



Wine Country Water Works Association

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November 2011



President's Message

Dear Members and Associates,

The weather is cooling, the leaves are turning, and water demand is easing up. Now it's time to catch up on all that deferred maintenance.

We had a good training event at the Elks Lodge in Napa last month. Feedback from all the attendees I talked to was very positive. I did get a strange look from my wife though, when I told her we learned about Zebra mussels.

Thank you, trainers (Janice Oakley and the Department of Health Sonoma District Staff; Catherine Mandella, Department of Fish & Game; and Bruce Borders, Control Systems West) for your expertise and time. Thanks also to Monica Farris and the Elks Lodge staff for taking such good care of us.

For those of you who were unable to attend the Napa County event we have reserved the Ukiah Valley Conference Center for December 7th for our training in Mendocino County. A total of six contact hours of training will be provided. Richard Vierra of Water Opert School will talk with Carlos Castro from the Town of Hillsborough about Water Treatment in the 21st Century and NO-DES Flushing Methods, David Patzer of DKF Solutions Group will discuss Risk Management techniques, Nathan Anderson from Layne Christensen will talk about Technology and Methodology for Well Rehabilitations and the Health Department will be hosting a discussion on Capital Improvement as Related to System Reliability along with Dosage Calculation.

Be sure to register for this training via Pay-Pal on our website, or by sending in the attached registration form. It's been a long time since we've been to Mendocino County and I want a good turnout so we can keep coming back.

Speaking of our website, we have purchased new software for our Association through "Wild Apricot" which will be launched in January 2012. This new tool will provide a more professional looking and interactive website for us as well as allowing us to better manage our membership information. There will be a Forum page to share ideas and questions with fellow members, and a voluntary password protected database for members who wish to make their contact information available to other members for networking. It will also offer a calendar of events with registration capability. This software will assign membership numbers and track membership status to issue renewal reminders when the year's membership is expiring. In this way, members will receive a full year of membership regardless of when they join during the year. I believe this will be a huge improvement for our members and volunteers. I eagerly await implementation.

We have also recently purchased a public address system which should give us much better outreach at the Trade Show and other larger outdoor events.

I want to welcome and thank Paul Harris from Golden State Water Company in Clearlake, and Christine Russell, an aspiring operator from Fort Bragg, as our newest members on the Board. They both have much to offer the Association. I look forward to working together. As always I want to thank our Board members for all their effort and dedication.

I look forward to seeing you all in Ukiah on December 7th.

Russ Van Voorhis, WCWWA President

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Upcoming Events

Mendocino County Training
December 7th

Lake County Training
March 2012



Wednesday, December 7th 2011

Full Day of Training

Course Descriptions

Classroom #1

8:30—3:30 (6 Contact Hours)

Topic: Water Treatment in the 21st Century **Presented By: Richard Vierra, Water OpCERT School**

How has the job of treating public water supplies changed in the first decade of the new millennium and what does the future hold? We'll examine recent regulation changes and discuss some of the ways current challenges are being addressed at the Local, State, and Federal levels.

NO-DES Flushing Method

Presented By: Carlos Castro, Town of Hillsborough

He is the Water Quality Supervisor for the Town of Hillsborough in San Mateo County. They are the first water district in California to operate this recirculation process that cleans mains more effectively than traditional UDF while nearly eliminating water losses.

Classroom #2

8:30—12:00 (3.5 Contact Hours)

Topic: Risk Management- When and Where is Your Next Accident Going to Happen?

Presented By: David Patzer, DKF Solutions Group, LLC.

Ever wonder why some organizations are so good at avoiding accidents? What are they doing that's different? Can we learn from them? In this age of ever-tightening budgets and unfilled positions, public agencies are doing more with much, much less. This increases the risk of things going wrong...terribly wrong. More than ever, public agencies need to protect their employees, assets and other resources. The sad fact is that they simply don't have the ability to replace them.

Join us for this informative seminar where attendees will take away PRACTICAL and TURN KEY proven risk management tools and techniques that can be immediately implemented across all levels of any organization:

1. What is Risk Management
2. Accountability and Risk Management
3. How Things Go Wrong (*and Why Doctors Don't Always Wash Their Hands!*)
4. How Things Go Right (*and Why Airplane Don't Fall Out The Sky!*)
5. Taking Your Agency's Risk Management Pulse Using Leading Indicators
6. Prioritizing Your Resources

Classroom #2

1:00—2:00 (1 Contact Hour)

Topic: Technology and Methodology for Well Rehabilitations

Presented By: Nathan Andersen, Layne Christensen

During operation, most wells begin to decline in production and efficiency due to a variety of plugging mechanisms. Nathan will discuss drilling methods, well maintenance, and ways you can increase efficiency to restore lost production and lower operating costs.

Classroom #2

2:00—3:30 (1.5 Contact Hours)

Topic: Capital Improvement as Related to System Reliability

Presented By: CA Department of Public Health



Wednesday, December 7th 2011

Full Day of Training

Registration Form

Cost*: \$20 for members, \$45 for non-members (Includes 2011 membership fees)
Location: Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School St., Ukiah, CA 95482

Schedule: Registration: 8:00 - 8:30a.m.
 Trainings: 8:30a.m. - 3:30p.m.
 Lunch (on your own): 12:00 - 1:00p.m.

***Includes 6 contact hours, a continental breakfast & an afternoon snack!**

Agency Name: _____

Main Contact: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Main E-Mail Address: _____

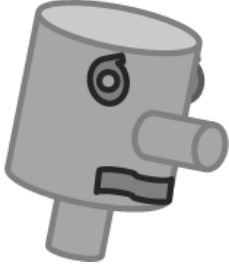
See page #2 in the newsletter for classroom topics.

Name	Classroom #1	Classroom #2	\$20 Member	\$45 Non-Member	Total
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2)					
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(Attach a separate sheet of paper if more room is needed)					Total:

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Space is Limited!!
Please RSVP by November 30th!
 *RSVP is a commitment to pay.
Please have checks in by Dec. 15th



REGULATRON SAYS:

Not all sodium hypochlorite is NSF approved!

Article brought to you by CA Department of Public Health

WHAT???

That's right, the sodium hypochlorite that you use to disinfect water may not meet NSF/ANSI Standard 60 requirements! And that stokes within Regulatron a fury hot enough to boil Regulatron's robot blood.

But I thought the popular Brand X sodium hypochlorite that I use is certified?

Not necessarily! Regulatron's human servants were allowed to take time away from their regular duty of feeding paper into Regulatron's patented Citationator and investigated the lack of an NSF logo on certain jugs of sodium hypochlorite that were previously assumed to be NSF/ANSI 60 certified, and the results of that investigation shocked Regulatron!

Poor Regulatron!

Regulatron does not need or want your pity! Regulatron's brain is designed to withstand any shock! Regulatron's only weakness is that Regulatron does not understand that emotion humans call "love". Also large magnets.

Some of my jugs say they are certified, so what's the problem?

The problem is some brands of sodium hypochlorite have multiple manufacturing locations throughout the USA, and some of those locations aren't NSF/ANSI 60 certified. Regulatron will someday crush those factories underneath Regulatron's cold, unfeeling robot hooves, but for now the burden of making sure your chemicals are certified is on you!

How do I check if my chemicals are certified?

First look at the box your jugs came in. Somewhere on that box should be a location of manufacture, like Pittsburg, CA. Then look at the "trade name" of the chemical; it should be something like "happy-pure" or "sani-time" or some other human gibberish! Then go to nsf.org, wqa.org, and ul.com and look up the chemical using that information. If you don't see that product in a Std. 60 database then it's not certified!

Help, some of my chemicals aren't certified! What do I do now?

Stop using those chemicals and buy certified chemicals. Or keep using those chemicals and face Regulatron's wrath! Regulatron will give you one month from reading this newsletter to replace your chemicals. After one month Regulatron will initiate Punishment Sequence 17. You do not want to experience Punishment Sequence 17!

How does Regulatron know when I read this article?

Regulatron knows things!

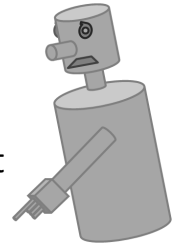
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**Next Time:
Updating your
Emergency Notification
Plan!**



Regulatron Reminds:

Everything that touches the water in your water system must be NSF 60/61 certified (or equivalent)! No exceptions! Want to put in something that isn't certified? **BEG REGULATRON FOR PERMISSION** (in a letter addressed to your district engineer). **KNEEL BEFORE REGULATRON** (in that same letter).

**Ask Regulatron!**

Q: Regulatron, why is NSF certification important?

A: Certification helps to ensure that what you're putting into the water doesn't contain additional, unexpected contaminants. Also because Regulatron says so!

Q: Dear Regulatron, some of the parts in my water system aren't certified. Are you going to punish me?

A: Regulatron is gracious and will let you keep those parts! But when they break you must replace them with certified parts! Obey!



Questions? Concerns? Too lazy to bother looking up certification information?

**REGULATRON WILL PROVIDE ANSWERS!**

Contact your local drinking water regulator at the following phone number:

(707) 576-2145

Or send an email to:

dwpdist18@cdph.ca.gov

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!

Interested in being on the 2012 Wine Country Water Works Board of Directors? Please let us know!

2011 WCWWA Board Members

President: Russ Van Voorhis, Veterans Home of CA
Vice President: Hilary Richards, National Meter & Automation
Secretary: Hilary Richards, National Meter & Automation
Treasurer: Kathy Richards, National Meter & Automation
Board Member: Mike Bracewell, City of Rohnert Park
Board Member: Mary Coburn, Town of Windsor
Board Member: Christine Russell T2D2, Fort Bragg, CA
Lake County Representative: Paul Harris, Golden State Water Company
Mendocino County Representative: Bill Ward, The Sea Ranch Water Company
Advisory Committee: All volunteers welcome

WineCountryWWA@yahoo.com
 (707) 570-2807



2012 SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM CRITERIA & APPLICATION

Scholarship will be awarded at the June 2012 Symposium

Purpose: It shall be the purpose of scholarship awards to foster further education, training, and development beyond high school in the general field of waterworks.

Procedure:

1. The Board of Directors may authorize up to \$1,000.00 per year for scholarships and award up to this amount as determined by the Board.
2. The WCWWA Board Members review applications and select recipients.
3. Each Association member sponsoring a candidate shall submit that candidate's application for scholarship to the Scholarship Committee by April 30th for consideration during the current year. Scholarship to be awarded at the Symposium in June.
4. A candidate can only be awarded this scholarship a maximum of two (2) times.
5. The Association President shall notify award recipient once selected
6. Student must be a US Citizen and a legal resident of California for the last six (6) months.
7. Student must have maintained a 3.0 GPA during their junior and senior years in high school and a 3.0 GPA in any extended education.
8. Students with felony convictions or 2nd misdemeanor or drug offenses will not be considered.
9. Scholarships will be awarded to individuals wishing to increase their education and are currently enrolled in an accredited college or University.
10. Scholarship priority shall be given to WCWWA members and their dependents. Scholarships, however, shall not be limited to WCWWA members or their dependents.
11. Applications for scholarships shall include the following:
 - Name and address of the candidate
 - Name and address of college, university or school to be attended
 - Background information, i.e. schools attended, GPA, achievements, work experience, association or club memberships, career goals, internships
 - Reason for the request, including any financial needs
 - Unofficial Transcripts
 - A summary of how the coursework applies to the industry (1 page, double spaced)

Application: Please attach a separate sheet with all information to satisfy requirements in #11.

Applicant's Name: _____

High School/College: _____

Fall 2012 Class Level: _____

Applicant's Phone Number: _____

Return by April 30th 2012 to: WCWWA Scholarship, PO Box 3475, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Questions? 707-570-2807 or WineCountryWWA@yahoo.com



2011 Membership Application

2011 Memberships Only- Good through 12/31/11

Check One: Renewal _____ New Member _____

One application per person please!

Member Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Company/System Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Website: _____

How do you prefer to receive newsletters and announcements?

Email only: _____ Mail only: _____ Both Email & Mail: _____

Individual Membership for the 2011 Calendar Year \$25 _____

Individual Membership for the 2011 Calendar Year & Business Card Ad \$75 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

- Business Cards are posted on www.wcwwa.org and in our published newsletter.
- Please include your business card with the payment
- Individual memberships only. Sorry, no group memberships.

Renew your membership TODAY!

Questions? WineCountryWWA@yahoo.com or 707-575-2807

Water/Wastewater Survey

Ownership: ___ Public ___ Private ___ Mutual

Functions: ___ Water ___ Wastewater

of Connections: ___ Water ___ Wastewater

Business Member Survey

Product/Service:

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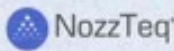
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