



**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](http://www.thehotelsolea.com) / [www.westincarlsbad.com](http://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:***



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# Welcome Reception

The Westin Carlsbad Resort & Spa  
 5420 Grand Pacific Drive, Carlsbad, CA, 92008  
 All rooms are at the Hotel Solea

## HOTEL SOLEA

- 2 Building 2
- 4 Building 4 - Family Suites
- 5 North Corporate Connect
- 6 Terramar
- 7 Solea Pool
- Verise Restaurant
- Caffe Al Volo

## THE WESTIN CARLSBAD

- 1 Building 1 - Poinsettia
- 3 Building 3 - Grand View
- Grand View Elevator
- 7 Pacific Lawn
- 8 Palm Court
- 9 South Corporate Connect
- 10 Conference Center
- 11 Water Tower
- 12 The Atrium
- 13 Ocean Blue Lawn
- 14 Oceania Pool
- The Break
- Coastal Cafe
- 20Twenty Restaurant

## AMENITIES

- Ocean Pearl Spa
- 24hr Fitness Center
- Self-Parking
- Fire Pit
- Dog Relief Area
- Golf Cart Shuttle Stop

## MARBRISA

- The Cove Bar and Grill
- 15 Carlsbad Pool
- 16 La Jolla Pool
- 17 Waterslide

# Welcome to Carlsbad!

## LOCAL RESORT GUIDE

Explore the amenities our resort has to offer, along with a variety of attractions, dining choices, and much more to enjoy during your stay in Carlsbad.





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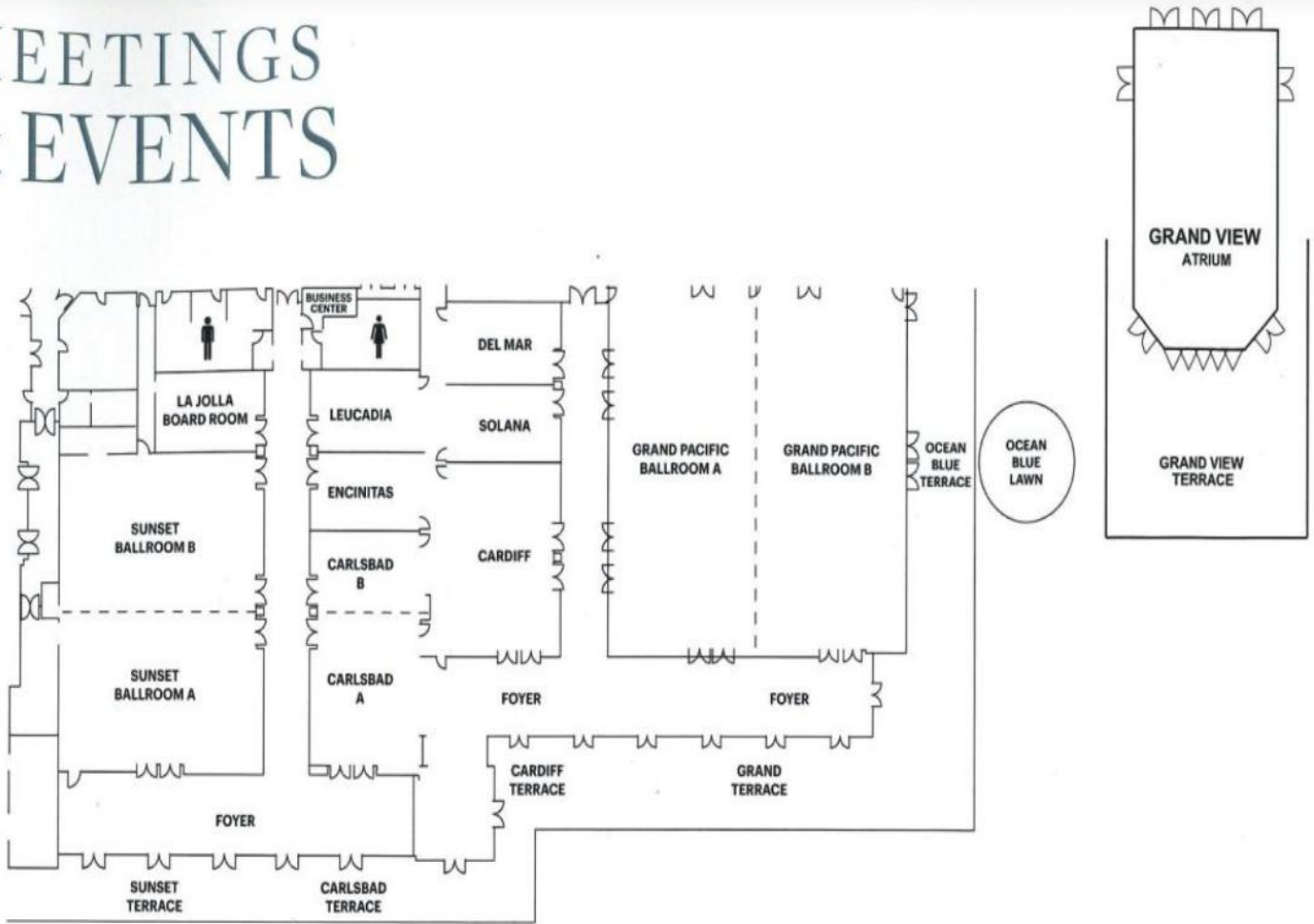
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**Location of Conference Rooms**

# MEETINGS & EVENTS





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**CONFERENCE EVENTS:**

**LOCATION**

**Monday Activities:**

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

Water Tower  
 Water Tower

**Tuesday Activities:**

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

Sunset Foyer  
 Grand Pacific Ballroom  
 Various  
 Grand View Atrium

**Wednesday Activities:**

7:30am – 8:00am Registration  
 8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast Learning Session **Hosted by Okonite**  
 9:00am – 9:45am General Session  
 9:45am – 10:00am BREAK  
 10:00am – 12:00pm Mutual Problems Session, Closed Door, **Utility Members ONLY**  
 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch Learning Session **Hosted by AMERICAN POLY WATER**  
 1:00pm – 1:15pm BREAK/LOAD BUSES  
 1:15pm – 4:30pm **TECHNICAL TOUR HOSTED BY SDG&E SKILLS CENTER**  
 5:30pm – 8:30pm WUC Fellowship Dinner: **BJ's Brewhouse**

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 Grand Pacific Ballroom



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**Thursday Activities:**

8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast Network Session <b>Hosted by WUC</b> <b>Utility Members ONLY</b>	
9:00am – 9:00am	Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades	Grand Pacific Ballroom
9:00am – 9:15am	WUC Executive Board – Treasurer Report and Bylaws and Call For Board volunteers	
9:15am – 11:30am	General Session	
11:30am	Conference and Meeting Adjourn	



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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 **WESCO**
    - Website: [www.wesco.com](http://www.wesco.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**

**Grand Pacific Ballroom**

- 8:30am – 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
- 9:15am – 10:15am: **Platinum Sponsor, WESCO**
  - **Presentation: Introduction to WESCO**
- 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:The Industrial Athlete Pros program at SDG&E focuses on the ongoing musculoskeletal health and fitness of industrial athletes. The program offers personalized protocols designed for specific work tasks, emphasizing correct body mechanics to reduce injuries. It includes a stretch and flexibility program, a core training program, and a total body warm-up to prevent work-related musculoskeletal disorders (WMSDs) and repetitive stress injuries (RMI). The program also provides a ready-to-implement recovery program for industrial athletes returning to work after an injury.
- 11:30am – 12:30 pm: **Lunch Learning Session for Utility Members ONLY**
  - **Hosted by ABB**



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- 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm: **Safety Sub Committee** **Grand Pacific Ballroom**
  - **Presentation 2**
    - **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*.  
 Questions shall be reviewed in order received.  
 Please email, Jun Golo: [jgolo2@idahopower.com](mailto: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** **Grand Pacific Ballroom**  
**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** **Solana**  
**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** **Del Mar**  
**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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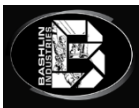
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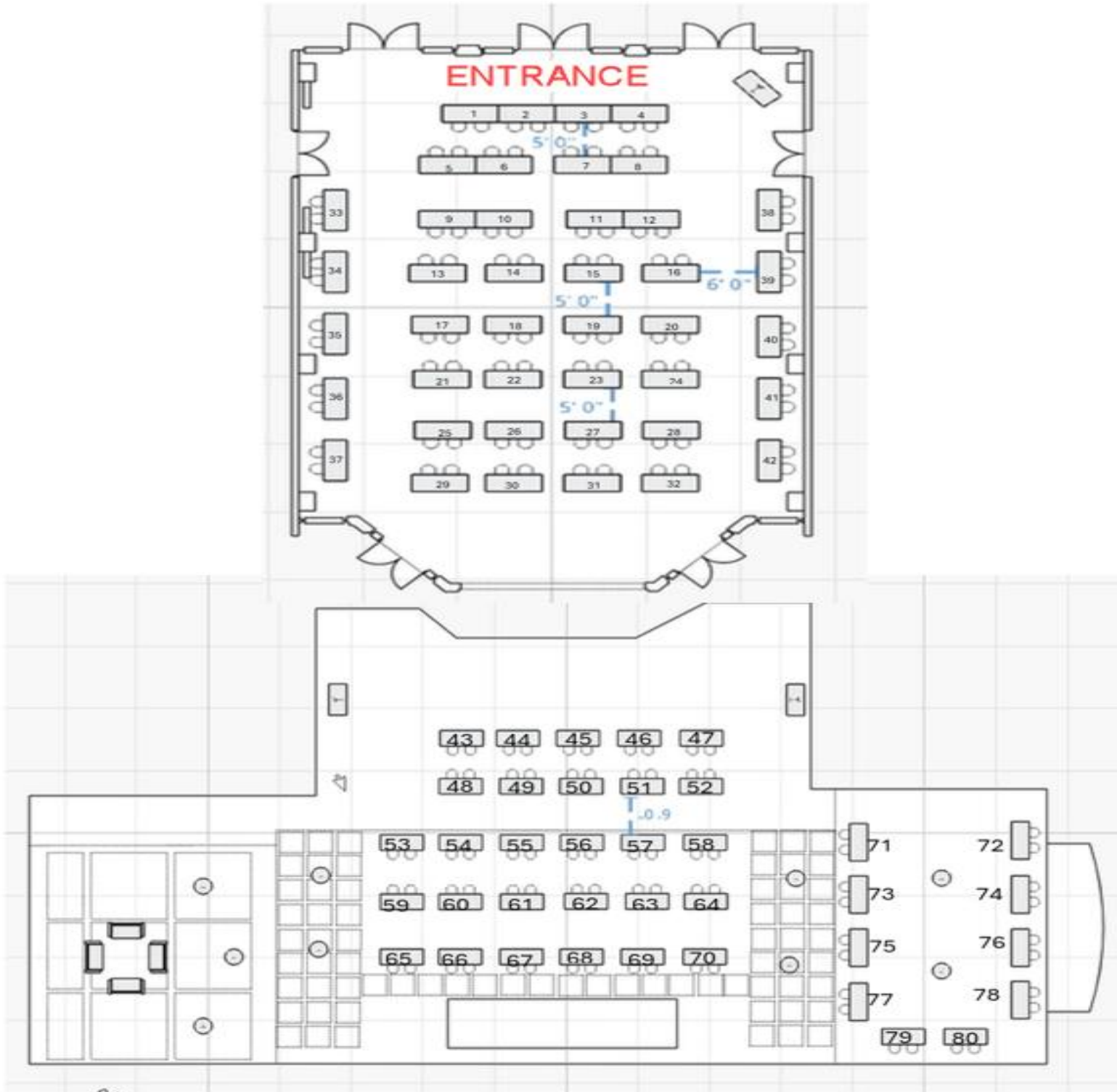


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**Booth Assignments & Event Floorplan**

**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**
- 8:00am – 9:00am: **Breakfast Learning Session for Utility Members ONLY**
  - **Hosted by OKONITE**
  - **Presentation: Using Customer Insights and AI for Informed Outage Response**
- 9:00am – 9:45am: **General Session**
  - **Presentation: Aviation Services and Drones**
    - Presenter: Hector Ubinas
    - Description: Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) program
    - In 2014, SDG&E became one of the first utilities in the nation to receive clearance from the Federal Aviation Administration to begin testing UAS for research, development and training. Since then, we have deployed drones for many uses to ensure safe and reliable service during wildfires, storms and other emergencies. The versatility of drones provides field crews with eyes in the sky to improve inspections of electric and gas lines, particularly in areas that are off-limits to helicopters or difficult to access by other means.
- 9:45am – 10:00am: **BREAK**
- 10:00am – 12:00pm **Mutual Problems**, Closed Door session *Utility Members ONLY*.  
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- 12:00pm – 1:00pm: **Lunch Learning Session for Utility Members ONLY**
  - **Hosted by American Polywater**
- 1:00pm - 1:15pm: **BREAK/LOAD**
- 1:15pm – 4:30pm: **Technical Tour,**

**Water Tower  
 Grand Pacific Ballroom**

**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
- 1:30pm Depart for Skills Center
- 2:30pm-3:30pm 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** **Grand Pacific Ballroom**
  - **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 – 11:30am: **General Session**
  - **Presentation: Wildfire Mitigation**  
**Forum: Description:** Panel Discussion on Wildfire Mitigation efforts in the industry
    - Presenters
      - Genevieve Cross, Senior Manager Southern California Edison
      - Jon Axtman , Director T&D Wildfire Mitigation, Idaho Power Company
      - Wild Fire Mitigation Group San Diego Gas & Electric
      - Karen McKelvie, Sr. Manager, Electric Program Manager Pacific Gas & Electric
  
    - 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.
  
- 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.**