

Delve Deep Into Surface Water

Guide for planning an eventful, fruitful StormCon

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More than 1,000 storm water and environmental services professionals will gather in San Antonio this summer for StormCon 2010, the 9th Annual North American Surface Water Quality Conference & Exposition. The event is set to take place Aug. 1 to 5 at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort in San Antonio.

Preconference Prospects

Before the main event gets underway, interested attendees can jump-start their StormCon experience by partaking in one of several certification or topical workshops.

Two-day certification tracks—spanning Aug. 1 and 2 and incorporating test preparation and administration—will be held for those seeking to attain the following professional titles:

- Certified Professional in Storm Water Quality;
- Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control;
- Certified Erosion, Sediment and Storm Water Inspector; and
- Certified Inspector of Sediment and Erosion Control.

Application approval and special registration are required. The American Public Works Assn. Certified Stormwater Manager test also will be administered during the event (exam only); testing will take place Aug. 4 from 8 a.m. to noon.

On Aug. 2, industry experts will lead full-day topical workshops focused on storm water treatment, low-impact development (LID) and pollution modeling, for example. Special

registration is required, and continuing education units will be offered.

Exhibition & Events

The doors to the exhibit hall will open at 4 p.m. Aug. 2; a three-hour reception will coincide, marking its first day of operation. The hall will welcome attendees again Aug. 3 (9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 to 5:30 p.m.) and Aug. 4 (9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and 1:15 to 5 p.m.), with sponsored luncheons bridging the afternoon gaps.

Special events highlights for 2010 include the Opening General Session Panel Discussion: “The Future of Storm Water,” which will take place Aug. 3 from 9:45 to 11 a.m., and the Opening Gala Reception, also scheduled for Aug. 3, from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Mastery Plan

StormCon 2010 will offer six education program tracks:

- 1) BMP Case Studies;
- 2) LID;
- 3) Storm Water Program Management;
- 4) Water Quality Monitoring;
- 5) Advanced Research Topics; and
- 6) BMPs & Modeling, sponsored by Texas A&M University-Kingsville, the Lower Rio Grande Valley TPDES Stormwater Task Force and the South Texas Environmental Institute.

Various presenters will host courses Aug. 3 to 5. Consider these opportunities and many more when planning your education schedule:

- “Continuous Monitoring of the Reedy River Watershed,” Water

Quality Monitoring, Aug. 3, 9 to 9:30 a.m.

- “The Porous Pavement Curve Number Conundrum,” Advanced Research Topics, Aug. 3, 2 to 2:30 p.m.
- “Updating Parcels in an Urban City to be More Storm Water Friendly,” BMP Case Studies, Aug. 3, 4:30 to 5 p.m.
- “Green Infrastructure for CSO Abatement: Columbus, Ohio,” LID, Aug. 4, 8 to 8:30 a.m.
- “Rainwater Capture,” BMPs & Modeling, Aug. 4, 10:30 to 11 a.m.
- “Chattanooga Storm Water Unique User Fee Credits,” Stormwater Program Management, Aug. 5, 8 to 8:30 a.m. SWS

For more event information and to register, visit www.stormcon.com.

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