

# Balancing Technical & Soft Skills

A Workshop of the ASCE OC YMF Technical Speaker Series

January 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM



## Speakers

**Natalie Meeks**, Director of Public Works for the City of Anaheim

**Kandice Taylor-Sherwood**, Recruitment and Organizational Development Manager at the City of Anaheim

**Josue Vaglienty**, Project Manager at RBF Consulting

## Program

Balancing soft and technical skills is the key to a successful civil engineering career. Please join your fellow civil engineers for an insightful and dynamic workshop on how to develop, balance, and utilize technical and soft skills in your civil engineering career.

Successful professionals who have sought to strike a balance between both skill sets will attempt to provide answers to the following questions:

- 1) How can I develop my soft skills?**
- 2) How can I effectively balance my soft and technical skills?**
- 3) How can I utilize these skills in my career to be successful?**
- 4) Any additional questions the audience may have**

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## Event Details

**When:** January 17, 2013 at 6:00pm

**Where:** HDR Engineering, 3230 El Camino Real, Irvine, CA92602

**Cost:** *Free* for ASCE Members and Students; \$10 for Non-Members

A COMPLIMENTARY DINNER WILL BE SERVED

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# About the Program

Constantly enhancing our technical knowledge makes us, civil engineers of the 21st century, highly valuable to our society. In a sense, many younger engineers view technical skills as the supreme necessity and tend to consider soft skills as secondary. However, when it comes to exercising our knowledge into an organization and communicating effectively with team members for the successful completion of a project, a respected leader will distinguish themselves from an engineer of unbalanced technical and soft skills. Personal qualities, interpersonal skills, and knowledge in project management and decision-making form the panoply of a successful leader, whose attributes will encourage other team members to be led.

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## Speakers Bio

**Natalie Meeks** is responsible for overseeing Public Works operations of 250 employees at the City of Anaheim. The Department of Public Works is currently taking the lead on two major transportation projects including the Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center (ARTIC) and the Gene Autry Way bridge and road extension. Meeks received her B.S. in Civil Engineering from Cal State Fullerton and a M.A. in Organizational Leadership from Chapman University.

**Kandice Taylor-Sherwood** has a B.A. in Psychology and a M.A. in Industrial Organizational Psychology. She has been working in the field of Human Resources, Organizational Development and Training for over 13 year. In addition to her duties at the City, Kandice values learning and education and teaches graduate-level courses for Cal State Long Beach. Through her own consulting business, Sherwood Consulting, Kandice provides training services, organizational development interventions, and key note speeches in both the public and private sector.

**Josue Vaglienty** has more than 9 years of experience in the field of civil engineering. Josue has worked on projects for public and private clients, and specializes in PS&E delivery for freeway widening projects. Josue is a graduate of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and has been actively involved in ASCE - Orange County since 2006.