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To: Board of Directors
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Subject: ACWA/JPIA Fall 2018 Conference Report / Nov 26-Nov 29

November 26, 2018
Travel, Check-in

November 27, 2018

ACWA JPIA Seminar: “Moving From Group to Team: Creating a Cohesive Board”

From the conference guidebook:

Learning language that aligns the energy, effort and focus of a Board around a common cause. Operating from a “group” mindset promotes self-interest and personal agendas. Operating from a “Team” mindset promotes a shared interest that enables cooperation and collaboration. Discussion Boards achieving results when each individual Director takes responsibility for generating and building a team culture.

Analysis: We are fortunate to have a great Board with little to no self-interest or personal agendas.

ACWA JPIA Seminar: “Staying Out of Hot Water: Understanding Your Role as a Board Member”

From the conference guidebook:

A humorous session that detailed the shortcomings and specific behavior of Board Members and Management. The do’s and don’ts and possible consequences of overstepping the boundaries between an Elected Official and Staff. Discussion on offering ideas and best practices on creating an environment where positive relationships can prosper.

JPIA “Leadership Essentials Alumni Reinforcement”

Meeting with former classmates and previous graduates of the JPIA Leadership Essentials for the Water Industry course. New information and discussion about the Work of Managers and the “6 lessons on Leadership Legacies”.

6 lessons on Leadership Legacies

Are you here on this planet to do something or are you here for something to do?

- 1. We will be remembered more for what we do for others, than for ourselves.**
- 2. Leadership is personal.**
- 3. Leaders should want to be liked.**
- 4. Your legacy is someone else’s future.**
- 5. It takes courage to make a life.**
- 6. The legacy you leave is the life you lead.**

November 28, 2018

Paid \$50.00 for my Wife to join us at what was a rather overpriced mediocre breakfast in an incredibly crowded room.

Presentation of the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Award.
Presentation of the 2018 Huell Howser Best in Blue Award.

Attorneys Program: What do the New Water Conservation and Efficiency Requirements Mean for your Agency?

Minimal discussion on Senate Bill 606 regarding water use reduction among residential users. Primary topic included Assembly Bill 1668 which sets agriculture related conservation guidelines and parameters. Conservation and efficiency to move beyond temporary drought measures. The panel provided an overview of the implementation process and deadlines for urban and agricultural water suppliers.

**Communications Committee Program: Infernos and Information:
Communication Lessons Learned During a Fire.**

Great presentation about Water Agency Preparation and response to wildfire emergencies. California had 7 out of 20 worst fire incidents in 2017.

Four important points:

1. Coordination Between Agencies.
2. Know the Chain of Command
3. Verify all information prior to release
4. Focus on Clear Accurate Information.

Keeping field personnel updated, being prepared and being prepared to adjust.

Exhibitor Case Study- Data Collection for Effective Groundwater Sustainability Planning and Management. USGS

Interesting presentation of groundwater well monitoring system and the benefits. USGS discussed the geologic, hydrologic and water quality data that can be collected at multiple-depth monitoring sites, and how this data is used in a 3 dimensional to help us better understand geohydrology and geochemistry of a groundwater basin.

November 29, 2018

Toured exhibit hall and had various discussions with vendors.