
Announcement & Call for Abstracts

Collection Systems 2013 Gold Nuggets of Knowledge

June 9-12, 2013

Sacramento Convention Center, Sacramento, CA, USA

ABSTRACT SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: August 1, 2012



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The Water Environment Federation (WEF) Collection Systems Committee, in cooperation with the California Water Environment Association, is pleased to announce the Collection Systems 2013 Conference, to be held in Sacramento, CA.

The 2013 Conference Committee is soliciting abstracts. This list of abstract categories and themes are offered as guidelines.

- 1. Design and Construction – Delivering Capital Projects:** Sustainability design issues, money matters, affordability analysis, stakeholder involvement, life cycle issues, critical infrastructure, alternate project delivery, rehabilitation, challenges solved, case studies, construction issues, lessons learned and successes, easement access, community involvement
- 2. O&M – The Core Business:** Lessons learned, conflicting interests, benchmarking, adequate equipment replacement funds and scheduling, sewer cleaning and productivity, SCADA monitoring, implementing SSO/CSO Control/Reduction Plans, SSO response plans, SSO reporting, SSO volume estimation, Computerized Maintenance Management Systems, privately owned pump stations
- 3. Lateral Issues – Small Pipes, Big Problems:** Work on private property, public lateral maintenance programs, private lateral defects, lateral inspections, inflow/infiltration from private systems, inspection at property sale, easement issues, public outreach, lateral repair and replacement
- 4. Legal and Regulatory – The Rules and How to Change Them:** Sanitary Sewer System Waste Discharge Requirements (SSSWDR), EPA collection system inspections, sewer system management plans (SSMP), SSMP audits, citizen suits, air quality regulations for heavy equipment, compliance schedules, consent decrees, public education strategies
- 5. Asset Management – Yesterday’s Buzzword, Today’s Business Practice:** Service levels, performance measures, quantifying risk, asset plans, asset management plans, cost analysis, business case evaluations, critical infrastructure, benchmarking, sustainable rate and fee programs, 50-year projections, projecting useful life
- 6. Planning – How to Stay Ahead of the Game:** System modeling, monitoring effectiveness, maintenance responsibilities, pilot projects, success stories and technologies for implementation, program delivery planning, scheduling, financial planning, project scoping and prioritization, infrastructure reinvestment, master planning, capacity planning, strategic planning, business planning, FOG programs, condition assessment, inflow/infiltration studies

Important Information about Collection Systems 2013 Abstracts Method of Submittal:

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Online only please. Please visit www.wef.org/CollectionSystems

Review Criteria:

Abstracts shall be no longer than two pages. One additional page may be submitted with graphics and / or pictures

Clearly defined and addressed in the abstract submittal:

State purpose – What message or knowledge transfer will be provided?

Benefits of project – Clearly state why this project should be selected and will provide a benefit to our industry. Is it unique, new technology, a different spin on an old concept, etc.

Status of Completion – At the time of submittal, is the project complete, if not, when will it be complete? Consideration for completed projects is weighted more than incomplete projects.

Conclusion – Clearly state the take away message. Example: If several products or methods are being evaluated, there should be a definitive conclusion stated in the abstract as to why one was chosen over the others.

After Selection:

Selected authors will be notified in late October. To avoid being removed from the program per Federation policy, manuscripts will need to be completed and submitted by the required deadline.

Presenters are expected to register for the Conference and pay the appropriate registration fee.

No travel or assistance funds are available for speakers.

For Questions or Additional Information:

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