

The Quote

Richard Brady & Associates

JOINING FORCES

Since Rick Brady and his team of civil engineers and designers set up shop and opened the doors to Richard Brady & Associates (RBA) three years ago, a number of milestones have been achieved. "Engineering Firm of the Year." "Best Place to Work in San Diego." A Certificate of Appreciation for work on the Alvarado Water Treatment Plant. And, recognition for work on the Alvarado Regulating Reservoirs by the San Diego City Council. It truly has been a successful journey so far, but it's about to become even better.

On June 1, 2002 Richard Brady & Associates achieved one more milestone. We now do structural! With the acquisition of R. L. Biggers and Associates, Structural Engineers, RBA will now be in a position to offer its clients a more in-depth scope of services for each project, while still maintaining its dedication to solid customer service practices. It's a good deal for our clients, and we are so excited to share this news.

So, allow us a moment to introduce you to Lee Biggers, S.E.. Lee has thirty-three years of experience in the field of structural engineering and has been responsible for the structural design of approximately \$1 billion worth of varied construction projects over the course of his career. The spectrum of Lee's experience covers institutional, commercial, industrial, single and multi-story residential, schools, waterfront, bridges, water and wastewater treatment, airfield structures, special structures, forensic investigations, rehabilitation, seismic studies, and expert witness litigation.

We look forward to putting forth Lee's expertise and applying it to your next structural project. ■



TWO DOWN, ONE TO GO

What a difference a dynamic team of talented and dedicated people can make...

The City of Huntington Beach's Overmyer Reservoirs 1 and 2, with a capacity of 1.0 and 1.5 million gallons (MG) respectively, were constructed in the early 1960's. The 21.5 MG Overmyer Reservoir No. 3 was constructed about 10 years later, in 1971. All three reservoirs, consisting of partially buried, cast-in-place concrete structures, were in need of structural upgrades and other improvements to meet current seismic design and water operations' requirements.

Enter Richard Brady & Associates.

Richard Brady & Associates was contracted by the City of Huntington Beach to study and design the rehabilitation of the three Overmyer Reservoirs. Working closely with key City staff, including Project Manager, Deborah (Continued on page 3.)

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THE PRIVATE SIDE OF NICK KANETIS, P.E.

On the whole, life hasn't changed that much for Nick Kanetis, Richard Brady & Associates' new Vice President. Every morning he climbs out of bed, eats breakfast, drives to work, makes decisions all day long, and then rounds off each day with his family. Typical. Standard. And, certainly, a life worth living.

However, while holistically life is still status quo and all of the major components of this life remain intact, Nick's work situation has made a dramatic shift. After all, life in the private sector is significantly different compared to that of the public arena.

As the former Water CIP Deputy Director for the City of San Diego, the days of public advisory committees, City Council meetings, and budget hearings are now in the past. These days, life centers around meeting a client's needs. Which, when you think about it, puts Nick in an incredibly unique position. Having spent a career working for the City of San Diego, Nick knows what it takes, in detail, to get a project off the ground and turn it into a functioning facility.

As far as Richard Brady & Associates is concerned, Nick offers a fresh and insightful perspective, enthusiastically seeking opportunities, to use that public sector experience to better serve our clients and deliver on all of their expectations.

"There's a lot to be said about working on the private side, especially when it's with a company like Richard Brady & Associates," said Nick. "They're a fun bunch of people, without a doubt, but professional to the hilt. There's a sense of commitment here. We're all dedicated to the same goals that were so important to me in public service."

The sentiment is mutual. We mean it when we say Nick is our Ace of Spades. He completes the hand.

- The Editor



Richard Brady & Associates
Civil Engineers and Construction Managers

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DeBow, P.E. and Water Production Supervisor Howard Johnson, the team decided on the most beneficial and cost effective solution...demolish reservoirs 1 and 2 and structurally upgrade Overmyer Reservoir No. 3. The returned land area within the City's Public Works Department, Water Division Yard, and the minimal loss of overall water storage with the removal of Reservoirs 1 and 2, will provide the contractor with adequate staging for Reservoir No. 3's upgrade. This, in turn, will ultimately improve the operations and flexibility of the water system. The structural upgrade design of Reservoir No. 3, prepared by Lee Biggers, S.E., includes a complete roof replacement, column strengthening, and a new 25-foot high cast-in-place perimeter retaining wall system.

In addition to the reservoir improvements, the Overmyer Booster Pump Station, built in 1971, will be reconstructed and upgraded with new 400 horsepower natural gas driven engines and electrical and system controls. Close coordination with City Water Operations in the procurement of facility components and equipment will ensure a smooth and accelerated project construction and installation phase.

Demolition of Reservoirs 1 and 2 is currently underway. With the removal of the first two reservoirs, construction of the improvements to Reservoir No. 3 is anticipated to begin shortly.

The enthusiastic team effort and resulting creative design solutions for the City of Huntington Beach's Overmyer Reservoirs and Booster Pump Station has made this project exciting and one that Richard Brady & Associates is thrilled to be a part of. ■





OUR NEW TEAM MEMBERS

Aaron Steele, P.E. has over four years of experience in the field of structural engineering, specializing in a diverse number of projects that range from water and wastewater treatment to residential structures. Aaron is a graduate of California Polytechnic State University, where he earned a B.S. in Architectural Engineering in 1998.

Mark Van Bibber has one year of experience in structural engineering and has worked on a diverse number of projects involving steel, timber, concrete, masonry, and aluminum construction. Currently, Mark is an Engineer-In-Training and is a graduate of San Diego State University where he earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering in May of 2001.

Scott Fields is a CADD designer and drafter with three years of experience in the structural engineering industry. Scott has worked on a number of projects, ranging from institutional, commercial, industrial, single and multi-story residential, schools, waterfront, bridges, water and wastewater treatment, airfield structures, special structures, and rehabilitation.

Tim Stanton, Jr. has one year of experience in the civil engineering industry and has participated in a number of projects involving water and wastewater facilities. Currently, Tim is an Engineer-In-Training and is a graduate of Northern Arizona University where he earned his B.S. in Civil Engineering in May of 1993.

Janet Crumrine, Richard Brady & Associates new structural engineering intern, has over four years of experience working in the structural engineering field. Currently, Janet is working on her masters degree at California Polytechnic State University, which is also where she received her B.S. in civil engineering in 2000. By way of interesting facts, Janet has been party to a unique life experience. While working for the Thornton-Tomasetti Group in New York City, Janet became a member of the emergency response team for the World Trade Center disaster in September of 2001.

