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CWWCA Calendar of Events

Apr 17, 2015 CWWCA Board of Directors Meeting
July 10-12, 2015 CWWCA Mid-Year Conference
Oct 2, 2015 CWWCA Membership and Board Meeting
Jan 7-9, 2016 CWWCA Annual Conference
CROWNE PLAZA, DIA Denver, CO
1st Quarter CWWCA President’s Report

2015 - A Year Of Change – You voted to approve many new Board of Directors and on behalf of new and tenured Board members I want to thank you for the vote of confidence. We will collectively strive to represent the CWWCA membership in a manner that promotes the Colorado ground water industry and its contractor members.

Congratulations are in order for one of CWWCA’s Board members. Keith Branstetter (Vice President) was appointed by Governor Hickenlooper to sit on the BOE Board of Directors. Hats off to Keith – we all know he will serve the BOE Board with the same expertise and professionalism for which he is known.

After many years of passionate leadership Sherry Engleberg (Executive Director of the Colorado Water Well Contractors Association) has resigned her position with CWWCA to wind-down an impressive career and to pursue passions in other interests. Sherry’s expertise, leadership and guidance strengthened the CWWCA in countless ways and we will forever be thankful and blessed for her contributions. Sherry worked successfully during the last four years to develop a protégé. Karie Walker has worked directly with Sherry Engleberg and effective March 31st will step in to assume the position of Executive Director for CWWCA. Karie has a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology and Environmental Issues; currently, she serves as the Administrator of the Colorado Ground Water Association; she is Executive Director of the Nebraska and St. Louis Chapters of the Appraisal Institute and led as Executive Director of the Richmond VA Appraisal Institute prior to moving to Colorado. Karie has extensive experience with Grant writing, has chaired various fundraising committees and is credited with creating practical new fundraising programs for the Sierra Club. Karie brings with her a tailored set of skills and experiences in association management and contributes to the community through involvement in multiple volunteer organizations.

Changes that enhanced the annual conference - Thanks to each of you that participated in this years’ CWWCA Annual Conference; the event was a tremendous success. Based on data collected and on participant feedback the conference is credited with an excellent member turn-out, over 130 contractors, one of the best programs for continuing education, the largest vendor participation and exhibits, 39 booths, an extremely successful scholarship fundraising auction, record breaking income, and yet another excellent opportunity for attending members to directly participate in discussions regarding upcoming changes to Colorado water well construction rules and regulations.

On the horizon are revisions to the Colorado water well construction rules and regulations. Many CWWCA members have contributed to proposed changes. In early February the DWR published the 1st draft red-lined version of proposed rules changes. The second public stakeholder meeting was hosted by DWR on March 11th. The current timeline for the Rule changes is somewhat fluid but we may see new rules adopted by early third quarter. Those individuals that have contributed by submitting comments and recommendations for rule changes are familiar with the timeline and process. Those of you that haven’t already chipped in and would like to do so, it is not too late. Your perspectives and expertise are very important to this initiative. To learn more visit the DWR’s web site. The site address is: HTTP://water.state.co.us/groundwater/BOE/Pages/BOERules.aspx

Thank you everyone, and we will see you at the CWWCA Mid-Year Conference!

Fred Baros
CWWCA, President
TWG Meeting Recap
Crowne Plaza DIA
Denver, Colorado

Next TWG Meeting:
Friday, April 17th, preceding CWWCA board mtg
Basement Conference Room A
Chase Bank Building
333 West Hampden Ave., Englewood, CO 80110

Attendees:
Keith Branstetter, Kevin Donegan, Gene Wagner,
Bryan Beckner, Fred Baros, Robert Cockerham,
Mike Wiedorn, Todd Hunter, Peter Berglund,
Joe Meigs, Travis Day, Brad Himes, Doug Stephenson,
David Wilson, Demo Dionis, Mike Temple, Matt
Sares, James Powers, Joe Bender, Dick Wilson,
Daniel Niemela

Moderator for April 2015 Meeting:
Eugene Wagner

DWR Report
The number of well permit applications have been
approximately 5,000/yr during the past few years.
See the 2014 Summary on our website.

The Board of Examiners met on January 6 and the State’s summary of potential changes to the Well Construction Rules was discussed.

BOE Policy 2015-1 was adopted that addresses unlicensed contractors working under another contractor’s license. The Policy is on our website at www.cwwca.org

A BOE Contractor seat remains vacant. It is up to the Governor to fill the position.

The DWR hired a new well inspector in November 2014 and that inspector resigned in December 2014. There is a vacant position that the DWR is seeking to fill.

CDPHE WQCD Discharge Permits
No new information was presented.

BOE Water Well Construction Rulemaking
General questions and comments that were raised regarding proposed rules changes:

- What evidence is there that current annular space and casing size is inadequate?
  - There are many examples of 4-inch wells where pumps can be set and removed. There are many examples where current grouting requirements provide an adequate annular seal. For example: artesian well with 1-inch grouted annulus set with tremie pipe that has a high shut-in pressure.
  - There are definitely examples of 4-inch wells with stuck pumps and leaky annular space that have failed. It is difficult to tease statistics of how often this happens from the data.
  - What is the additional cost for a well constructed to proposed standards? What is the economic impact of proposed rule changes for a greater annular space and larger casing?
  - Is cost really a consideration when it comes to protection of Colorado’s ground water supplies? What is economic impact of contaminated aquifers?
  - How can you possibly get a grout seal with 11/16-inch annular space over 40-feet at 1000 ft depth with no centralizers?
  - Does larger casing size protect the aquifer? Can a well be properly abandoned if the pump is stuck?
  - Many contractors are already using minimum 4.5-inch ID casing.
  - Minimum casing size could be dictated by depth. With limited depth, 3-inch OD pumps will work fine in 4-inch ID casing.
  - Not all pump manufacturers make 3-inch pumps.
  - Technology changes and the Rules should reflect such changes.
  - Annular space is a concern for well construction in any aquifer; the NGWA ANSI standards provide recommendations regarding minimum annular space.
  - Proposed minimum spacing between source of contamination and well may be too restrictive. There may be limited documentation that shows 200 ft separation provides better protection from contamination than 100 ft.
  - Need to firm up rational, basis and purpose for rules changes.
  - DWR is taking comments on Licensing Rules, but rulemaking will occur in 2016.

Well Inspection
Board of Examiners does not have authority over geothermal wells, but DWR Well Inspectors do some inspections as a courtesy.

Joe Meigs, the CWWCA Legislative Committee Chair, provided an update. In 2014, the CWWCA engaged a lobbyist to assist with getting greater funding for the well inspection program. The CWWCA lobbyist has met with the DWR and legislators to work with the Joint Budget Committee to fund the well inspection program.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 23, 2014 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- On September 18, 2014, Congressman Marlin Stutzman (R-IN) introduced the "Water Supply Cost Savings Act," or "Savings Act," legislation to provide small communities across the nation with critical information on the use of water wells and water well systems to deliver high quality, affordable drinking water.

The Savings Act (HR 5659) was greeted with enthusiastic support from the water supply industry, including the Water Systems Council, the Water Quality Association and the National Groundwater Association.

"We are grateful to Congressman Stutzman for his leadership in championing the first piece of national legislation to provide local community decision makers with a cost effective option to utilize smaller domestic well water systems to meet community drinking water needs," said Bo Andersson, Water Systems Council president. "Local water supply projects completed by WSC's Water Well Trust have clearly demonstrated that these smaller systems can save the nation millions of dollars in infrastructure investment."

The Savings Act is aimed at reducing the costs to federal, state, and local governments in providing quality drinking water to millions of Americans living in rural and isolated communities by promoting cost-effective community well water systems.

To assist small communities with their consideration of drinking water technology needs, the Savings Act establishes a Drinking Water Technology Clearinghouse where the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of Agriculture will disseminate information on cost-effective, innovative, and alternative drinking water delivery systems, including systems that are supported by wells.

"The Savings Act is a simple, common sense bill that can save taxpayer dollars and, importantly, help rural communities gain access to much needed high quality drinking water," Stutzman said. "I am thrilled to have the support of the Water Systems Council, the Water Quality Association, and the National Groundwater Association to advance this important legislation."

There are 52,000 community water systems in the United States, of which 41,801 are small community water systems (3,300 or fewer people). EPA's most recent Drinking Water Needs Survey placed the shortfall in drinking water infrastructure funding for small communities at $64.5 billion. The Savings Act will encourage these small communities to consider less expensive drinking water systems supplied by wells that could save taxpayers billions of dollars in infrastructure costs.

"Delivering high quality drinking water at a lower cost is a win-win for small communities," said Margaret Martens, Water Systems Council executive director. "The local projects we have already completed through the Water Well Trust have realized savings of as much as 94% over traditional long-pipe, centralized drinking water systems, proving that water wells are a reliable, cost-effective way for budget-challenged communities to provide access to safe drinking water for their residents."

Diann Scott, VP Marketing North America Water Systems, Franklin Electric and a member of the WSC board noted that, "Small communities often have difficulty financing the construction and maintenance of traditional long-pipe drinking water system as the cost per resident can be prohibitively expensive. The Savings Act will help rural America and other small community systems cost-effectively meet critical water needs and public health challenges while supporting domestic manufacturing and jobs."

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In 2008, CWWCA offered me the position as Executive Director for CWWCA. I wish to let all of you know that it has been with a great deal of pride that I have had the opportunity to hold that position. The work, accomplishments, memories, friends, enjoyment, hugs and support that I have received from all of you will be some of my greatest memories. Thank you; from the bottom of my heart for that opportunity...I will truly miss all of you.

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The Board of Examiners (BOE) staff have been requesting ideas and input from the water well construction and pump installation community regarding updating the current Water Well Construction Rules (2 CCR 402-2). The current rules were finalized ten years ago and it is necessary to periodically review them and make sure they are meeting the twin goals of the Board of Examiners mission — to protect human health and to protect Colorado’s groundwater resources.

Over the last seven months BOE staff hosted four public forums for stakeholders to express their thoughts and ideas: the Colorado Water Well Contractors Association 2014 Mid-Year and 2015 Annual Meetings, and two public stakeholder meetings. In addition, we have sought comment and suggestions on rule changes through the BOE web pages (on the DWR website) and comments to BOE staff directly through email. We have received comments, suggestions and ideas from many of you using these avenues for input to the rulemaking process. Thank you for your participating in this process!

On February 10, 2014 we are releasing a first draft of potential changes to the Water Well Construction Rules based on your input. These are being released as a “redline” version of the current rules so you can see what has changed, as well as a “clean” document in which the changes are shown in normal text. These draft versions of new rules contain many changes. Most of the changes are merely rewording to better explain and clarify the existing definitions and practice requirements. Others are actual changes in the practice of water well construction and pump installation. The first draft changes to the Rules can be accessed at the Rules & Regulation website:

http://water.state.co.us/groundwater/BOE/Pages/BOERules.aspx

In several rules the term “unless otherwise approved by the Board” has been eliminated. This does not mean that a request for variance to the rule will not be allowed. Rule 18 allows requests for a variance to any rules for practical difficulties or unusual hardship. The wording was removed because it is redundant with Rule 18.

The BOE and its staff request that you carefully review this document and send us your thoughtful comments and criticisms. Your comments will be considered in a revised second draft of the Water Well Construction Rules.

The Rulemaking schedule has been revised - delayed for three months - to allow more time for public comment and for staff consideration of the comments prior to the formal Rulemaking hearing. Please see a link to the new schedule on the BOE Rules & Regulation website, http://water.state.co.us/groundwater/BOE/Pages/BOERules.aspx.

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Continuing education as it applies to the apprentice program. By the end of each year of apprenticeship the apprentice must attain two continuing education hours. At the end of the apprenticeship, the apprentice must comply with the existing rules for continuing education as set forth in the BOE rules 2 CCR 402-14 concerning continuing education to obtain a driller license and/or pump installers license. A Continuing Education form (similar to the one provided to the licensed contractors by the State during the renewal process each year) will be provided to the apprentice at the end of each calendar year so the CE’s earned can be documented.

There was discussion that a fee-based funding mechanism to fund the Well Inspection Program was equitable because it charged the end user for the service of well inspection. There was discussion that an annual Joint Budget Committee funding mechanism would be subject to annual approval and political whims.

Senate Bill 13-162 – Changes in definition of “plumbing” Senate Bill 13-162 changed the definition of “plumbing” and may have broadened the definition to include certain water conditioning systems connected to a well. Historically, licensed Pump Contractors have been able to install and service facilities from the well pump up through the pressure tank, including treatment upstream of the pressure tank without a Master Plumber license.

Cease and desist letters have been sent to water well contractors by the Plumbing Board that advertise water treatment services and complete activities that have traditionally been completed by licensed water well Pump Installers.

The Plumbing Board’s concern about water conditioning may have arisen due to a problem with a household on a municipal water supply that had an improperly installed water softener system.

The Board of Examiners attorney from the AG’s office is looking at the issue currently.

Future Topics
DWR report
CDPHE discharge permits
Well construction rules
Well inspection program
Scope of authority for the Plumbing Board

Respectfully submitted by Daniel O. Niemela
Tips for a Safer Workplace

1. **Promote safe driving.** Auto related accidents are the leading causes of workplace accidents across all industries. Make it a priority to address issues like distracted driving, driver fatigue, speeding and failure to wear seat belts with your employees.

2. **Learn your reporting, recordkeeping requirements.** New OSHA rules have amended the type of injuries that must be reported and expanded the list of employers that are not exempt from keeping injury records. Visit our article in the December 2014 issue of the DrillStem for more information or www.osha.gov.

3. **Remind employees about the importance of safety on a regular basis.** Set up a monthly safety meeting to discuss ways to turn safety into a company culture. Management should take the lead to make it clear that safety is a core business process that never gets compromised.

4. **Meet your employees where they are.** If you want your employees to learn how to work safely, don’t snatch them from their environment and send them to a high-priced safety conference. Instead, deliver your message to them yourself. These messages stick with employees more when they come from people like you who have experienced the unique hazards of your industry.

5. **Focus on wellness.** Employees that are physically fit suffer fewer back, knee, and shoulder injuries. Employees that maintain a healthy lifestyle recover faster and miss fewer work days. This all leads to lower medical costs associated with workers’ comp. Be an advocate for a healthy lifestyle.

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