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If there is something you would like us to include in the weekly updates, please contact the ACEC/MO office. We would love to hear your thoughts. Thanks!

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**INDUSTRY NEWS**

**MDNR Notice of Public Comment Period**

Missouri Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) is providing the opportunity for the public to provide comments on the proposed amendments to the Water Quality Management 208 Plan for the Lower Meramec Watershed Basin in south St. Louis County and north Jefferson County. The area is served by the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD), the Northeast Public Sewer District (NPSD), and the Rock Creek Public Sewer District (RCPSD). The public comment period is to gather any public concerns and support on the proposed amendment.

This is the second public comment period for the proposed amendments. The only revision is on page 5, which states that the proposed amendment only supersedes the existing Lower Meramec Watershed Basin portion of the 1978-208 Plan. The Clean Water Commission previously held a hearing and approved the amendment on July 22, 2019.

The public comment period will be held from January 17 to February 18, 2020. The proposed amendment and supporting documents are available on the department’s public notice website. Comments may be made at the public hearing, or submitted electronically or in writing to Ms. Leasue Meyers, Water Protection Program, P.O. Box 176, Jefferson City, MO 65102, or by email at leasue.meyers@dnr.mo.gov.
ACEC 21st Century Infrastructure Agenda

ACEC has put together a 21st Century Infrastructure Agenda Fact Sheet that includes policy priorities for the 116th Congress. ACEC calls on the U.S. Congress to quickly enact a bold national infrastructure strategy that significantly increases investment in existing core federal infrastructure programs to bring our facilities to a state of good repair and modernize our systems for a growing economy and changing population. This fact sheet includes key points and action items; projected cumulative highway trust fund balances for FY2021-FY2026; and what is the highway trust fund and why is it going broke. To see this fact sheet, click on this link.

NOTABLE EVENTS

Registration for February Legislative Day Now Open

The Missourians for Transportation Investment (MFTI) will hold its second 2020 Legislative Day on Tuesday, February 11th. This will be a joint legislative day with ACEC/MO and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE.)

Orientation and a legislative briefing will be held at the MSPE and ACEC/MO office (200 E. McCarty Street, Jefferson City, MO) at 10 a.m. followed by visits with legislative leaders in the capitol. Participants will receive handouts to share with legislators during orientation.

During this legislative day, we have meetings confirmed with House Speaker Elijah Haahr, Senate Transportation Committee Chairman Doug Libla, and members of Governor Parson's staff. We are working to secure additional meetings with legislative leaders and participants are encouraged to visit their local state senators and representatives as well.

There is no cost to attend, however registration is required. To register, please send the names/email addresses of those attending to info@mfti.org and say you are representing ACEC/MO.

Register Now for ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet

Make plans now to attend ACEC/MO's Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet on February 28-29, 2020 at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Chesterfield, MO. We have a full schedule of events to include: Board of Directors/Membership Meeting; Lunch/QBS Awards/Speaker; Leadership Tax Seminar; Local Color Night at Topgolf; Breakfast/Speaker; Critical Business Issues Roundtable; Design Excellence Reception; and Awards Banquet. To see the complete schedule of events or to register for the meeting, go to our website.

All the events will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Chesterfield. The deadline to reserve your sleeping room is January 28, 2020. The room rate is $129.00 single or double.
Call (636) 532-5000 and mention American Council of Engineering Companies of Missouri (ACEC/MO). You also have the option to make your sleeping room reservation online by clicking HERE.

Below is a list of Associate Members and member firms that have graciously agreed to be a sponsor for the design excellence reception and the awards banquet. Thank you for your support! For more information on being a sponsor, go to our website.

**Design Excellence Reception Sponsors:**
*Patron Sponsors:* Greyling, a division of EPIC, broker for the ACEC Business Insurance Trust; RubinBrown, LLP; and Seiler Geospatial - Seiler Design Solutions

**Awards Banquet Sponsors:**
*Platinum Sponsor:* Bartlett & West, Inc.
*Gold Sponsors:* GBA; HDR Engineering, Inc.; Walter P Moore
*Silver Sponsors:* Civil Design, Inc.; EFK Moen, LLC; Hg Consult, Inc.; Olsson

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**ACEC 2020 Annual Convention and Legislative Summit**

Registration is now open for ACEC's Annual Convention and Legislative Summit to be held on April 26-29, 2020 at the Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, D.C. Featured speakers include: Scott Harrison, Founder and CEO of charity: water; Chris Wallace, Emmy Nominated Veteran Journalist, Host of Fox News Sunday; and Jessica O. Matthews, Renewable Energy Expert, Innovator and Founder & CEO, Uncharted Power. Also, part of the convention is hill visits with congressional delegation, the EEA gala, concurrent sessions, and much more. For more information on the entire convention, go to their website. To register for the convention, click HERE or on the above graphic.

**2020 Spring Sweepstakes ACEC/PAC Raffle**

During the convention ACEC will be doing their 2020 Spring Sweepstakes ACEC/PAC raffle. The cost is $200 per ticket with a limit of 5 per person. Prizes include: Grand Prize of $10,000; 1st Prize of $5,000 (2 prizes); 2nd Prize of $2,500 (2 prizes); and 3rd Prize of $1,000 (10 prizes). Multiple ACEC/MO member representatives have won prizes from this raffle in the past and it's a great opportunity to get a head start on making your PAC contributions to national. For more information on the raffle or to make your contribution, click HERE.

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**MEMBER INFORMATION & CALENDAR**

**Member News**

**HR Green, Inc.** is pleased to announce that Ehsan Montazeri, PE, from their St. Louis office, recently attained his Professional Engineer license. He supports the firm’s Transportation Business Line. He has an in-depth understanding and working experience regarding steel and pre-stressed concrete bridges, timber and masonry structures, and foundation design.
Klingner & Associates, P.C. is pleased to announce that Toshia Drebes, PE, joined the Transportation Department of the firm as a Project Engineer. Based in Klingner’s Quincy, IL, office, Drebes brings 15 years of design experience developing interchange, signal, lighting, roundabout, roadway, and bridge designs. The firm also announced that Joshua Hartsock, PE, of their Hannibal branch has earned his Professional Engineer (PE) license from the Missouri Division of Professional Registration. He has been a Water/Wastewater Designer with the firm since 2015. In that time, he has provided design assistance for Ralls County PWSD No. 1; the City of LaGrange, MO; and the City of Perry, MO, among others. He also regularly performs a number of testing, inspection, and construction services.

SCI Engineering, Inc. announced that Shawnna Erter, PE, D. GE, F. ASCE, Vice President of SCI Engineering's Geotechnical Services, received her two newest P.E. licenses, in Tennessee and Nevada. She also holds the rare title of Diplomate of Geotechnical Engineering from the Academy of Geoprofessionals (AGP) as well as the status of Fellow by the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE).

Walter P Moore announced that Justin Barton, PE, SE, MooreExpert, Project Manager, and Principal in their Kansas City office, is adding another accolade to the list – 2020 ENR Midwest Top Young Professional. The Sports Community of Practice leader was selected by ENR Midwest and its panel of independent judges to be a part of a group of individuals who have achieved great things in their careers and developed expertise using new techniques or advanced technologies.

Wilson & Company, Inc., Engineers and Architects is pleased to announce that Justin Klaudt, PE, became an Associate Vice President. Justin brings 21 years of experience in civil engineering and utility coordination services for municipal, county, state, and federal clients.

Calendar of Events

February 11, 2020 - MFTI / ACECMO / MSPE Legislative Day, Jefferson City
February 28-29, 2020 - Winter Meeting & Awards Banquet, Chesterfield
March 4-5, 2020 - Future Leaders Academy, Jefferson City
April 8-9, 2020 - Future Leaders Academy, St. Louis
April 26-29, 2020 - ACEC Annual Convention & Legislative Summit, Washington, DC
May 13-14, 2020 - Future Leaders Academy, Independence
June 7-9, 2020 - ACEC Midwest States Conference, Branson
August 21, 2020 - Summer Meeting, Columbia
November 13, 2020 - Fall Meeting, Columbia

To see a complete calendar of events, go to ACEC/MO's website.