

Social February 23, 2017

<u>Time</u> 5:30 PM Social Hour

> <u>Place</u> Kan Pai

> > Cost

\$25 if RSVP

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From the President

Thank you all for coming out to the 2017 Annual Operator's Forecast Meeting in January. It was amazing to see that many people at the meeting. I know the industry still isn't back to where we would all like it to be, but it feels like we are headed in the right direction. I enjoy hearing about new rigs moving into the area, more wells getting drilled, and more people being put back to work. One of the hot topics to many of the operators over the last two years is finally nearing its conclusion. The aquifer exemption process deadline is set for February 15th. As of that date, all aquifer exemption applications are to have be submitted to DOGGR and the Regional Water Quality Control Board. Once the regional offices agrees the applications meet the EPA requirements for an AE they are sent to the state. The applications go out for a public comment period and eventually require the sign

off of the EPA. The entire process needs to be completed by 2/15/17 or the injection wells in that aquifer are required to shut in. The applications have seen many delays in making it through the regulatory gauntlet, and at no fault of the operators, most of the applications don't appear that they will receive final approval in time. A well drafted letter from DOGGR to the EPA made an appeal to the EPA that any application that receives preliminary concurrence and appears there should be no issues in eventually being approved, should be able to keep injecting after February 15th. The EPA has agreed to allow for injection into wells covered by an application with primary/ final concurrence from the Water Board which is wonderful news for many of the operators.

Unfortunately, there are still wells which need to cease injection as they have not been given sign off by the Water Board. As of today, three of the Aquifer Exemptions have been granted in the Fruitvale, Tejon, and Round Mountain aquifers, and many more are drawing near final approval. It will be nice to have this hurdle behind us to we can focus our energies and finances on drilling.

This month's technical meeting is pushed from the 3rd Thursday to the 4th and will be held on February 23rd. It will be a little different from the past meetings. We were unable to secure a speaker so we will be holding a social night at Kan Pai. It will be a fun night of great food, cold drinks, and the best networking in the industry. I encourage all of you to come out and enjoy the night. Be on the look-out for the golf tournament registration. It is approaching quickly on March 17th. May you get a little extra Irish luck for St. Patrick's day to help you shave a few strokes from your score (legitimately of course).

Wyatt Shipley

Vaquero



Calendar Events 2017

February 23, 2017	Technical Forum Meeting
March 16, 2017	Technical Forum Meeting
March 17, 2017	Golf Tournament

This schedule is tentative and subject to change

2017
Upcoming
EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE **MAY 19, 2017**

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The SPE San Joaquin Valley Section will be hosting the Society of Petroleum Engineers Western Regional Meeting in Bakersfield April 23 – 27, 2016. The event will be held at the Marriott Convention Center in Downtown Bakersfield and is sure to be an event to remember. We have hand selected continuing education courses, engaging panel sessions, and 100 technical papers ranging in topics from managing drilling fluids to simulating production response in the Midway Sunset field.

If you plan on attending the event I encourage you to register sooner rather than later as our <u>early bird</u> <u>special (a discount of \$100) is in effect until February 25th</u>. SPE members will be able to attend the four day conference, exhibition hall, and all networking events for \$300. Non-members are of course welcome, but will be charged an early bird rate of \$400 (also a \$100 discount to the onsite registration fee).

Please visit our website at www.spewrm.org to register for the conference. The web site has information on the technical presentations, panel sessions, how to exhibit at the conference, and networking activities (including the golf tournament).

Sincerely Yours,

Keith Kostelnik SJV SPE 2016-2017 Chair 2017 WRM Chair

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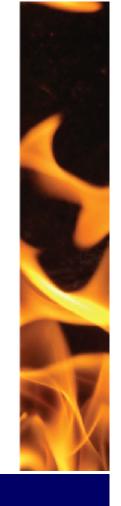
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