



SF Bay Area Chapter AEP Learning Event

March 2011 Program

Challenges in implementing recycled water projects: environmental, political, institutional and regulatory

WHAT: Recycled water has become an integral part of water supply portfolios of most water/wastewater agencies. But the planning and implementation of these projects is not always easy, and each project is unique in the challenges it faces while moving through the environmental review and approval stages. Public outreach before, during and after a CEQA process can be the key to success, as there is often a difference between actual and perceived impacts of water recycling. Public opposition can arise around where recycled water is used, where facilities are located, or the potential for recycled water to allow new growth. The speakers will provide a review of some major recycled water projects in Northern California with a discussion of factors leading to their success (or failure).

WHEN: Monday, March 21 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM

WHERE: Redwood Shores Public Library - 399 Marine Parkway - Redwood City, CA 94065

WHO:



Robin Cort, Ph.D., is a Senior Project Manager for RMC Water and Environment. Robin is an environmental scientist and ecologist with 28 years of experience in water resources, water recycling, and wastewater. She is an expert in regulatory compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is experienced in facilities planning, alternatives development and analysis, permitting, implementation, and monitoring of mitigation programs. Robin is a member of the program management team for the Freeport Regional Water Project, manages RMC's as-needed environmental services to the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, and is leading the

development of a programmatic environmental impact report for East Bay Municipal Utility District's main wastewater treatment plant. Robin has a doctorate in ecology from Stony Brook University in New York, and a bachelor's degree in biology from Stetson University in Florida.



Valerie J. Young, AICP, is the principal of a sole proprietor consulting practice in environmental planning and water reuse/water resources. She is based in San Francisco and provides strategic advice on CEQA/NEPA compliance to public water and wastewater entities; she also provides quality assurance services for complex environmental documents on water-related public infrastructure projects. Valerie has over 30 years of experience in the consulting and public sector arenas, and has focused her area of practice on recycled water, wastewater, and water resources projects since 1994. She currently provides CEQA support to the South

Bayside System Authority in Redwood City, is editor-in-chief of the Redwood City 2010 Urban Water Management Plan, and is assisting with recycled water projects in Dublin, Livermore, and the Monterey peninsula. Valerie holds a BA in urban history from UC Santa Barbara, and a MA in geography from Arizona State University.

COST: **This event is free, though we encourage donations for our Student Scholarship fund.**
FREE DINNER PROVIDED!!!

REGISTER: PLEASE Register by Thursday, March 17 by visiting www.sfbayaep.org or clicking www.sfbayaep.org/mar212011rsvp.php. For questions, contact Kendall Webster at kw@kendallwebster.com.

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