

SUSTAINABLE REMEDIATION FORUM

March 2024 Newsletter



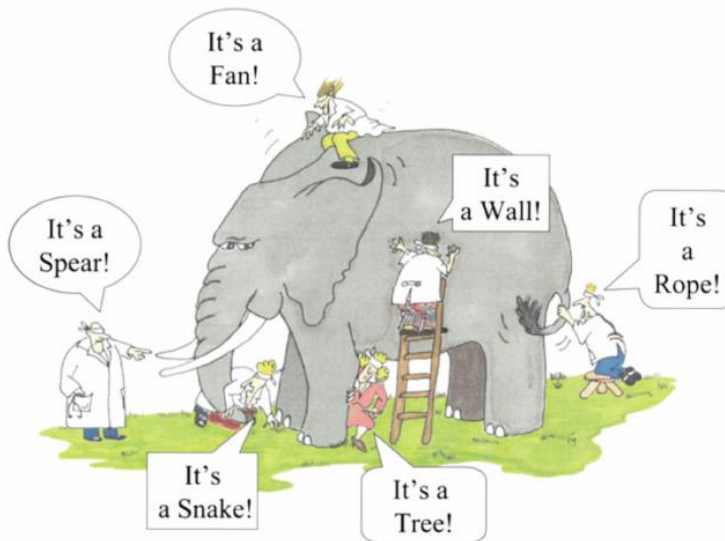
SURF members interacting through Mibo, a fun virtual platform, during the Virtual Leap Day Happy Hour (2/29/24).

March Madness – SURF Style!

SURFers had a blast participating in the Virtual Leap Day Happy Hour. For those that could not attend, there's still time to get your "SURF fix" this month! Below is a list of SURF's Final Four – just some of the activities occurring during the AEHS West Coast Conference (see Upcoming Events for more information).

1. Join SURFers for an informal "field trip" Monday (3/18) night; meet in the lobby of the conference hotel at 5 p.m. Questions?
Email kathy.adams@sustainableremediation.org.
2. Join us at SURF's Member Meeting:

- Meet the 2024 SURF Board of Trustees in person! (They're a fun bunch.)
 - Learn about YESAction and potential collaboration opportunities.
 - Weigh in during our follow-up discussions about biodiversity.
 - Consider and discuss the sustainability aspects of advanced site evaluation tools and technologies (think "nature and extent").
 - Hear the latest progress from SURF's Environmental Justice Workgroup.
 - Give your opinions about the feasibility and details of a sustainability decision analysis support tool.
3. Network and socialize at SURF's Happy Hour (sponsored by ecoSPEARS).
 4. Take a ride on our SURFboard – visit us at our new booth!



Dive In! New Approach for Vulnerability Assessments Considers Context

We all know that context is important when making informed decisions. Remember the story of six blind people touching an elephant and describing

what they felt? They were all partially right – but all wrong too. A holistic approach avoids this bias. Sinha, et al. developed and implemented a holistic approach to community vulnerability assessments by screening indicators (extreme weather events, waste facilities, fate/transport, sensitivity) together. Click [here](#) for a description of the framework and its application in Waterbury, Connecticut. Another paper (click [here](#)) demonstrates the implementation of the approach in Maricopa County, Arizona.



Did You Know? European Parliament Adopts Law to Bring Nature Back

According to the United Nations, about one-third of the greenhouse gas emissions reductions needed in the next decade could be achieved by improving nature's ability to absorb emissions. That's why it's important to protect natural spaces like forests, wetlands, mangroves, and seagrass meadows. Last month, the European Parliament did just that by requiring EU countries to restore at least 30% of habitats in poor condition by 2030, 60% by 2040, and 90% by 2050. The nature restoration law passed with last-minute changes that allow for exceptions for meeting agricultural ecosystem

requirements when sufficient food production is at risk. Click [here](#) to read the law.

Upcoming Events

SURF Events

The SURF events below will be held during the AEHS West Coast Conference.

Click [here](#) to learn more or register for the conference.

SURF Technical Session: Sustainable Remediation

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

8:30 p.m. – 12 p.m. PDT

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SURF Member Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m. PDT

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SURF Happy Hour (sponsored by [ecoSPEARS](#))

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

5:30 p.m. PDT

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Webinars

EPA Webinar: Community Involvement at Federal Facilities

Thursday, March 21, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.

ITRC Webinar: Sustainable Resilient Remediation

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

1:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. EDT

Click [here](#) for more information or to register.