



TRIUNFO SANITATION DISTRICT

A PUBLIC AGENCY

Board of Directors
Triunfo Sanitation District
Ventura County, California

November 16, 2011

CASA CONFERENCE – PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA

Summary

Director Orkney requested that District Manager Doug Anders attend the CASA Conference.

Background

The California Association of Sanitation Agencies (CASA) Mid-Year Conference is scheduled for January 18 through 20, 2012, in Palm Desert, California. The CASA Conference provides a professional forum to advance education, renew and expand professional contacts and partnerships, and provide emerging innovations, ideas, and insights.

The estimated cost to attend is \$1,530, which includes conference registration, three nights lodging, meals not provided during the conference, and round trip automobile mileage.

If you have any questions, please call me at 805-658-4602 or email douganders@vrsc.com.

Fiscal Impact

A budget adjustment is needed for the cost of conference registration and expenses since this was not a budgeted item.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Board authorize the District Manager to attend the CASA Mid-Year Conference and approve a budget adjustment in the amount of \$1,503.

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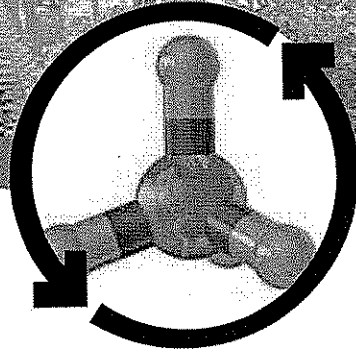
APPROVED FOR THE NOVEMBER 28, 2011 AGENDA



Doug Anders – District Manager

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Ensuring Clean Water for California



California Association of Sanitation Agencies

MID YEAR CONFERENCE

January 18-20, 2012 Desert Springs, JW Marriott

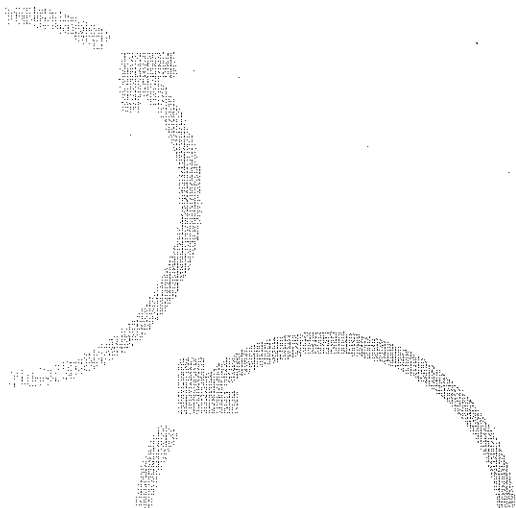
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Palm Desert, CA 92260

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President's Message

Our Mission Statement

The mission of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies is to provide leadership, advocacy and information to our members, legislators, and the public, and to promote partnerships on clean water and beneficial reuse issues that protect public health and the environment.



I look forward to welcoming you to the JW Marriott in Palm Desert for CASA's 2012 Mid-Year Conference. The Committee Chairs and staff have worked hard to line up topics and speakers that highlight technical and legislative updates on current issues of interest to you. The weekday schedule will run from Wednesday, January 18 through Friday, January 20, 2011; the preliminary program is included to assist you in making early arrangements to attend.

Sustainability is integral to doing business in the 21st century. CASA's Mid-Year Conference theme "driving sustainability" is consistent with CASA's mission of providing leadership, advocacy and information to our stakeholders while promoting partnerships on clean water and beneficial reuse issues that protect public health and the environment. Focusing on sustainability will capture valuable reusable resources, promote new jobs and provide everyone with a cleaner environment. When it comes to clean water education, CASA conferences are at the top of the list for providing high quality and up-to-date information on a wide range of presentations focused on the governance and management of public wastewater operations.

In addition to providing clean water education, CASA also provides a voice for California's wastewater communities. CASA's Executive Board recently met to prioritize our efforts in advocating for California's wastewater community as a renewable resource provider of clean energy. Our goal for the next year is to fold together in a collaborative manner activities found in the biosolids, climate change, federal and state legislative, regulatory, and communications programs in order to ensure the value of POTWs in supplying renewable resources to California is acknowledged and promoted.

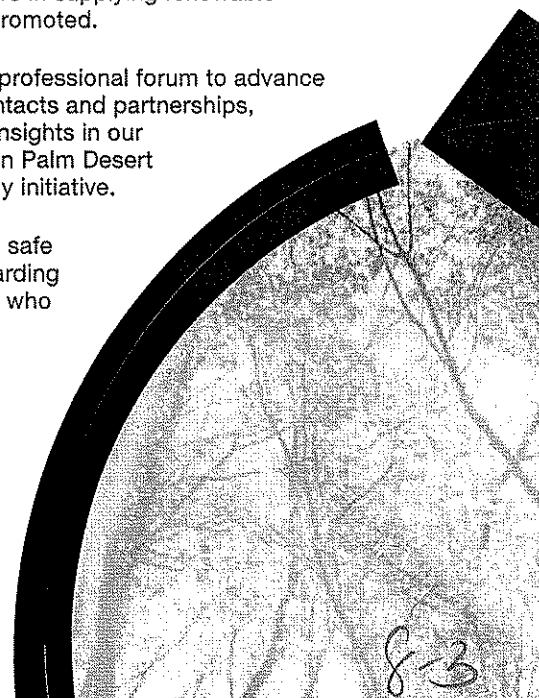
The goal of CASA conferences is to provide a professional forum to advance education, renew and expand professional contacts and partnerships, and provide emerging innovations, ideas and insights in our industry and agencies. I hope you can join us in Palm Desert where CASA will introduce its new clean energy initiative.

Until we see you in January, have a happy and safe holiday season. If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact the CASA staff who will be happy to assist you!

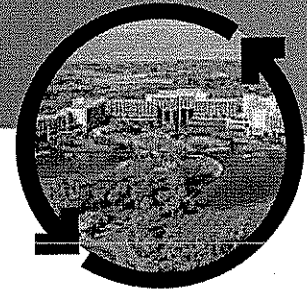
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gary W. Darling". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gary W. Darling
President



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Hotel Information

Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

Desert Springs, JW Marriott

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Room Reservations

- **CASA Room Rate:**
\$234.46 (with tax) - for single/double occupancy standard room
*guest rooms include: Internet, self-parking, local phone calls and access to other hotel amenities
- Please identify yourself as a CASA member to receive this special rate
- **Cut-Off Date: Tuesday, December 27**
- Check-in: 4 p.m. Check-out: 11 a.m.
- Cancellation Policy: Cancel your reservation at least three days prior to reservation.

Booking Reservations Online

- Online and phone reservations will be accepted. A dedicated booking website has been created for CASA members. You can make, modify and cancel hotel reservations online, as well as take advantage of any room upgrades, amenities or other services offered by the hotel.
- To make your hotel reservations online, please visit www.casaweb.org/conferences to access the hotel link.

Ground Transportation

- The JW Marriott is 13 miles from Palm Springs and is accessible from the Palm Springs, Ontario International and LAX airports. Ground transportation from Palm Springs Int'l Airport is available.
- Taxi Service (approx. \$40 one-way)
- Shuttles by advanced reservation: call At Your Service Shuttle at 760.343.0666
- Car Rentals: Hertz offers in-house service at the JW Marriott

Hotel Room Reservations and Wait List

The JW Marriott reservations department will manage the CASA wait list and has assured us that our delegates will be able to reserve a room based on CASA's group block rate. If you make advanced reservations and some of those individuals do not register for the conference, please cancel those rooms by the Tuesday, December 27 cut-off date. This will help will ensure that all members attending the conference have a room at the negotiated rate and will alleviate CASA's financial liability with contractual guest room obligations.

CASA's Late Cancellation Policy

CASA initiated a Late Cancellation Policy because of the large number of cancellations in the final days approaching each conference. Our contractual obligations with the hotel hold CASA liable if we do not meet the room guarantee. Please note CASA's Late Cancellation Policy on the bottom of the registration form. If you cannot attend, send a colleague in your place by notifying the CASA office. **The late fee for cancelling on or before Friday, January 6, 2012 is \$25. No refunds after January 6, 2012.**

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WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 18, 2012

7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CSRMA Seminar: Switch On Your Leadership!

See separate sign-up form

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Registration

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Executive Board Meeting

12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

OPENING LUNCHEON

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

California's Economic Forecast

Keynote: Mark Schniepp, Ph.D., Founder of
California Economic Forecast



Dr. Schniepp is currently Director of the California Economic Forecast in Santa Barbara. The company prepares forecasts and economic commentary on the regional economies of California. Dr. Schniepp prepares economic analysis and county level forecasts for Cal Trans, Kaiser Permanente and the Southern California Association of Governments.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Joint Directors and Managers Meeting

- Directors Chair Jean Mariani, Novato Sanitary District
- Managers Chair Ed McCormick, East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Directors Vice Chair Peer Swan, Irvine Ranch Water District
- Managers Vice Chair Traci J. Minamide, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation

Taking Water Quality to a New Level

Jeopardy, ranked as America's favorite quiz show, will be the format of CASA's Directors and Managers meeting. Members will team up to challenge their knowledge about CASA and other water quality categories in a round of "Sustainability Jeopardy!" The best of the best of CASA's 2011 Achievement Award winners in public outreach and education will be featured. Do you have what it takes to be a champ?

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

"Sustainability Jeopardy" – Part 1

2:30 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.

CASA Award Presentation #1

- Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District's "Clean Water Outreach Program"

2:50 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Short Networking Break

3:10 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

"Sustainability Jeopardy" – Part 2

3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CASA Award Presentation #2

- Leucadia Wastewater District's "Teacher Grant Program"

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Associates Meeting

- Chair Vivian Housen, West Yost Associates
- Vice Chair Dave Bechtel, Lee & Ro

THURSDAY

JANUARY 19, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Registration

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

JOINT AIR-LAND ISSUES FORUM

- Air Chair Lisa Rothbart, Orange County Sanitation District
- Land Chair Mike Sullivan, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
- Air Vice Chair Omar Moghadam, City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Sanitation
- Land Vice Chair Ruben Robles, Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District
- Energy Management – Working Together Toward a Sustainable Future
- Bay Area Biosolids to Energy Project – Caroline Quinn, Delta Diablo Sanitation District
- Co-Digestion and Energy Efficiency – David R. Williams, East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Implementation Issues and Impacts of South Coast Air Rule 1110.2 – Lisa Rothbart, Orange County Sanitation District
- Implementation Issues and Impacts of South Coast Air Rule 1133.1 – David Rothbart, Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts
- Biosolids Update and FOG/Food Waste Co-Digestion Issues with CalRecycle and CDFA – Greg Kester, CASA

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

WATER QUALITY FORUM

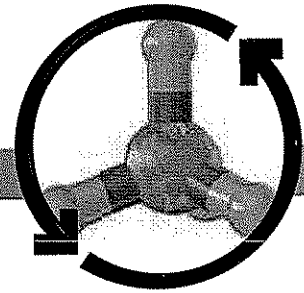
- Chair Laura Pagano, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- Vice Chair E.J. Shalaby, West County Wastewater District
- Too Much of a Good Thing? Development of Nutrient Standards for California

Developing nutrient (such as nitrogen and phosphorus) regulation has become a priority for the EPA and California State regulators. The Water Quality Forum will consider practical implications of nutrient endpoint limits for POTWs as well as the potential benefits to water quality. We will first set the context on recent regulatory developments and basic nutrient science, then hear from a POTW that has faced nutrient issues, including costs/efficacy of treatment to meet low limits for N and P. Lastly, we will learn from an environmental group (tentatively Heal the Bay) about why they are concerned about nutrients and what they hope regulation will achieve for water quality in receiving waters.

Speakers:

- Roberta Larson, CASA Director of Legal & Regulatory Affairs
- John Mundy, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District General Manager
- Mark Gold, Heal the Bay President (invited)

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THURSDAY CONTINUED
JANUARY 19, 2012

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Climate Change Report
Zeynep Erdal, CWCCG Program Manager



12:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
CONFERENCE LUNCHEON
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Keynote: Cynthia Barnett, Author of the "Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis"

Cynthia Barnett is a long-time journalist who has reported on freshwater issues from the Suwannee River to Singapore. She is author of the new book *Blue Revolution: Unmaking America's Water Crisis*, the first book to call for a water ethic for America. The *Boston Globe* describes Ms. Barnett's author persona as "part journalist, part mom, part historian, and part optimist."

2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - GENERAL SESSION
1st Vice President John E. Hoagland, presiding

2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Staying Green in a Tough Economy – Achieving Cost Savings Through Energy Efficient Projects and Grants
Associates' Innovation Panel

3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Break

3:45 p.m. – 4:05 p.m.
Technical Innovation and Achievement Award Winner:
• **Ironhouse Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment & Water Recycling Facility**
- *Tom Williams, General Manager*
- *Jenny Skrel, District Engineer*

4:05 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Outstanding Capital Project Achievement Award Winner:
• **Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facilities Organics Upgrade Project**
- *Steve Hogg, City of Fresno*
- *Steve Swanback, Carollo Engineers*

3:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Federal Legislative Committee Meeting
- *Chair Ann Farrell, Central Contra Costa Sanitary District*
- *Vice Chair Michael Gold, Orange County Sanitation District*

5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Program Planning Meeting
Grace Chan, Los Angeles County Sanitation District

5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
CSRMA Executive Board Meeting

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. - ASSOCIATES RECOGNITION RECEPTION
Hosted by the Associates, registered delegates and guests are invited to network with colleagues and friends.

FRIDAY
JANUARY 20, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
CSRMA Board of Directors Meeting

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Breakfast

7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
State Legislative Committee Meeting
Chair Jeff Moorhouse, Carpinteria Sanitary District

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Communications Committee Meeting
- *Chair Michele McKinney Underwood, Western Municipal Water District*
- *Vice Chair Jeff Reinhardt, Las Virgenes Municipal Water District*

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Registration

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. - CLOSING GENERAL SESSION
President Gary W. Darling, presiding
• Executive Board Report – President Gary W. Darling
• Executive Director's Report – Catherine Smith
• Washington Report – Eric Sapirstein
• State Legislative Report – Mike Dillon
• Regulatory Outlook – Roberta Larson

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Attorney's Committee Meeting
- *Chair Carl P.A. Nelson, Bold Polisner, Maddow, Nelson & Judson*
- *Vice Chair Bradley R. Hogin, Woodruff Spradlin & Smart*
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MID YEAR CONFERENCE

January 18-20, 2012 Desert Springs, JW Marriott

REGISTRATION FORM - REGISTER BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2012	
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Nickname:	E-mail:
Title:	Agency/Firm:
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Associate <input type="checkbox"/> Attorney <input type="checkbox"/> Student <input type="checkbox"/> Non-member	
Guest First Name:	Guest Last Name:
<input type="checkbox"/> \$425 Full Conference Member Registration (includes all sessions and meals) <input type="checkbox"/> \$625 Full Conference Non-Member Registration (includes all sessions and meals) <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Full Conference Student (includes all sessions and meals) <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 Wednesday only <input type="checkbox"/> \$275 Thursday only <input type="checkbox"/> \$175 Friday only <input type="checkbox"/> \$150 Attorneys Committee Meeting only <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Guest Lunch Wednesday <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 50 Guest Lunch Thursday <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 65 Guest Thursday (includes breakfast and reception) <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 25 Guest Friday (includes breakfast)	
First Name:	Last Name:
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PAYMENT METHOD	
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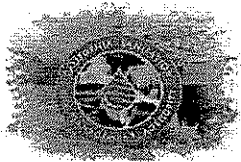
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Make checks payable to:

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CSRMA SWITCH ON YOUR LEADERSHIP

CSRMA Risk Management Seminar at CASA...

Sponsored by: *California Sanitation Risk Management Authority (CSRMA)*

Sessions and Topics

CSRMA Invites Board Members and Your Entire Management Team to:

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
Catered Breakfast

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session: Switch On Your Leadership

Join us for a fun, engaging and interactive experience designed to help people get a better attitude and take high quality action as a leader. In difficult economic times, people tend to make excuses, focus on what's not working, and can become disillusioned. Attitudes can sour and the quality of their efforts can decline.

The turnaround starts with acknowledging the gap between where you are and where you can be. What is possible for you? What have you been neglecting? What are the brutal facts you need to confront and take action on now?

Chip helps you clarify your compelling vision and get a clear game plan for the future. What's working? What's exciting? Painting a picture in which you can see yourself making the vision a reality goes a long way to getting plugged back in and switched on!

Given what is happening in the economy and the constant negative onslaught from the media, the mindset of many people has gone from success to survival. It is time to look in the mirror, put on the hat of personal responsibility, and get better now. Audiences need to hear a message to get them plugged back in and switched on, and this is exactly what Chip delivers. You will leave with a leadership plan that will "set the sail" for rest of your life.

About the Speaker: Formerly Tony Robbins' international point man, Chip has studied what brings success and causes failure both in business and professionally. Over the last 17 years, he has created a career as a "go to" opening and closing speaker for clients like Harley Davidson, ADP, RE/MAX and the Washington Hospital Center.

When

Wednesday, January 18, 2012
7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(registration and catered breakfast begins at 7:00 a.m.)

Where

Desert Springs JW Marriott
74855 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260
Phone: 760.341.2211

Cost

The seminar is free to all CSRMA members. There will be a nominal fee of \$50 for all non-CSRMA members
(Cash or check only, payable to CSRMA either in advance or at the door.)

How to Register

Register via the Internet at:
<http://www.sipeonlinetraining.com/csrma/ViewSeminars.cfm>

Questions

Please Contact David Patzer, CSRMA Risk Control Advisor at losscontrol@sbcglobal.net or at 707.373.9709

Please Note:

It is important we have an accurate headcount prior to the date of the seminar to ensure that breakfast is available for those attending the seminar. Please take a moment to pre-register if you plan to attend.

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