



WESTERN UNDERGROUND
COMMITTEE

Conference Hosted by: SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC

Platinum Sponsor & Welcome Reception Host:



Learning Session Sponsors:

Technical Tour Host and Transportation Sponsor:

Welcome Reception, April 20, 2026

Conference, April 21-23, 2026

The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa

5420 Grand Pacific Drive, Carlsbad, CA, 92008

www.thehotelsolea.com/ www.westincarlsbad.com.

See Information on PAGE 6 for Manufacturer Expo shipping requirements.

All conference sessions to be held at the host hotel

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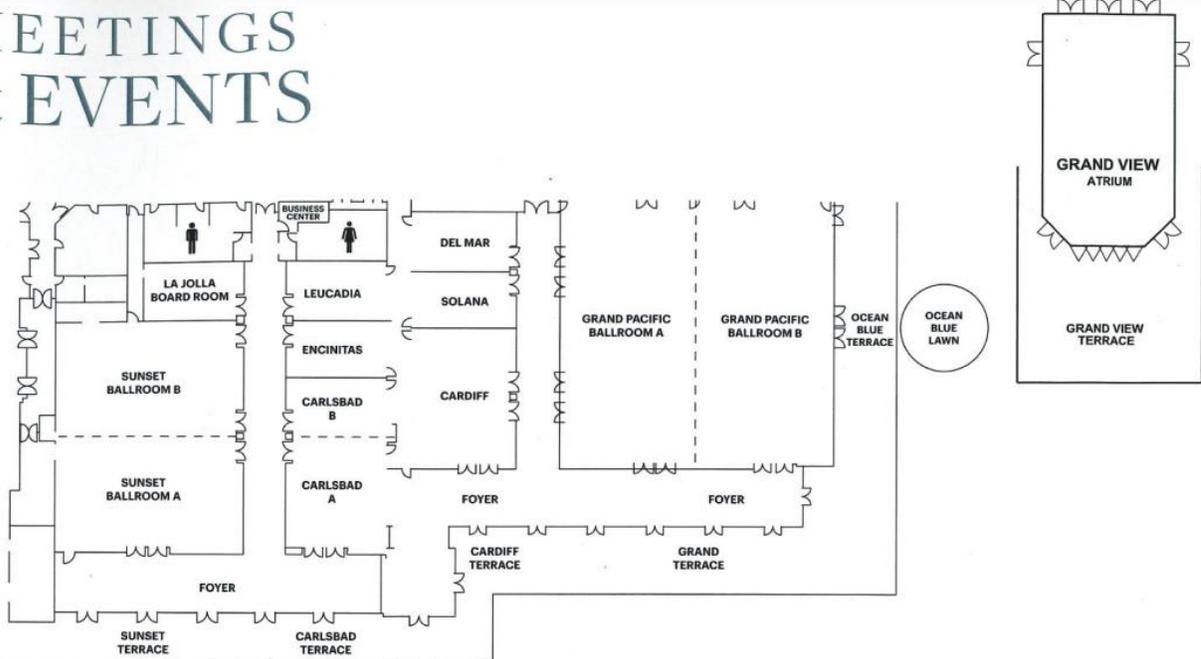
Location of Conference Rooms

INTERNET CODE FOR MEETING ROOMS & LOBBY AREA

WIFI Name:

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MEETINGS & EVENTS





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Monday, April 20

- 2:00pm – 4:00pm: **Executive Board Meeting**
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm: **Welcome & Networking Reception**
 - Hosted by Platinum Sponsor **TOTAL SAFETY SUPPLIES & SOLUTIONS**
 - Website: <https://www.totalsafety.com/>

Water Tower
Water Tower

Tuesday, April 21

- 7:00am – 7:30am: **Registration**
- 7:30am – 8:30am: **Breakfast Learning Session for Utility Members ONLY**
 - **Hosted by Pacific Power Reps**
 - **Presentation:**
 - Description:
 - Website:
- 9:15am – 10:00am: **General Opening Session**
 - Tom Fieldse, Southern California Edison
 - Chairperson
 - Welcome Remarks and Recognition of Board Members
 - Bobby DeLouis , San Diego Gas & Electric
 - Treasurer / Vice Chair
 - Member Self Introductions and Years of Service
 - San Diego Gas & Electric (15mins.)
 - Host Utility Welcome
- 10:00am – 11:00am: **Platinum Sponsor, WESCO**
 - **Presentation: Introduction to WESCO**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
 - Website:
- 11:00am – 11:15am: **BREAK**
- 11:15am – 12:00pm: **Safety Subcommittee**
 - **Presentation: SDG&E Industrial Athletics Program**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
 - Website:
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm: **Lunch Learning Session for Utility Members ONLY**
 - **Hosted by ABB**
 - **Presentation:**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
 - Website:
- 1:00pm – 2:15pm: **Mutual Problems, Closed Door session Utility Members ONLY.**

Sunset Foyer
Sunset Terrace

Sunset Ballroom

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- 12:45pm – 1:30pm: **General Session** **Sunset Ballroom**
 - **Presenter:** Jenny Lavin: Union Care Solutions
 - **Description:** There are several key components that are part of an effective mental health program. When these resources are connected and utilized together, the workplace community becomes a network that is able to support from within, promoting leadership at every level. The “Circuit of Care” is designed to strategically engage across the industry and to mitigate the inherent risks associated with the scope of work involved.

- 1:30pm - 2:15pm: **Mutual Problems**, Closed Door session *Utility Members ONLY.* **Sunset Ballroom**
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- 2:15pm – 2:30pm: **BREAK**

SUBCOMMITTEE BREAK-OUT MEETINGS

- 2:30pm – 4:00pm: **Subcommittee Breakout Meetings** (*Afternoon refreshments will be served*)
 - **Subcommittee 1 – Operations** **Various**
Chairperson: Harry Nelson, Lineman Foreman, Imperial Irrigation District
 - **Presentation 1: Climbing Belts and Harnesses**
 - **Presenter:** Kat Lea, JELCO
 - **Description:**
 - **Website:**
 - PRESENTATION 2

 - **Subcommittee 2&3 – Engineering & Substructures** **Various**
Chairperson: Steve Robles, Senior Electrical Engineering Technician, Riverside Public Utilities
 - **Presentation 1: SDG&E Corrosion Issues, Studies, and Resolutions**
 - **Presenter:**
 - **Description:**

 - **Subcommittee 5 – Planning** **Various**
Chairperson: VACANT, please contact WUC Board if interested in this position.
 - **Presenters:** TBD
 - **Description:**

- 5:00pm – 8:00pm: **Manufacturer Showcase Expo, Grand View Atrium**



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gratuity for services provided by employees and is not distributed to employees. Hotel will not be responsible for loss or damage to materials set to Hotel prior to group arrival.



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 MANUFACTURER EXPO
 March 13, 2024



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Booth Assignments & Event Floorplan

NOTE: Table assignments may be adjusted until event time at the discretion of the WUC Executive Board.

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Wednesday, April 22

- 7:30am – 8:00am: **Registration** Water Tower
 - 8:00am – 9:00am: **Breakfast Learning Session** for *Utility Members ONLY* Sunset Terrace
 - **Hosted by OKONITE**
 - **Presentation: Using Customer Insights and AI for Informed Outage Response**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
 - Website:
 - 9:00am – 9:45am: **General Session** Sunset Ballroom
 - **Presentation: Aviation Services and Drones**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
 - 9:45am – 10:00am: **BREAK**
 - 10:00am – 12:00pm **Mutual Problems**, Closed Door session *Utility Members ONLY*. Sunset Ballroom
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 - 12:00pm – 1:00pm: **Lunch Learning Session** for *Utility Members ONLY* Sunset Terrace
 - **Hosted by American Polywater**
 - **Presentation:**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
 - Website:
- 1:15pm – 4:30pm: **Technical Tour,**
 Desalinization Plant

Technical Tour Schedule of Events

- 1:00pm Bus Arrives at Hotel for Boarding
- 1:15pm Depart for Desalination Plant
- 1:45-2:00pm Tour Start
- 3:45pm Depart Desalination Plant
- 4:30pm Arrive at Hotel

WUC FELLOWSHIP DINNER
BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse
[5613 Paseo del Norte, Carlsbad, CA 92008](#)
Wednesday Evening, April 22, 5:30pm – 8:30pm



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Thursday, April 23

- 8:00am – 9:00am: **Breakfast Network Session, Utility Members ONLY**
 - **Hosted by WUC**
- 9:00am – 9:00am: **Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades**
- 9:00am – 9:15am: **WUC Executive Board -**
 - **Treasurer Report**
 - **Bylaw Discussion**
 - **Call for Executive Board Volunteers**
- 9:15am – 10:15am: **General Session**
 - **Presentation: Wildfire Mitigation Forum:**
 - Description: Panel Discussion on Wildfire Mitigation efforts in the industry
 - This discussion will provide high-level wildfire mitigation program information from member utilities. Each presentation will be approximately 10 minutes with time for questions and roundtable discussion.
- 10:15am – 10:30am: **BREAK**
- 10:30am – 11:30am **General Session**
 - **Continuation of Wildfire Mitigation Panel**
- 11:30am: **Conference and Meeting Adjourn**

**Utility hosts are always needed for future conference planning.
If you are interested in details, please see a member of the WUC Executive Board.
Hosting is a way to showcase the great work being done by your utility.**