



2017 WESTERN REGIONAL GAS CONFERENCE



TUESDAY, AUGUST 29	WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30
7:00 – 8:00 AM REGISTRATION & VENDOR EXHIBITS	
8:00 – 8:10 AM WELCOME! Robert Clarillos – President & CEO Western Regional Gas Association (Bayview Ballroom)	7:30 – 8:15 AM WAKE-UP SESSION Vendor Exhibit Area (Regatta Pavilion)
8:10 – 8:15 AM Vendor Sponsor Introductions (Bayview Ballroom)	
8:15 – 9:00 AM KEY NOTE ADDRESS: Challenges from the 2016 PIPES Act: Increased Cooperation Is the Key! Alan Mayberry – Associate Administrator for Pipeline Safety, Pipeline & Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) (Bayview Ballroom)	8:15 – 9:00 AM Small Operator Perspectives on Safety Management Systems, the Operator Qualification Rule and Other Updates John Erickson – APGA Security & Integrity Foundation (Bayview Ballroom) GPS-Based Dig-In Prevention System for Excavators and Agricultural Equipment: GTI and PG&E Joint Project David Feliciano – Pacific Gas & Electric; Jason Sphar – Gas Technology Institute (Bayview Ballroom 2) Demonstration of the Mueller Poly Pipe Stopping/Pressure Control System Chip Strazis – Mueller Company (Mission Ballroom) Customer Service: Emergency Response for Carbon Monoxide Dan Kalnicki – Southwest Gas Corporation (Mission Ballroom 2)
	9:00 – 9:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Regatta Pavilion)



Location: Hyatt Regency Mission Bay Hotel & Marina, 1441 Quivira Road, San Diego, CA 92109

Registration: Bayview Ballroom Foyer

Vendor Set-Up: Monday, August 28 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM, Regatta Ballroom

Conference Host: Western Regional Gas Association, Inc.

All presentations will be available for download after the conference at www.westernregionalgas.org



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<p>9:00 – 9:45 AM</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Rulemaking Updates and Advisories: NPRM and Final Rule Activity Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA (Bayview Ballroom)</p> <p>Commercial/Industrial Ultrasonic Gas Meters Operations & Diagnostics Dan Whaley – Meter, Valve & Control (Bayview Ballroom 2)</p> <p>10 Essential Elements of SMS Paul Gariboldi – Energy Worldnet (Mission Ballroom)</p> <p>Exploring the National Excavator Initiative: Changing Excavator Behavior Lindsay Sander – Sander Resources (Mission Ballroom 2)</p>	<p>9:15 – 10:00 AM</p> <p>SMS Joint Presentation Symposium Jeff Wiese – TRC Solutions; Robert Miller – Veriforce (Bayview Ballroom)</p> <p>Public Awareness and SMS: Pipeline Marker Strategies Nick Temple – Rhino Marking & Protection Systems (Bayview Ballroom 2)</p> <p>ASME B31Q Committee Updates Bryan Frye – Southwest Gas Corporation (Mission Ballroom)</p> <p>Customer Service: How to Achieve a Better Customer Experience Marc Duarte – Southwest Gas Corporation (Mission Ballroom 2)</p>
<p>9:45 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Regatta Pavilion)</p>	<p>10:00 – 10:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR AREA RAFFLE (Regatta Pavilion)</p>
<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>Distribution Integrity Management: Ongoing Analysis of DIMP Audit Results Chris McLaren – USDOT/PHMSA (Bayview Ballroom)</p> <p>UAV/UAS Drone Leak Detection & Other New Technology (Fixed Path for HCA's; Mobile Leak Detection Side Scan; Methane Sensor Project) Paul Wehnert – Heath Consultants (Bayview Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Deploying a Field Data Collecting Solution: Helping Key Stakeholders Partner with PHMSA Data Collection Initiatives Alice Burns – Celerity Consulting (Mission Ballroom)</p> <p>Managing OQ Records – Managing OQ for Contractors Roland Hammork – San Diego Gas & Electric (Mission Ballroom 2)</p>	<p>10:15 – 11:00 AM</p> <p>Vehicle-Based Methane Sensing for Finding Natural Gas Leaks and Prioritizing Repairs Dr. Joe von Fischer – Colorado State University (Bayview Ballroom)</p> <p>Helping QA/QC Groups Do More with Better Data Alice Burns – Celerity Consulting (Bayview Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Operator Qualification Panel: Achieving Transferability & Equivalency: The Distribution Contractors Association's (DCA) 80/20 OQ Model Brad Heck – Miller Pipeline; Geoff Isbell – Energy Worldnet; Troy Nutter – Puget Sound Energy (Mission Ballroom)</p> <p>Customer Service: Natural Gas Migration in Sewer Dan Kalnicki – Southwest Gas Corporation (Mission Ballroom 2)</p>
<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Regatta Pavilion)</p>	<p>11:00 – 11:15 AM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Regatta Pavilion)</p>



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<p>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>NTSB Pipeline Investigations: What to Expect Rachael Gunaratnam – National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) (Bayview Ballroom)</p> <p>Natural Gas Incident Workshop David Zak – AEGIS Insurance Services (Bayview Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Advancements in Remote CP Monitoring Michael Emerine – Abriox (Mission Ballroom)</p> <p>NPRMs: Important Steps for Evaluation, Comments and Implementation Lane Miller – TRC Solutions (Mission Ballroom 2)</p>	<p>11:15 AM – 12:00 PM</p> <p>OQ NPRM: Effects on the Industry & What You Need to Know Tom Meek – Veriforce (Bayview Ballroom)</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Management Systems: Initial Implementation Strategies and Lessons Learned Mark Hereth – The Blacksmith Group/P-PIC (Bayview Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Gas Transmission & Gathering Line Rule: Updates and PHMSA’s Definition of “Engineering Critical Assessment” John Jacobi – G2 Integrated Solutions (Mission Ballroom)</p> <p>Customer Service: Gas in a Confined Space; Advanced Leak Investigation Dan Kalnicki – Southwest Gas Corporation (Mission Ballroom 2)</p>
<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK & VENDOR RAFFLE (Regatta Pavilion)</p>	<p>12:00 – 1:30 PM LUNCH BREAK (Regatta Pavilion)</p>
<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>Underground Storage: Developing a Comprehensive Underground Storage Integrity Management Plan Chris Foley – Regulatory Compliance Partners (RCP) (Bayview Ballroom)</p> <p>Lessons Learned from Gas Operator Incidents David Zak – AEGIS Insurance Services (Bayview Ballroom 2)</p> <p>Soil Gas Migration in Natural Gas Incidents: Review and Update – Part 1 David Heldenbrand – Bison Engineering (Mission Ballroom)</p> <p>Mock Line Strikes: Adding Realism to Emergency Drills Madison Mason – Enertech (Mission Ballroom 2)</p>	<p>1:30 – 2:15 PM</p> <p>Pipeline Safety Trust Perspectives: Working with Regulators and Industry to Improve Pipeline Safety Carl Weimer – Pipeline Safety Trust (Bayview Ballroom)</p> <p>Electronic Volume Correctors & Pressure Recorders: Theory & Operation Scott Henrich – Meter, Valve & Control (Bayview Ballroom 2)</p> <p>New Technology Case Study: Robotic Crawler In-Line Inspection of an Unpiggable 10” Pipeline Jonny Minder – Diakont (Mission Ballroom)</p> <p>Customer Service Roundtable Facilitated by Southwest Gas Corporation (Mission Ballroom 2)</p>
<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Regatta Pavilion)</p>	<p>2:15 – 2:30 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Regatta Pavilion)</p>



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2:30 – 3:15 PM
Highlights from the California Pipeline Safety Program
Kenneth Bruno – California Public Utilities Commission
 (Bayview Ballroom)

Common Ground Alliance: 811 Damage Prevention Updates
Louis Panzer – North Carolina 811
 (Bayview Ballroom 2)

Soil Gas Migration in Natural Gas Incidents: Review and Update – Part 2
David Heldenbrand – Bison Engineering
 (Mission Ballroom)

Best Practices in the Installation of Pipeline Tracer Wire
John Williams – Copperhead Industries
 (Mission Ballroom 2)

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM
Bringing Smarts to Methane Emissions Detection: An Update on the DOE Smart Methane Emissions Project
Maria Araujo – Southwest Research Institute
 (Bayview Ballroom)

Monitoring Cathodic Protection, Corrosion Rate and Pressure in Production & Gathering Systems: Exploring Combined Direct Monitoring
Jamey Hilleary – Elecsys Corporation
 (Bayview Ballroom 2)

School Pipeline Safety Outreach Strategies
Sheila Caguiat – The Smalley Foundation
 (Mission Ballroom)

3:15 – 3:45 PM BREAK & VENDOR EXHIBITS (Regatta Pavilion)	3:15 PM ADJOURNMENT & GRAND PRIZE RAFFLES (Bayview Ballroom)
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3:45 – 4:30 PM
PHMSA’s Safety of Gas Transmission & Gathering Line NPRM: Industry Challenges
Christina Sames – American Gas Association
 (Bayview Ballroom)

Gas Technology Institute: R&D Brings New Solutions to the Natural Gas Industry
Bob Morris – Gas Technology Institute (GTI)
 (Bayview Ballroom 2)

PHMSA Western Region Updates
Tom Finch – USDOT/PHMSA
 (Mission Ballroom)

Aliso Canyon Underground Storage: Updates on the Investigation & Root Cause Analysis
Matt Epuna – California Public Utilities Commission
 (Mission Ballroom 2)

GRAND DOOR PRIZE RAFFLE

Please join us in the Bayview Ballroom for a chance to win an Apple MacBook laptop computer, a name brand mini tablet, and more! You must be present to win and your name badge will be your potentially winning ticket!

4:30 – 6:00 PM
GET ACQUAINTED NETWORKING RECEPTION
Join us in the vendor exhibit area for light fare and cocktails as well as our main event door prize raffle drawings! Visit the vendors to collect your chances to win some great prizes including laptop computers, gift cards, outdoor gear, and much more!