



A Message from SURF's President

On June 17th, SURFers gathered for an open Board of Trustees call. These calls are held twice a year to update SURF members on Board discussions and get membership input.

Hi SURF Members,

Thanks to those of you who were able to take time out of your busy day to attend the open Board of Trustees call. Whenever SURFers come together I can count on one thing – enthusiasm – and this call was no different. We shared ideas of how to contribute and how to move the needle of sustainable resilient remediation. Spreading the word seemed to be a common theme. Are you ready to help? Here are three discrete ways members can contribute right now (along with the folks to contact for more info):



- Present on a SURF Webinar (click [here](#) to e-mail Chris Schultz).
- Contribute to the newly reinvigorated sustainable remediation column in *Remediation* (click [here](#) to e-mail Betsy Collins).
- Prepare a SURF case study (click [here](#) to e-mail Rob Rebel).

Have a safe and sustainable summer! I am looking forward to seeing you all virtually again at the Fall AEHS Conference and SURF Membership Meeting.

– Betsy Collins, SURF President

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Dive in! Update of State Mapping Tool



The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) issued Version 4.0 of the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool: CalEnviroScreen (click [here](#)). This mapping tool helps identify California communities that are disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution. Environmental, health, and socioeconomic information are used to produce scores for every census tract in the state. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control's EnviroStor (click [here](#)) shows CalEnviroScreen scores for all sites reporting to its platform.

Did You Know? Grass Roots Efforts of a Few Inspire Corporate Sustainability Program

In our experience, the office "lunch bunch" is a gathering where colleagues recommend the latest show to binge or a good summer camp for the kids. But those aren't the only benefits. Over a decade ago, lunch conversations in three San Francisco Bay Area offices of Langan Engineering and Environmental Services (a SURF sponsor) resulted in the creation of three Green Teams. These dedicated volunteers achieved Bay Area Green Businesses certification, networked with East Coast colleagues, and pitched their ideas to the company's Executive Team. The result? A full-fledged corporate sustainability program with active Green Teams in every office. In 2018, Langan fully offset its calculated operational carbon footprint and formalized a Corporate Social Responsibility program. The following year, the company won the Acterra Award for Sustainability, an award honoring companies whose innovative and influential practices also demonstrate clear benefits to their local community. These practices are part of their sustainable engineering services and include green and blue roof designs, rainwater harvesting, green and sustainable remediation, and green stormwater engineering.

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