



SAEMS' October luncheon speaker, Alan Forrest.

October Luncheon Summary

We wish to thank Tucson Water's new Director, Alan Forrest for speaking at the October 31, 2012 SAEMS luncheon. Mr. Forrest provided an overview of the history, current projects, and collaborative efforts of Tucson Water, which currently serves 709,000 customers. It is encouraging to hear that through prudent use of CAP water allocations and reclaimed water, Tucson Water has reduced the pumping of groundwater to levels similar to those in 1959. They are also able to bank significant quantities of water back into the groundwater system through use of Tucson Water's recharge sites near Avra Valley. Director Forrest also noted the high participation in recent water harvesting classes that many citizens are attending in order to qualify for rebate programs. We thank Alan for joining us at SAEMS!

WRRC Brown Bag Seminars

The University of Arizona Water Resources Research Center holds weekly brown bag lunch seminars at the Sol Resnick Conference Room at 350 N. Campbell Ave. Please see their website at <http://ag.arizona.edu/azwater/events.php> for a schedule of topics. For more information, contact Jane Cripps at jcripps@cals.arizona.edu or 520-621-2526.

SAEMS P2 Seminar

The P2 seminar was held on Wednesday September 26, 2012 at the Hotel Tucson. The event was attended by 60 people with a net income of \$4,892 for the scholarship fund. Topics included City of Tucson recycling programs and audits, sustainability at CAP, LED lighting, water efficient plants, urban forestry, air quality, electronics recycling, Pima County's Net-Zero Energy Program and commercial recycling. During the City's recycling program presentation we were unable to link their video, but here is the link: http://www.kvoa.com/player/?video_id=11860 Thanks again to our fearless committee!

Job Openings

Job openings in the environmental field in Southern Arizona are periodically posted on the SAEMS website. If you or someone you know is job hunting, be sure to check

http://www.saems.org/job_openings_frameset.htm frequently. Open positions are also forwarded to SAEMS members via the mailing list.



SAEMS Adopt-A-Highway Cleanup Volunteers

November 2012 Highway Cleanup

On Saturday, November 17, a few dedicated SAEMS volunteers completed our quarterly highway cleanup. In a first for SAEMS, the cleanup had been rained out the weekend before. The cleanup was lead by Dan Williams. Thanks for stepping up to the task, Dan. Other volunteers included: Ken Asch, Dawn Weyer, Marianne Zelonis, Lorena Leal and her son, Joel. This was the first highway cleanup for Marianne and Lorena. Thanks for both our new and "old" volunteers. 16 bags of trash were collected from along the highway and in the parking area. Marianne won the Starbucks card for finding a set of aluminum knuckles. The next highway cleanup is scheduled for Sat. Feb. 9, 2013.

SAEMS Scholarships

SAEMS is pleased to announce the availability of University of Arizona 2013-2014 academic year scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in the environmental field. Scholarship awards will range between \$500 and \$4,000 (approximately \$10,000 in scholarship funds available). Up to four undergraduate and four graduate finalists will be selected for interviews by early April 2013. Interviews will be scheduled in late April or early May 2013, with awards determined by the Scholarship Committee following soon after the interview process. Scholarship winners also receive a complimentary SAEMS student membership and are asked to attend the May 29, 2013 SAEMS luncheon to be introduced to the SAEMS membership. To be eligible you must:

- Plan on pursuing a career in the environmental arena;
- Be a current undergraduate or graduate student;
- Be a full or part-time student for the 2013-2014 academic year at the University of Arizona
- Have a minimum GPA of 2.5 and satisfactory progress toward a degree (a minimum of 12 units completed).

Applications are due March 3, 2013-11:59 pm. This year, to reduce the environmental impact due to printing, the scholarship information and application page have been combined into a three-page document that may be submitted via email. For more information on SAEMS scholarships and other programs, visit www.saems.org - contact B.J. Cordova at (520) 837-6832 or bj.cordova@tucsonaz.gov.

2013 LEPC Seminar

On Jan. 30th, 2013 the Pima County LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee) will be holding their annual Emergency Planning - Business Education Seminar. The seminar is free and includes a free lunch for attendees. More information can be obtained on the LEPC webpage at <http://www.pima.gov/lepc/training.shtml>. The webpage includes a link to RSVP to John Wisner. The January SAEMS lunch will be held in conjunction with the LEPC seminar. Those who cannot attend the entire seminar can attend the lunch only. More information will follow in January.

Are you interested in getting more involved in the community? The LEPC is looking for a volunteer to assist with exhibitors for the Jan. 30th seminar. Volunteering is a great way to meet new environmental professionals in the community. To volunteer, contact John Wisner at john.wisner@pima.gov or 520-798-0600.

Arizona emergency response businesses who wish to be an exhibitor at the LEPC seminar should contact John Wisner. The seminar is an excellent way to showcase your products and services to many potential customers.

SAEMS Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup

Join us for the next SAEMS Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup, to be held on February 9, 2013. Volunteers will meet at 8:00 AM sharp, at the Sonoita exit, off of I-10. Park in the dirt lot south of I-10. We will leave the parking area by 8:10 after the safety meeting. SAEMS volunteers for a one mile stretch of highway east of the Sonoita exit. Volunteers must be 12 years of age or older and if under 18, accompanied by a parent or guardian. Volunteers should wear long pants, long sleeves, closed toe shoes, hat and sunscreen. SAEMS will provide safety vests, leather gloves, litter grabbers and collection bags. Also bottled water and snacks will be available. SAEMS will host a lunch at the Triple T truck stop after the cleanup. A prize will be given for the most interesting treasure found. Please contact the event coordinator, Barbara Ricca, at ricca@us.ibm.com or 799-4433 to RSVP or if you have questions.

ALA Donation to SAEMS

The Arizona Laboratory Association was founded in 1978 to keep commercial laboratories abreast of changing regulations in state government. Funds that are raised through dues and donations are used for scholarships at the three universities in Arizona. Each year ALA rotates from U of A, ASU and NAU chemistry departments. After a reorganization of the association ALA is now in a position to donate the first increment to southern Arizona. At the December luncheon, Nancy Turner as a co-founding member of the Arizona Laboratory Association and co-founder of SAEMS; and on behalf of the other members of the Laboratory Association presented a check for \$500 to SAEMS to be used to fund a scholarship at the University of Arizona. Much thanks to Nancy and the ALA!



Nancy Turner presents the ALA donation to SAEMS