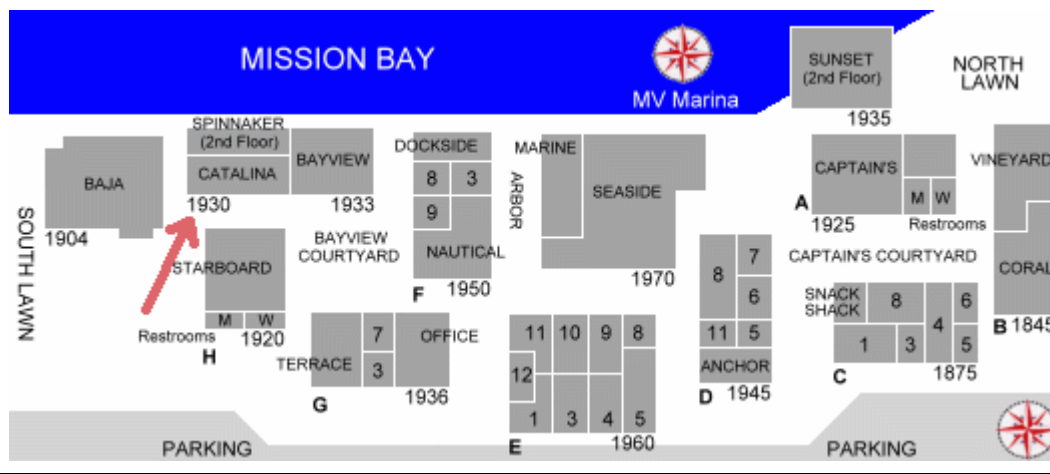
Mr. Bennett joined the County of San Diego in June 2005 and processes proposed groundwater discretionary permits in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations including the San Diego County Groundwater Ordinance and CEQA. In addition, Mr. Bennett is responsible for the updating and maintaining County's groundwater policies, procedures, and the County's groundwater monitoring network. Mr. Bennett previously worked in consulting for GeoSyntec Consultants and URS Corporation.

Regulating Land Use in Groundwater Dependent Areas of San Diego County – Achievements and Challenges

Nearly 2,750 square miles of the San Diego County are totally dependent on groundwater resources, which provide the only source of water for approximately 41,000 residents (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000). Over 70 percent of the unincorporated area of the County is underlain by fractured crystalline rock aquifers, which have very limited storage. Desert basins in the eastern portion of the County have relatively large storage capacities but extremely limited recharge. These factors severely limit the potential of additional growth and development in groundwater dependent areas.

The County has a unique set of regulations to regulate groundwater dependent discretionary projects within its jurisdiction through the San Diego County Groundwater Ordinance and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Groundwater Ordinance has residential density controls, groundwater investigation requirements, and well testing requirements. Through CEQA, projects are required to address cumulative impacts to groundwater resources, and ongoing mitigation and monitoring requirements are required for some large projects associated with use permits.

The County currently is going through a comprehensive update of its General Plan, which will guide overall land use densities throughout the unincorporated areas of the County through the year 2020. As part of the update, a groundwater study is being conducted mainly in fractured rock aquifers covering an approximate 2,500 square mile area to indicate whether there will be a sustainable supply of groundwater for proposed land uses under maximum buildout of the General Plan.



2008 SDAG MEETING SCHEDULE - Mark your Calendars!

Meetings are usually on the 3rd Wednesday of the month but may change to accommodate speaker and meeting place schedules. Check here for updates!

February 20	Steffi Schwabe, Clear Water Secrets: A Microscopic Discovery in the Cave Formation Story
March 19	TBD
April 16	Student Presentations

ANNOUNCEMENTS

National Association of Geoscience Teachers Far Western Section Spring 2008 Field Conference
Geoscience Investigations in Northern San Diego County and Beyond: Student-Directed Explorations
March 14-16, 2008, hosted by Palomar, MiraCosta, and CSU San Marcos. We hope that you'll join us for an exploration of geoscience field trips in and around northern San Diego County. Unlike some NAGT field trips that explore remote locations, much of this conference will be held in an urban setting and highlight some of the field trips we do during half-day or full-day trips with students enrolled in our geology, geography, oceanography and Earth science classes. See www.palomar.edu/earthscience for more information.

ONE STOP WONDERS!

December 22 was the first day of winter. At 2:16 pm, there was a -1.6 foot tide, within a foot of the lowest tide of the year. A group of over 25 SDAG members and friends assembled for our ninth and last One Stop Wonder of 2007. Jim Stewart gave us his "cook's tour" of Scripps Pier. He handled the contracting of its construction in 1984 after the old 1916 pier was heavily damaged in a storm the previous year. We saw scientific instruments that measure daily water and air parameters. The pier is located north of the La Jolla Submarine Canyon, but south of the Scripps Branch. The canyon is one of North America's large submarine canyons. Jim talked about the various experiments that have been conducted in the vicinity of the pier. He showed us a rock which looks like an Indian mortar. He found it in about 55 feet of water south of the pier. Apparently it was discarded there thousands of years ago when sea level was much lower. From the pier, we had a great view of the cliffs to the north where we could see beds of mudstone, sandstone, and conglomerate of an Eocene submarine fan, whose deposits are visible in the cliffs over 3 miles north to Torrey Pines Beach. We walked north along the beach around a landslide on which the U.S. Fisheries building is located, to a basaltic andesite dike. Professor Monte Marshall gave an interesting presentation on a paleomagnetic studies that former students of his conducted. We saw the 1-inch diameter drill holes from which samples were collected. The paleomagnetic data are consistent with a dike that is nearly vertical and narrows slightly, then widens with depth. The dike continues offshore to the south. The magnetic signal of the dike was detected by the magnetometer in a boat to the Scripps Pier, and was actually detected south of the pier before the signal was lost as the depth increased. Back on shore we followed the dike across the beach to the north, past the "mushroom" house, to where the dike narrowed to about 3 feet. No exposure of the dike was observed in the cliff, although slough covered the lower portion. It's likely the dike simply pinches out. Professor Marshall offered to lead



a group of interested SDAG members and students to complete a study to map the paleomagnetism of the dike, supplement the study with thin-section analysis, and up-to-date radiometric age dating. Let's return in 2008! Thanks to everyone who have made SDAG's OSWs a success.

From the Coast Geological Society 2008 Desert Symposium Field Trip: April 19-21, 2008, "Development of the Colorado River and its entry into the Salton Trough." The field trip will explore geographic extent of the Bouse Formation and contrast fresh water deposits with deposits containing marine fossils. Examine sediments at Anza-Borrego that indicate when the Colorado River entered the Salton Trough. Drive from eastern Mojave Desert pinon-juniper plateaus to the Sonoran vegetation of the Colorado Desert. Contact wpresch@fullerton.edu more information.

Rocks with Provenance Needed for a Reference Collection for Typing and Sourcing San Diego Co. Artifacts

The San Diego Archaeological Center and local archaeologists need a county-wide reference collection of local rocks from outcrops. The collection will be an important resource for archaeologists involved in typing and sourcing stone artifacts from the San Diego area.

Norrie Robbins, adjunct faculty in the Dept. of Geological Sciences at SDSU, is spearheading this volunteer effort. She notes that geologists use a much wider variety of descriptors for rocks than do archaeologists. One of the objectives of this project is to cross-reference archaeological categories with geological ones to help develop a mutually understandable terminology and to improve sourcing. Rock specimens in the reference collection will be identified by spatial coordinates and both geological and archaeological descriptors.

Please contact Norrie (nrobbins@geology.sdsu.edu, 619-303-9095) with any questions and to arrange pick up of specimens. Specimens may also be placed in her mailbox at SDSU or dropped off at the Center (please indicate Attention: Rebecca Nathan). In addition, Dr. Robbins or Dr. Tim Gross will be available at most meetings of the San Diego County Archaeological Society (SDCAS) and San Diego Association of Geologists (SDAG) to accept specimens. Building the reference collection is a long-term project. There is no time limit for making your contributions.

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Contact Candy Engelstad, HR/Administrative Manager, Brown and Caldwell, cengelstad@brwncald.com

Tel: (858) 514-8822 Fax: (858) 514-8833

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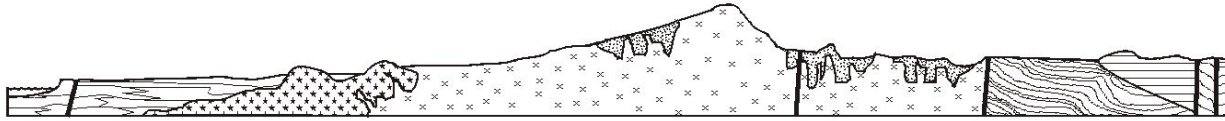
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