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To add dates of your events to the Drillstem Calendar, please call the office: 303-759-2294

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President’s Letter

Wow! As I sit here writing my first presidential letter for the Drillstem my mind is flooded with thoughts. With all the changes and proposed changes, one could write a book. I will try to keep this letter short and to the point though. But first, I would like to take the time to thank you for entrusting me with this position. I will do my best to ensure that this Association continues to serve its membership. I have come to realize over the years that there are some misconceptions about why we are here. So I would like you to take the time to read our mission statement.

“The objectives of the Colorado Water Well Contractors’ Association shall be: To assist, promote, encourage, and support the interests and welfare of the Water Well Industry in all its phases generally and in particular within Colorado; to foster, aid and promote scientific education standards, research, and techniques in order to improve methods of well construction and development, and to advance the science of ground water hydrology; to promote harmony and cooperation between well contractors and governmental and scientific agencies relative to the proper development and protection of underground water supplies; to encourage cooperation of all interested groups relative to the improvement of drilling and pumping equipment; to encourage, serve, assist and promote close cooperation with the National Ground Water Association; to collect, analyze and disseminate to the public facts about the role of the water well industry in the economy of Colorado and the nation; and to advance generally the mutual interests of all these engaged in the water well industry, in their own and the public interest.”

Now let’s get in to the meat of what has happened over the past couple of months. As you all know Reiner retired last year, and we did not have a technical person on staff. During the last board meeting it was decided that we would recruit Jack Byers for that position. The executive committee approached Jack Byers, and we reached an agreement for his services. Jack is now a valuable part of the CWWCA staff.

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Senate Bill 216 is moving through the legislature to provide funding to the Division of Water Resources (Division). SB 216 as passed out of the state Senate contained a number of fee increases, including fees for well permits. SB 216 is in flux as we write this article in which we also share the bleak news about Colorado’s revenue shortfall and budget balancing efforts.

Background: In 1992, Colorado voters passed the Taxpayer’s bill of rights (TABOR), the constitutional amendment that prohibits tax increases without a vote of the people. As a result, the state has increasingly relied on increases in fees instead of increased taxes to raise additional revenue for the state’s budget and to fund the operations of state agencies. The trend is for fees to be increased to cover the cost of providing the state service.

State Budget: Last January Governor Bill Ritter announced recommendations to balance the current year budget due to a $632 million shortfall in state revenue. This fiscal crisis led to a series of bills introduced in the state legislature to reduce spending, cut programs and generate cash funds through fee increases. The state’s fiscal health has worsened. On March 20, 2009, a new economic forecast was released revealing a shortfall in state revenues for the current year by some $900 million and by another $800 million in the coming budget year. This signals continued fee increases and revenue shifting as the state “robs Peter to pay Paul.”

SB 216 as passed by the state Senate would increase fees for:
- A new well from $100 to $665;
- A replacement well from $60 to $365 for exempt wells and $100 to $665 for nonexempt wells;
- Late registration of an exempt well from $100 to $365.

Historically, the Division’s budget has been largely general fund money supplemented by fees. SB 216, a bill from the Joint Budget Committee, would increase the amount of money generated by fees.

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Another effect of today’s stock market – fiduciary liability claims

Employers who offer investment funds to their employees often see an increase in fiduciary liability claims when the stock market is unstable or has dipped substantially.

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In this particular market, many investors buoyed up by their successes took uncharacteristic risks and suffered losses. They, too, might allege that the choices offered were not good, or the risks were not adequately explained. If these investors are employees who had anticipated retiring soon, they may have to postpone retiring or resign themselves to tightening their retirement spending. This situation – and many more – can prompt employees to take an employer to court over ‘negligent’ or ‘incompetent’ plan administration.

Yet many employers don’t fear liability because they mistakenly believe that they have no risk – the risk belongs to the plan administrator. Not so. Typically, a fiduciary chooses the plan administrator and describes the company’s investment goals. The administrator selects specific funds subject to the approval of the employer, making the employer an active member in the decision-making process.

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Rules Review Committee Report

By Todd Hunter
Chairman, CWWCA Rules Review Committee

Since the annual contractors meeting in Denver there have been many items addressed and the rules review process is moving forward quite nicely. Jack Byers was added as Technical Advisor at the CWWCA and he is actively involved in providing oversight and direction to assure we are addressing the items needed for the overview in a timely fashion. He has already provided comment and direction addressing the proposed scope and focus on specific topics related to the rules review. We will continue to provide more detail as that process and discussion moves along.

The topics currently under review are mostly related to well construction and minimum standards. We do hope to bring suggestions forward from BOE and DWR staff as well. Overall the process has focused primarily on bringing the Colorado rules and regulations more in line with other states and national standards. The NGWA has provided information about their Best Suggested Practices effort. Much of that information, as with our process, directly speaks to well construction methods, casing selection, and grouting. I do hope to see the finished product from the NGWA soon and anticipate a draft, ready for public review, at the end of the second quarter.

To date our focus has been on minimum annular space, surface casing size and type, production casing size and type, centralizer placement and spacing, acceptable grouts, grouting cross sections, grout placement methods, perforated casing and well screen, well production testing and reporting, and compliance with local, regional, and national regulations.

At the last Technical Working Group meeting we discussed the need for interested parties to submit written comments on proposed changes to the CWWCA. We encourage interested individuals to participate in the process by providing input. The Executive Director and staff will be sure to get it out to the proper contact. Each of those comments will be

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Highlights of CWWCA Annual Conference

One January 8-10, 2009, the CWWCA held its Annual Conference at the Crowne Plaza, DIA, Hotel in Denver. The event was a huge success. Approximately 280 guests were educated by knowledgeable speakers, entertained by Casino Night and enlightened by Conference Exhibitors.

Above—Past President, Jeff Appel and Past President Jarod Kuntz present the “1st Annual Reiner G. Haubold Member of the Year Award” to Reiner G. Haubold.

Above—Buck Lively Scholarship Raffle winner, Doug Jatcko, receives his prize from Chairman, Kate Fegel and Jason Fegel. Drawing the lucky raffle ticket, Quinn Fegel.

Above—Alan Eades, NGWA President

Gentlemen, place your bets!

Above—Scott Cuthbertson, Assistant State Engineer, Division of Water Resources

Above—CASINO NIGHT-And the lucky winner is...our new CWWCA President, John O’Brien
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“THANK YOU” FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!
SB 216’s next step in the process was in the House Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee. Dick Wolfe, the state engineer testified for SB 216 and said that even with the increases, the fees would not cover all of the costs of providing services. He also pointed out that his office currently has 25 vacancies including vacant positions for water commissioners, division engineers, dam inspectors and technicians. John O’Brien, President of the Board of Directors for CWWCA testified on SB 216 and stressed the importance of adequate funding for the Division in order to protect the aquifers, inspect wells, and ensure drilling is being done by licensed contractors. Dick Wolfe thanked John for taking the time to attend the committee meeting and speak on behalf of the CWWCA.

An amendment to SB 216 negotiated by the Division, Colorado Water Congress and Rep. Kathleen Curry (D) - Gunnison that lessened the fee hikes but still left the State Engineer’s Office in the Division of Water Resources with inadequate funding failed. This amendment would have set fees for:

- A new well at $430;
- A replacement well at $255 for exempt wells and $330 for nonexempt wells
- Late registration of an exempt well at $3

An alternative amendment by Rep. Jerry Sonnenberg (R) - Sterling passed. His amendment leaves fees at current levels but addresses only current year funding through the transfer of money from the low-income energy assistance program to the Division. A related bill, HB 1303 bill passed this same House committee to fund the Division of Water Resources budget for the coming year from severance tax funds. The combination of the stripped down SB 216 and HB 1303 would provide adequate funding for the Division, but as these bills move on to the floor of the House of Representatives to be debated and voted on by all 65 members, it is difficult to predict the outcome. Adding to the uncertainty of the final outcome is also the fact that SB 216 must be voted on again by the Senate if the version of SB 216 that ultimately passes out of the Senate is different than the SB 216 originally passed by the Senate.

Nevertheless, what we can say with certainty is that we will be at the statehouse working for you. We will be calling Joe Meigs, CWWCA Legislative Committee Chairman with the latest reports on SB 216 and for direction on the positions and interests of CWWCA so that we can provide the best representation for your organization. As always, thank you - we enjoy working for you.

By now, it should be well known that this process is moving forward everywhere in the country at some level, and is in fact considering both the contractor and the consumer in the process. At this point there are many contractors, both locally and nationally, involved in providing insight and direction on how to minimize impact from a cost standpoint, yet still provide for the best protection of the resource.

Some in our industry have expressed concern that it will be impossible to keep up with the ever changing landscape and are fighting very hard to keep the status quo. It is very safe to say that our world will continue to change. We can only hope to stay abreast of those changes and work hard to continue providing our customers the best product possible at a fair and equitable price. We will all need to be proactive in our industry to assure the best solutions to these challenges are driven, primarily, by the ongoing need to protect the ground water resource in the State Of Colorado and beyond.
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Summary of January and March CWWCA TWG Meetings

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Topics:
Quarterly vs. bi-monthly meetings - Topic tabled until next meeting, March 3rd.
Water well construction rules - Preview of afternoon class provided by Todd Hunter. Comments regarding risks and opportunities when opening the Rules by Jack Byers.
Update on Denver Basin stratigraphy - Peter Barkman of the CGS available to present at future TWG meeting.
Licensing and license structure - Discussion regarding business, apprentice, supervisor or operator licensing.
Well abandonment - Discussion regarding un-abandoned wells in Weld County.

Future topics:
Water well construction rules
Update on Denver Basin stratigraphy
Licensing and license structure
Well abandonment
Engage Scott Cuthbertson in TWG meetings

Next TWG Meeting:
Tuesday, March 3rd 8:30 AM, CDM Office, Denver, CO

MARCH 3, 2009
Attendance: Todd Hunter, Scott Cuthbertson, Larry Finney, Nolan Lloyd, Dick Wilson, Tim Crawford, Dave McElhaney, Peter Berglund, Andy Horn and Alan Robbins

Location: Colorado Division of Water Resources, 1313 Sherman St., Denver, CO

Next TWG Meeting:
Tuesday, June 2, 2009, 8:30 AM, Colorado Division of Water Resources, Denver, CO

Division of Water Resources Fee Increases
The Colorado Division of Water Resources has proposed fee increases for a number of applications: well permits, replacement wells, late registration of wells, geothermal permits, determination of designated basin Denver Basin water rights, permit extensions, substitute water supply plans, replacement plans, and dam plans and specifications. Proposed fees are based upon the cost for the Division of Water Resources to process each type of application “legitimate base of business type fees.”

The fees are proposed in Senate Bill 09-216, which is currently in the House Ag Committee until March 20th. The purpose of these increases is to ensure sustainable water management and protect the state’s water resources.

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fees is to comply with a State legislative requirement to cut 10-percent of reliance on the General Fund, which amounts to approximately $3 million out of $30 million. Unlike SB 03-181, the proposed fee increases are permanent and will not sunset. The House Ag Committee is hearing testimony on the bill until March 20th.

Water Well Construction Rules
Todd Hunter provided an update regarding the CWWCA water well construction rules review. The CWWCA membership voted at the annual meeting to continue review of the current rules. The CWWCA has retained Jack Byers for consulting services and Mr. Byers will be participating in the water well construction review on behalf of the CWWCA as a liaison with the Division of Water Resources and Board of Examiners. A markup copy of the current rules are posted on the CWWCA website: CWWCA Water Well Construction Rules Markup. Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments regarding proposed rule changes.

The history of the 2000 Water Well Construction Rules was revisited: In 2000, the Board of Examiners tasked the Division of Water Resources with updating the Rules. The Rules come up for review in 2010 and it is the CWWCA’s objective to have specific recommendations in 2009 for the Board of Examiner’s consideration.

Individual vs. Company Licensing and Apprentice Programs
Meeting participants generally agreed that there is room for improvement regarding the current statutory driller and pump installer licensing program. There is the topic of individual vs. company licensing. Additionally, there is the topic of an apprentice program which would serve to train and verify experience for driller or pump installer license applicants. A statutory change would be needed to implement either of these programs. Moving forward, the CWWCA was asked to propose an organizational structure for company and/or apprentice licensing programs. The Division of Water Resources would be particularly supportive of an apprentice program. Given the current topics on the table, it was suggested that the licensing topic be addressed at some point in the future.

CWWCA Geothermal Rules Review
The CWWCA has formed an ad-hoc committee to review the State’s Geothermal Rules and propose changes, if needed. Dick Wilson, committee chairman, provided an update. The committee has focused on Rule 8.5.4 regarding “cement grout,” particularly in regard to applications that penetrate a confined aquifer. The committee’s initial finding is that the Geothermal Rules may lack detail and specifics in defining grouts. Recommended changes to the Geothermal Rules may be implemented along with changes to the Water Well Construction Rules.

Denver Basin Stratigraphy
The Colorado Geological Survey has prepared cross-sections and mapping which reflect a different interpretation of the Denver Basin aquifer stratigraphy, particularly on the western margin of the basin. The Division of Water Resources does not believe that this new understanding of stratigraphy warrants changes to the Denver Basin Rules, in part because a substantial portion of the Denver Basin has already been adjudicated. The Aquifer Storage and Recovery Rules may be updated to reflect new understanding of aquifer stratigraphy.

Abandonment
At the January TWG meeting, Dick Wilson presented information regarding submittal well abandonment forms in Weld County. The Division of Water Resources does not have the resources to police well abandonment wholesale, but will follow up on specific un-abandoned wells or issues of contamination. CWWCA meeting participants asked the Division of Water Resources to provide a letter in the future along with replacement well permits stating that the old well must be abandoned. The Division of Water Resources does not believe it has the authority to cancel a replacement well permit on the basis non-abandonment of the original well.

The Division of Water Resources is in the process of merging well databases from the Division and Denver offices. Upon completion of this merge, the Division of Water Resources will be able to set up an auto-response that notifies when an abandonment report is needed, but has not been submitted.

Continuing Education Requirements for Newly Licensed Contractors
Currently, contractors are required to demonstrate a full eight hours of Board of Examiners approved continuing education for renewal. Continuing education credits may only be accumulated after a license has been issued. This results in a challenge for contractors who are licensed late in the year, for example in October. These newly licensed contractors only have the remain-

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our best to guide it in the manner that is in the best interest for our membership.

I hope that brings you up to speed on the major issues. We are working on a number of other things—Geo Thermal, insurance, scholarship, continuing education, TWG and website to name but a few. If you would like information on the other committees or are looking to volunteer, please contact us. Our next membership meeting will be held in Breckenridge during our mid-year conference. The conference is at the Beaver Run Resort July 10-12, 2009. I hope to see you all there.

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CWWCA Website Shows Promising Results

The CWWCA website received 411 to 1060 page views per month, and an average of 624 page views per month during the 12 month period of January 2008 through December 2008, a 47% increase from 2007. Use data indicate that the website is viewed most frequently in the months leading up to the Mid-Year and Annual conferences. The past 18 months of monthly page views and relative increase in website use, by month are shown below.

- A total of 154 CWWCA members elected to have their names listed on the CWWCA membership directory to date.
- The CWWCA web forum is complete and operational.
- New copies of the Drillstem are on the website.
- The website committee proposes to have Keith Slate, website designer, add a “Special Topics” box to the website, which would be used to communicate information regarding the Technical Working Group and the Water Well Construction Rules Review Committee. The estimated cost to add this feature is a one-time fee of $200.
- Keith Slate offered to upgrade the CWWCA website to a “Constant Contact Manager,” which would make editing news, adding events, adding a classified page, and other features easier and more accessible to Sherry and other authorized website administrators. The cost for this upgrade would be $800 to $1200, which Keith Slate has indicated is a discounted rate. The benefit to this upgrade would be that the user interface for website updates could be drastically simplified, which may be necessary to accommodate future website committee chairperson’s web-savvy. The website committee’s recommendation is to test an example of the upgrade with Sherry during 2009 at no cost and, based upon this testing, consider the upgrade as a budget item in 2010.
- Although the events and news pages have received updates, additional content is appreciated, please send news articles, events and continuing education opportunities to dniemela@bbawater.com.
Thank you CWWCA From Reiner Haubold

For more than twenty years I have been involved with and participated in various CWWCA activities. During that time I have become acquainted with most of CWWCA’s members, both professionally and personally. It has been a rewarding experience being associated with a wonderful group of people.

Selecting me as Member of the Year is an honor I deeply appreciate. I want to thank the Board of Directors and the CWWCA membership for this award. And the giant thank you card signed by so many of you has a real special meaning for me.

Don’t worry; you all have not gotten rid of me yet. While I have resigned from the CWWCA staff, I have not retired. I am still ready, willing and able to assist CWWCA and its members as requested and as resources permit.

Again, thank you all and have a great day.

Reiner

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Letter From a Member

“On March 23 and 24, 2009, NGWA had their 22nd annual Fly-In held in Washington, DC. Orville and I had the opportunity to attend. Monday was the day to learn the process of lobbying and presenting an idea or request to our elected officials at their very busy, exciting places of work. Tuesday, five people representing Colorado; John O’Brien, CWWCA President, Jason Fegel, CWWCA Vice-President, Dan Niemela, CWWCA Technical Director and Orville Diss and Celeste Luther-Diss, walked the hallowed halls of the House of Representatives and The Senate. Our task was to talk to the Congressional staff that work for our elected officials. We had the privilege of talking to aides in seven different offices. These people are some of the best and the brightest minds in the country. They study and research each issue intensely and guide their employer as to the best action to take on an issue. I cannot even imagine the amount of hours that they work. The opportunity to participate in our governing process would not have been possible without the tireless effort of NGWA and Dutco. This is something everyone who is an American should try and do at least once in their lifetime; actually see our governing process at work. I believe we would all have a better appreciation of what our elected Senators and Representatives do for our country and to quote “in turn for ‘We The People.’” Thank you to NGWA for making this happen and allowing me to participate in a truly memorable experience.”

Celeste Luther-Diss
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der of October, November and December to accumulate the required eight hours of Board of Examiners approved continuing education for renewal in the following year. The Division of Water Resources is supportive of implementing a change whereby newly licensed contractors may apply all continuing education accumulated during the year in which they are issued their licenses to renewal for the following year. The CWWCA will propose this change in a letter to the Board of Examiners.

**Future Topics**

- Water Well Construction Rules. Continuing education requirements for newly licensed contractors.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Daniel Niemela.

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**Alan Eades, NGWA President**

Hello from New Mexico. I want to thank everyone in CWWCA for the hospitality and good conversations that I've received at the past shows. I hope business has improved or that the outlook coming into spring has. I have been to nine other state shows since I was in Denver, a lot of similarities in the industry. Wish one was booming business. We'll keep our chins up though and keep searching for ways and things that can help.

NGWA has been very active in Washington, as I'm writing this I am fixing to leave for the Fly-In. This is a very important year to make contact with your legislator. If for no other reason than to let them know that you vote, might be surprised when you need something. Try building those relationships.

One of the most common items from my travels has been the interest in geothermal ground source heat pump work. I believe that this will be very beneficial to many of our business. I'm not talking just the large commercial jobs. I'm thinking more residential work is coming. Keep an eye open for new business.

To close, I want to encourage everyone to attend the 2009 NGWA Expo in New Orleans, December 10-13. Some may say, I just can't afford to. Can you afford not to come learn and investigate new techniques, equipment, and most importantly build those personal networks that may help you survive these times. I know that every show I go to, regardless whether state or national, I learn something or meet someone that has helped my business become more efficient. Efficiency is money. Have a good summer, I'll see you in N'Awlins.

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