

Water Systems Council Initiates Wellcare Hotline



For years, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has operated a Safe Drinking Water

Hotline to answer questions from public water system users and others. Now the Water Systems Council has created Wellcare®, a hotline strictly for those with questions about wells or well water. Water Systems Council is the only national organization focused solely on individual wells and well-based systems not regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act. The Safe Drinking Water Hotline receives as many as 300 calls per month related to private wells, and will now refer these calls to the Wellcare hotline. Contact the hotline at 1-888-395-1033.

Visit: www.wellcarehotline.org;
www.watersystemscouncil.org

AWWARF Approves \$12 Million for Research



In January, the American Water Works Association Research

Foundation (AWWARF) Board of Trustees approved \$7.78 million, with an additional \$5 million in Congressional funding, to sponsor 30 solicited research projects related to the drinking-water community.

These projects will be procured competitively via a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. They are listed according to four strategic goal areas: efficient and customer-responsive organization, environmental leadership, high-quality water, and infrastructure reliability. Within each category, between five and nine RFPs are listed.

Proposals must be postmarked by either May 5 or July 15, as specified in each RFP. All projects require a minimum of 25 percent of the total project budget to be contributed by the contractor, either in

direct funding or as in-kind matching of such items as personnel costs, analytical and support services, facilities, and consulting services. AWWARF is especially interested in receiving proposals that include both participation and contribution of resources from water utilities in the research effort.

The AWWARF is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the science of drinking water.

RFPs are available at
www.awwarf.com/newprojects/2003paras.htm

Arizona Hydrological Society Plans 16th Annual Symposium



The Arizona Hydrological Society (AHS) announces its 16th Annual Symposium to be held Sept. 17-20, 2003 at the Mesa Centennial Center near Phoenix. This year's theme is "Sustainability Issues of Arizona's Regional Watersheds." For information on exhibitor space or sponsorship for the symposium, contact Dave Christiana at dchristiana@cox.net. Contact Pete Kroopnick at PKroopnick@brwnald.com for information regarding the technical program. AHS is also hosting its Biennial Symposium on Groundwater Recharge on June 5-7.

Visit www.azhydrosoc.org for current symposium information.

NGWA Meeting Focuses on Southwest Issues



The National Ground Water Association held the Southwest FOCUS conference

in Phoenix, Feb. 19-21. Attended by approximately 125 people, the meeting featured speakers from Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico and Texas, who addressed primarily issues of water supply and emerging contaminants. Dr. Herman Bouwer, of the U.S. Water Conservation

Laboratory and a member of the advisory board for this conference, was awarded an NGWA Award for Outstanding Achievement for his contributions to the advancement of hydrology. A field trip prior to the meeting toured a TCE-contaminated groundwater remediation project site and the Granite Reef Underground Storage Project. The conference offered a rare opportunity for attendees from across the Southwest to meet, collaborate, and learn about issues, approaches, and results common to the semi-arid region.

Visit www.ngwa.org

Nevada Water Resources Association Holds Annual Conference



The Nevada Water Resources Association (NWRA) met Feb. 26-28 in Sparks for its annual meeting, which focused on the issue of growth versus supply. In

addition to sessions concentrating on the theme, sessions on hydrologic research, water contamination and treatment, water quality investigation and technology, conservation, and groundwater contamination were offered. Many of the sessions featured a panel format, and conference organizers brought together speakers with diverse perspectives, resulting in lively discussions. The focus on growth versus supply was addressed by several eloquent speakers from the legal and economic arenas, as well as by hydrologists and water managers from urban and rural Nevada.

Approximately 175 people attended the conference, and helped to raise about \$3000 for NWRA scholarships through an auction. In addition, Mr. William Nisbet was awarded the NWRA Lifetime Achievement Award for his dedication, exceptional support, and participation for more than two decades to NWRA. He has been a consultant for 35 years with his company, Chilton Engineering, in Elko.

Visit www.nvwra.org for more information.