

EID employee featured in book on “green” jobs

Jon Beall, Grade 5 water treatment plant operator at the District, knows a thing or two about his field. With nearly 30 years of experience—five of those at EID—Jon has many times shared his experiences formally and informally with those interested in getting into the water treatment business.

Last year, Jon was contacted and interviewed by Alice Rush, co-author with Jim Cassio of a new book called *Green Careers: Choosing Work for a Sustainable Future*. The book profiles many kinds of “green” career fields—including opportunities in science, engineering, clean energy, and water treatment.

“I’m really glad that this job is seen as a green career,” said Beall. “It’s a privilege to be able to provide such a valuable service to our community. And it’s a wide open field if you are willing to work hard and learn the processes involved.”

The career profiles in the book include descriptions of the training and education required to enter each profession, salary ranges and employment trends, and references to additional resources important to each career described. Jon’s interview included all of the details for diving into water treatment work, as well information about day-to-day duties for the job.

“We wanted to create a comprehensive career guide that would empower our readers to learn how they could make a difference in the world doing work that they love,” said Rush. “Water is one of our most valuable resources, so it was great to profile someone located in our own backyard!”

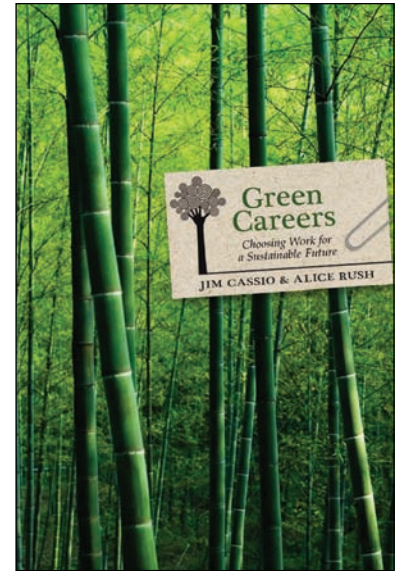
Water treatment educational opportunities

Recently, EID teamed up with Folsom Lake College to develop a certificate course that provides training to take and pass the state exams in both water and wastewater treatment. These courses, offered under the heading Environmental Technology, are taught by members of EID staff at the college’s El Dorado Center. Other options are correspondence courses available through Sacramento State University’s Office of Water Programs.

For more information on the book, visit www.cassio.com.

For training at Folsom Lake College, search for courses in Environmental Technology at www.flc.losrios.edu.

For information about Sacramento State University’s correspondence courses, go to www.owp.csus.edu.



Jon Beall (top) shared information about the water treatment and distribution field for a new book on “green” careers.