Grants of the Month
Dr. Alicia Kinoshita & Professor Thomas Zink were granted at the end of November $74,637 from the DOD Army Corps of Engineers for their project “Evaluating Potential Environmental Impacts from Channel Morphology and Habitat Changes to the Santa Ana River Downstream”

Journal Papers Published
Dr. Xianfeng Yang had three journal papers accepted:

Dr. Natalie Mladenov and MS student Joseph Wasswa published their research entitled: “Water soluble organic aerosols in the Colorado Rocky Mountains, USA: composition, sources, and optical properties” in the journal Scientific Reports.

Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research (SCCUR)
Our ENVE students pictured here with Cal Poly Pomona students present their findings of their international research at the Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research (SCCUR) held at UC Riverside in November 2016. The students advised by Dr. Natalie Mladenov conducted research on anaerobic wastewater treatment and water reuse systems at the food-energy-water nexus.

American Geophysical Union Meeting
Dr. Alicia Kinoshita and four students from SDSU attended the 2016 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting December 12-16, 2016. The students presented the following papers:
- Samira Nourbakhshbeidokhi: Modeling In-Stream Hydro-Geomorphic Processes After the 2012 Waldo Canyon Fire, Colorado; Kelly Flint: Wildfire disturbance, erosion and sedimentation risks following the Waldo Canyon Fire in Colorado; Patrick Poon: Post-fire evapotranspiration trends in Southwestern United States; Christina Stewart: A Tale of Two Cities: San Diego (USA) and Tijuana (Mexico) El Nino Readiness. See more at: ccee.sdsu.edu

Quotes of the Month: “The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.” –Mark Twain

National Transportation Center
SDSU was awarded federal funding for a National Transportation Center. SDSU is part of a consortium with Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (Lead university) and Texas Transportation Institute. Dr. Sahar Ghanipoor-Machiani is the SDSU Director of the center. This is a wonderful development for our Transportation program! The center name is “Safety Through Disruption (SafeD): Goal Zero” which will focus on promoting safety. Please see the press release from Congresswoman Susan A. Davis: https://susandavis.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-susan-davis-announces-transportation-research-funding-for-san-diego

Student Success Fee Awards
The following proposals were granted funding for the Student Success Fee awards: 1. “Participation in the ASC Pacific Southwest Conference” amount granted: $38,100; 2. “Associated Schools of Construction Region 6 and 2017 Student Competition” amount granted: $20,195; 3. “American Water Works Association Spring Conference 2017” amount granted: $3130! CONGRATS!!!

WTS SDSU Student Chapter Updates
Dr. Sahar Ghanipoor-Machiani attended the “Innovative Transportation Topics Lunch & Learn” on November 9, 2016. For additional updates on the chapter, please visit: https://www.facebook.com/people/Wts-sdsu/100009196632277