



WESTERN UNDERGROUND
COMMITTEE

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Spring 2026 Conference

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.

All conference sessions to be held at the Westin Carlsbad Resort and Spa
Conference Hosted by: SAN DIEGO GAS AND ELECTRIC



Platinum Sponsor & Welcome Reception Host:



Learning Session Sponsors:



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Welcome Reception

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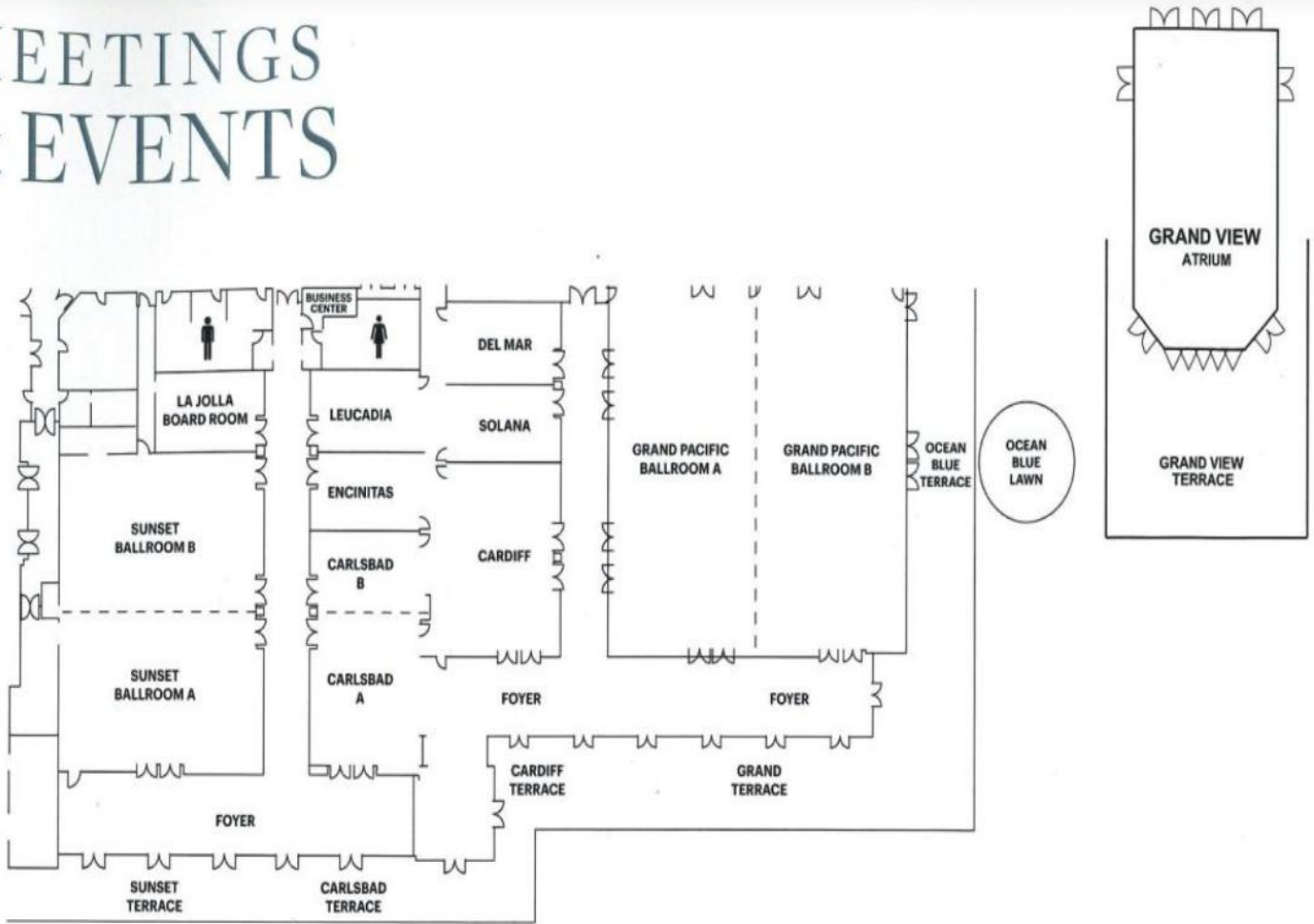
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Location of Conference Rooms

MEETINGS & EVENTS





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CONFERENCE EVENTS:

LOCATION

Monday Activities:

2:00pm – 4:00pm	Executive Board Meeting	Water Tower
5:00pm – 7:00pm	Welcome & Networking Reception Hosted by WESCO	Water Tower

Tuesday Activities:

7:00am – 7:30am	Registration	Sunset Foyer
7:30am – 8:30am	Breakfast Learning Session Hosted by Pacific Power Reps	Sunset Terrace
8:45am – 9:15am	General Opening Session	Sunset Ballroom
9:15am – 10:15am	Platinum Sponsor, WESCO	Sunset Ballroom
10:15am – 10:30am	BREAK	
10:30am – 11:30am	Safety Subcommittee	Sunset Ballroom
11:30am – 12:30pm	Lunch Learning Session Hosted by ABB	Sunset Terrace
12:30am – 1:15pm	General Session	Sunset Ballroom
1:15pm – 2:15pm	Mutual Problems Session, Closed Door, Utility Members ONLY	
2:15pm – 2:30pm	BREAK	
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Subcommittee Breakout Sessions	Various
5:00pm – 8:00pm	Manufacturers Showcase Expo <i>(See Page#6 for Shipping Info.)</i>	Grand View Atrium

Wednesday Activities:

7:30am – 8:00am	Registration	Sunset Foyer
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast Learning Session Hosted by Okonite	Sunset Terrace
9:00am – 9:45am	General Session	Sunset Ballroom
9:45am – 10:00am	BREAK	
10:00am – 12:00pm	Mutual Problems Session, Closed Door, Utility Members ONLY	Sunset Ballroom
12:00pm – 12:15pm	BREAK	
12:15pm – 1:15pm	Lunch Learning Session Hosted by AMERICAN POLYWATER	Sunset Terrace
1:15pm – 4:30pm	Technical Tour at SDG&E Skills Center	
5:30pm – 8:30pm	WUC Fellowship Dinner, TBD	



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Thursday Activities:

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast Network Session Hosted by WUC Utility Members ONLY	Sunset Terrace
9:00am – 9:00am	Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades	Sunset Ballroom
9:00am – 9:15am	WUC Executive Board – Treasurer Report and Bylaws and Call For Board volunteers	Sunset Ballroom
9:15am – 10:15am	General Session	
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- 2:00pm – 4:00pm: **Executive Board Meeting**
- 5:00pm – 7:00pm: **Welcome & Networking Reception**
 - Hosted by Platinum Sponsor **WESCO**
 - 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**

Sunset Foyer

Sunset Terrace

- 8:45am – 9:15am: **General Opening Session**
 - Tom Fieldse, Southern California Edison
 - Chairperson
 - Welcome Remarks and Recognition of Board Members
 - Bobby DeLouis, San Diego Gas & Electric
 - Treasurer / Vice Chairperson
 - Member Self Introductions and Years of Service
 - San Diego Gas & Electric (15mins.)
 - Host Utility Welcome
 - Will Speer Vice President SDG&E

Sunset Ballroom

- 9:15am – 10:15am: **Platinum Sponsor, WESCO**
 - **Presentation: Introduction to WESCO**

Sunset Ballroom

- 10:15am – 10:30am: **BREAK**

- 10:30am – 11:30am: **Safety Subcommittee**
 Safety Chairperson: **VACANT, please contact WUC Board if interested in this position.**
 - **Presentation 1: SDG&E Industrial Athletics Program**
 - Presenter: Aaron Hartsock
 - Description:

Sunset Ballroom

- 11:30am – 12:30 pm: **Lunch Learning Session for Utility Members ONLY**
 - **Hosted by ABB**

Sunset Terrace



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- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm: **Safety Sub Committee**
 - **Presentation 2** **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 an to mitigate the inherent risks associated with the scope of work involved.

- 1:15pm- 2:15: **Mutual Problems**, Closed Door session *Utility Members ONLY*. **Sunset Ballroom**
 Questions shall be reviewed in order received.
 Please email, Jun Golo: jgolo2@idahopower.com

- 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:**
 - **Presenter:** Max Fuentes, **Utility Safety Pro**
 - **Description:** **Leadership and Succession Planning for T&D Industries**
 - This presentation will explore key strategies for effective leadership development and succession planning within the T&D utility industry. Attendees will gain insights into building strong leadership pipelines, identifying high-potential talent, and implementing practical frameworks to ensure organizational continuity. By addressing industry-specific challenges and best practices, the session aims to empower leaders to foster growth, resilience, and sustainable success in their teams.

- **Subcommittee 2&3 – Engineering & Substructures** **Various**
Chairperson: Steve Robles, Senior Electrical Engineering Technician, Riverside Public Utilities
 - **Presentation 1: Diagnostic Instrumentation**
 - **Presenter:** Jay Gosalia Power Diagnostic Instrumentation Company
 - **Description:**



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- **Presentation 2**
 - Presenter: Nate Schwegman Priority Wire
 - Description: **Mitigating Wildfire with Fire Resistant Covered Wire**
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 - **Subcommittee 5 – Planning** **Various**
Chairperson: VACANT, please contact WUC Board if interested in this position.
Jun Golo- Idaho Power Company- interim Leading for this meeting
 - **Presentation 1: Monitoring Your Underground System Investment**
 - Presenters: Edgar Sotter Systems with Intelligence
 - Description:
 - **Presentation 2: SDG&E Corrosion Issues, Studies, and Resolutions**
 - Presenters: Dallas Cormier
 - Description:
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- 5:00pm – 8:00pm: **Manufacturer Showcase Expo, Grand View Atrium**

SHIPPING & STORAGE

Hotel does not have storage space for crates, pallets or large shipments. Any materials to be sent to Hotel may arrive earlier than 5 days prior to group arrival. A Handling and Storage House Charge of \$10.00 per box/item or \$10.00 pound (plus all applicable dates) will be assessed. *The Handling and Storage House Charge is used to offset cost utilities and equipment, and other non-labor expenses. The Handling and Storage House Charge is not a tip or 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.



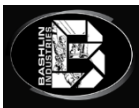
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 MANUFACTURER EXPO
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Energy Products Unlimited, LLC
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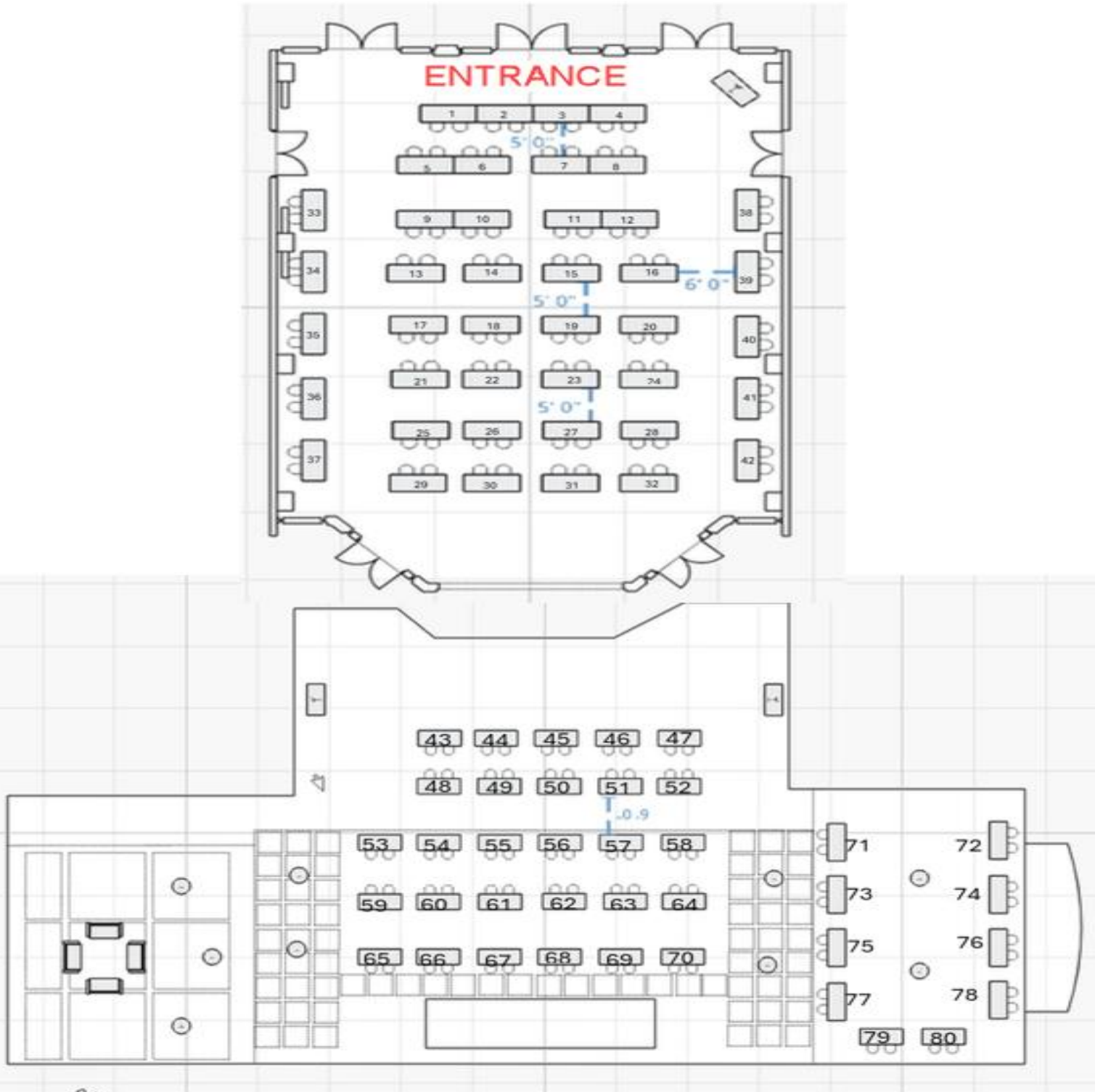


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Booth Assignments & Event Floorplan

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**
- 9:00am – 9:45am: **General Session** **Sunset Ballroom**
 - **Presentation: Aviation Services and Drones**
 - Presenter: Hector Ubinas
 - 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**

1:15pm – 4:30pm: **Technical Tour,**
 San Diego Gas and Electric Skills Center
 9060 Friars Road
 San Diego CA 92108

Technical Tour Schedule of Events

- 1:00pm Bus Arrives at Hotel for Boarding
- 1:15pm Depart for Skills Center
- 1:45-2:00pm Tour Start
- 3:45pm Depart Skills Center
- 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** **Sunset Terrace**
 - **Hosted by WUC**

- 9:00am – 9:00am: **Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades** **Sunset Ballroom**

- 9:00am – 9:15am: **WUC Executive Board -**
 - **Treasurer Report**
 - **Bylaw Discussion**
 - **Call for Executive Board Volunteers**

- 9:15am – 10:15am: **General Session** **Sunset Ballroom**
 - **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** **Sunset Ballroom**
 - **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.**