

# Civil Engineering Session K'Nex Bridge Activity

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# **Civil Engineering?**



Civil Engineers design & build structures to support the progress of human civilization!





# First thing you do after waking up ....

Use the Toilet!

## **Environmental Engineering**

#### Other Environmental Engineering work



**Dump Areas** 



**Environmental Assessment** 



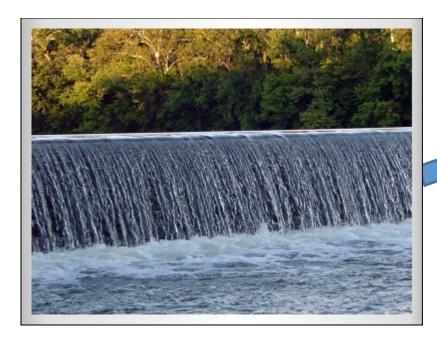
Waste Water Treatment Plant



# SECOND thing you do after waking up ....

Take a shower (water!)

## **Water Resources Engineering**



Water Resources (Lakes, Rivers, ....)



Water Demand

(Houses, factories, ....)



How do you go to School?

Transportation (car, bus, train, ...)



## **Transportation Engineering**



Where do we live, study, and work?

Buildings (homes, offices, .....)

## **Structural Engineering**

Other structures: bridges,

tunnels, tanks, stadiums ....



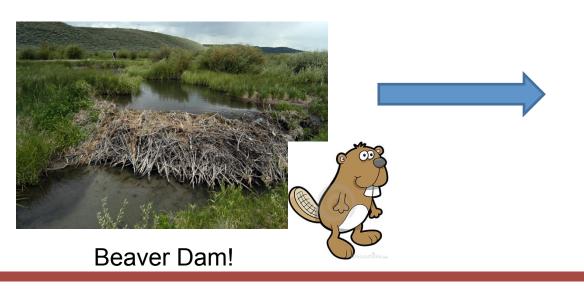


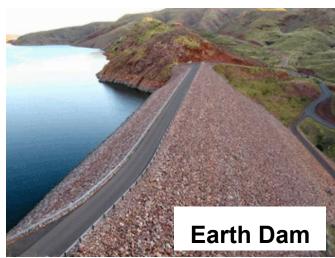
# What is wrong with this tower?

Soil Stabilization!

## **Geotechnical Engineering**









#### Who constructs all these structures?

#### **Contractors!**

## **Construction Engineering**







Cost



Crews





#### **Environmental Engineering**

Structural Engineering



Water Resources Engineering

Transportation Engineering

**Construction Engineering** 













# K'NEXercise

**Pedestrian Bridge Construction** 

# **Background**



- Critical need for a pedestrian bridge across
   El Camino Real between CalTrain and SCU.
- Traffic Engineers have noted a distinct safety concern for pedestrians
- Traffic Engineers have also noted light signal timings to allow for pedestrian crossings delays traffic.

## You are the Contractor!



- Costs = labor + materials
- Must adhere to provided plans
- Purchase materials from K'NEX
- Labor costs = \$10/person/second
- Any bridge that fails the load test or does not meet project specifications is disqualified
- Lowest successful cost is the winner

# **Competition Format**



## Bidding is 30 minutes

- read contract directions
- study plans
- submit first order

# Delivery and Inventory

- delivery of parts
- may inventory parts, but cannot connect any parts

#### Construction

- Running clock \$\$\$
- Quality control
- Load test



# Bidding



# Delivery & Inventory



# Construction



# Load Testing

#### LAST Advise!



### **Follow Your Heart & Passion!**

## Best wishes for your future career!

