



LACO Associates announces promotion

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LACO Associates, local engineering, geology and environmental consultants, has announced the promotion of Christopher Watt to the position of Environmental Practice Lead. Watt assumes leadership of an environmental staff specializing in hazardous materials site characterization, remediation design, feasibility consulting and remediation systems operation. Watt is a Humboldt State University alumnus and has been a licensed California Professional Geologist since 2003. He earned a Certified California Engineering Geologist license in May and was recently elected secretary to the LACO Board of Directors.

“Chris has the vision, initiative and talent to be a key leader of our company and we are pleased with his many accomplishments,” President and CEO Leonard Osborne said.

Watt’s technical expertise has gained international attention through his work in cleaning up mill sites impacted by the wood preservative pentachlorophenol. New Zealand’s first-ever subsurface oxidation system was recently installed with design and operations support under Watt’s supervision. New project opportunities are being planned with companies from Taiwan and China.

“This breakthrough cleanup technology will create new standards for our industry,” Osborne said.

LACO Associates is a Eureka-based consulting firm specializing in civil and geotechnical engineering, geological and environmental services, and surveying and material testing. The firm was founded in 1954.