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This Meeting:
Thursday
Nov. 1st

Time:
Social: 6:00pm
Dinner: 7:00pm
Lecture: 7:30pm

Location:
LSA Associates
1500 Iowa Ave
Suite 200
Riverside, CA
92507
(Map on Pg.5)

Coming to
Dinner?
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November Speakers:

Kent Norton and Bruce Wilcox

Michael Brandman Associates



Regulatory Permitting Requirements: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

Abstract

Mr. Kent Norton and Mr. Bruce Wilcox, of Michael Brandman Associates, Inland Empire Office, will present an overview of the CEQA/NEPA programs and regulatory permitting processes with an emphasis on geotechnical constraints and analyses.

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Biographies:

Kent Norton is Director of Environmental Services for MBA, Inland Empire office. He has almost 30 years of experience in CEQA/NEPA compliance for public and private clients, ranging from small tract maps to a 13,000-acre subdivision in the high desert. He has prepared Initial Studies, Negative Declarations, and Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) for projects throughout Southern California. He has prepared EIRs for numerous large land development projects and master planned communities in the southland, including the Glen Helen Specific Plan and the University Hills Specific Plan (formerly the Paradise Hills Specific Plan) both in San Bernardino. Major projects with geotechnical evaluations include the Sierra Bella Specific Plan in Corona, the Quail Ranch Golf Course and development project near the Badlands and Mystic Lake, Glen Helen Specific Plan, and the Roripaugh Ranch Specific Plan in Temecula. He prepared the Coldwater Canyon Reservoir EIR and the Los Alamos Hills Master Plan and EIR, which won awards for “Outstanding Environmental Analysis Document for Small Jurisdictions” from the State Association of Environmental Professionals in 2000 and 2002, respectively. Mr. Norton also provided planning and environmental consulting services to two telecommunications companies for over 100 cellular telephone sites in Los Angeles and Kern Counties. Mr. Norton has recently managed the preparation of comprehensive EIRs for the Sunny Cal Specific Plan/Annexation/Sphere of Influence Amendment project in the City of Beaumont, the P&V Development project on 13,000 acres of desert land between Victorville and Barstow, the Glen Helen Specific Plan Final EIR, the Sierra Bella Specific Plan EIR in the City of Corona, and the Cedar Glen Disaster Recovery Redevelopment Plan EIR near Lake Arrowhead for the County of San Bernardino. Mr. Norton is currently State President of the Association of Environmental Professionals, and is a member of the American Planning Association (APA), American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and is a state Registered Environmental Assessor (REA).

Bruce Wilcox is the regional manager for the MBA Inland Empire office in San Bernardino and directly manages the work of the regulatory permitting group. Mr. Wilcox has over 15 years of experience in natural resource regulatory compliance and ecological science consulting services. He has served as project principal, project manager and task leader on infrastructure, transportation, land management, private sector, and master planning projects throughout the United States. Mr. Wilcox involvement has included projects with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), US Forest Service, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and state Transportation Departments and Flood Control Districts developing Master Plans, Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs), Natural Area Conservation Plans, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-level documents and other environmental regulatory compliance documentation. Mr. Wilcox is also well versed in regulatory compliance under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and has managed the permitting process on several large-scale projects. He has worked with USACE and other agencies in the development of permit guidelines for Individual and General permits. Prior to joining the MBA team, Mr. Wilcox was the Environmental Program Manager for the Imperial Irrigation District’s Water transfer project, where he managed the preparation of the revised HCP and Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP), as well as managing the implementation of the mitigation measures prescribed in those documents. He was also Imperial Irrigation District’s representative on the Advisory Board and Science Committee for the state’s Salton Sea Ecosystem Restoration Program. He was also the lead on discussions with

For Your Consideration:

There have been some discussions regarding the possibility of starting a master's degree program in geology at California State University, San Bernardino. However, before the School of Natural Sciences can entertain the thought of such a program, the local community of geo-science professionals must show sufficient interest. Presently, if we, or one of our colleagues, wishes to pursue a Master's Degree in Geology, or wishes to take specialized, advanced classes, we have to travel to a State university or college campus in Orange or Los Angeles Counties. As we all are well aware, travel on So-Cal freeways has become mind-boggling, tortuous, and impractical.

If you, or your firm, believes that an advanced degree program at our local CSU would benefit our profession or community, please send a letter of support for such a program via e-mail to the CSUSB department chair, Dr Alan L. Smith at alsmith@csusb.edu. You may also contact either Jeff Fitzsimmons (jeff@johnbyerlyinc.com) or Steve Mains (watermains@aol.com), who have graciously volunteered to help organize a delegation to speak in support of this program to the University.

~NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 IGS OFFICERS~

Nominations for 2008 IGS Officers are now open! Elections will be held during the December 2007 meeting and via email prior to this meeting. Official installation of new officers will occur during the January 2008 meeting. Current nominations include:

President:	<i>open</i>	Treasurer:	<i>Maggie Gooding</i>
Vice President:	<i>Thomas Deane</i>	Membership Chair:	<i>Steve Mains</i>
Secretary:	<i>Dixie Lass</i>	Newsletter Editor:	<i>Patrice Copeland</i>
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Please contact Steve Mains (951-780-5636 watermains@aol.com) or Patrice Copeland (951-321-4576 pcopeland@waterboards.ca.gov) with your nominations.

Officer Duties (Loosely Interpreted):

President: Introduces speakers during regular meetings; presides over IGS Board meetings; generally represents our society to the public in a professional manner.

Vice President: Arranges speakers for our meetings. Ensures that speakers' abstracts and biographies are submitted to the Newsletter Editor in a timely manner prior to publication.

Secretary: Arranges for and/or picks up & delivers food, drinks, and supplies for the dinner portions of the meetings.

Treasurer: Handles "money;" includes banking, checking account, t-shirt funds, publications, etc.

Membership Chair: Primary contact person for new members; maintains master membership list; sends out notices and newsletters, as appropriate.

Newsletter Editor: Ensures that the newsletter is published prior to meetings in a timely manner. Serves as contact to the public for all notices, articles, and entries for the newsletter.

Student Liaison Officers (newly created positions): Encourage students to come to our meetings, recruit new members (students and faculty) and posts our announcements/newsletters on department bulletin boards. Society will pay the membership dues and dinners for all student liaison officers. One student from each of the local colleges and universities may qualify for these positions.

Job Opportunities/ Upcoming Events

Chino Basin Water Conservation District-



Water Conservation Specialist III

(New Job Posting as of 10-10-07)

Chino Basin Water Conservation District has a new position available that will develop and manage a Landscape Evaluation/Audit Program (LEAP) targeting residential, commercial, industrial and institutional landscapes within the District's boundaries; and other duties as assigned.

More information and a District application (required) may be obtained at www.cbwcd.org. Submit application and resume to General Manager, Chino Basin Water Conservation District; P.O. Box 2400; Montclair, CA 91763.

Salary: \$56,284 - \$73,438 DOQ plus company paid medical, vision, dental, life insurance and PERS retirement

GSA—2008 Combined Section Meeting

Cordilleran (104th Meeting) and
Rocky Mountain (59th Meeting)

March 19-22, 2008

Las Vegas, NV

<http://www.geosociety.org/sectdiv/cord/08mtg/>

2008 Desert Symposium & Field Trip

California State University's Desert Studies Center at Zzyzx, California, 22nd annual Desert Symposium: *Development of the Colorado River and its entry into the Salton Trough*. Abstracts of the proceedings and a field trip guide will be published.

April 18-21, 2008

Field Trip—April 19-21, 2008

For more info, contact Dr. William Presch at: wpresch@fullerton.edu

IGS Meeting Schedule

December 5, 2007 (Wednesday)

Eric Lindberg, Wildermuth Environmental,
Arlington Basin Study

January 10, 2008 (Thursday)

George Copenhaver, Geocon, Geology of the
San Diego & Arizona Eastern Railway, San
Diego & Imperial Counties, California, USA &
Baja California, Mexico

February 6, 2008 (Wednesday)

Christine Jones, Cemex
Aggregate Mining in the IE

March 6, 2008 (Thursday)

Richard Escandon, Kleinfelder
Proposed Santa Ana Mountain Tunnel

April 2, 2008 (Wednesday)

Cindy Li, Santa Ana RWQCB
Septic Tanks Impact on Lake Williams

May 1, 2008 (Thursday)

David Lynch, Thule Scientific
San Andreas Fault

June 4, 2008 (Wednesday)

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July 10, 2008 (Thursday)

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August 6, 2008 (Wednesday)

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September 4, 2008 (Thursday)

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October 1, 2008 (Wednesday)

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November 6, 2008 (Thursday)

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December 3, 2008 (Wednesday)

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IGS MEETING LOCATION:

**LSA Associates, Inc.
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USACE regarding potential enforcement actions, jurisdictional status of IID infrastructure and initial discussions on the development of a general permit for IID activities.



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