



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

www.westernunderground.org

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WESTERN UNDERGROUND COMMITTEE
GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION
APRIL 20-23, 2026



CONFERENCE EVENTS:

Monday Activities:

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

LOCATION

Water Tower
Water Tower

Tuesday Activities:

7:00am – 7:30am	Registration
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast Learning Session Hosted by Pacific Power Reps
9:15am – 10:00am	General Opening Session
10:00am – 11:00am	Platinum Sponsor, WESCO
11:00am – 11:15am	BREAK
11:15am – 12:00pm	Safety Subcommittee
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch Learning Session Hosted by ABB
1:00pm – 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
Sunset Terrace
Sunset Ballroom
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Various
Grand View Atrium

Wednesday Activities:

7:30am – 8:00am	Registration
8:00am – 9:00am	Breakfast Learning Session Hosted by RESERVED
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 – 12:15pm	BREAK
12:15pm – 1:15pm	Lunch Learning Session Hosted by AMERICAN POLYWATER
1:15pm – 4:30pm	Technical Tour at Desalination Pant
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
9:00am – 9:00am	Moment of Silence for Fallen Comrades
9:00am – 9:15am	WUC Executive Board – Treasurer Report and Bylaws and Call For Board volunteers
9:15am – 10:15am	General Session
10:15am – 10:30am	BREAK
10:30am – 11:30am	General Session
11:30am	Conference and Meeting Adjourn

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Welcome Reception

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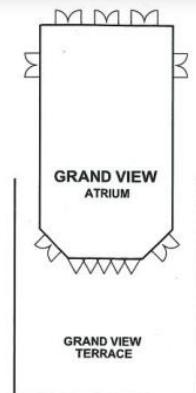
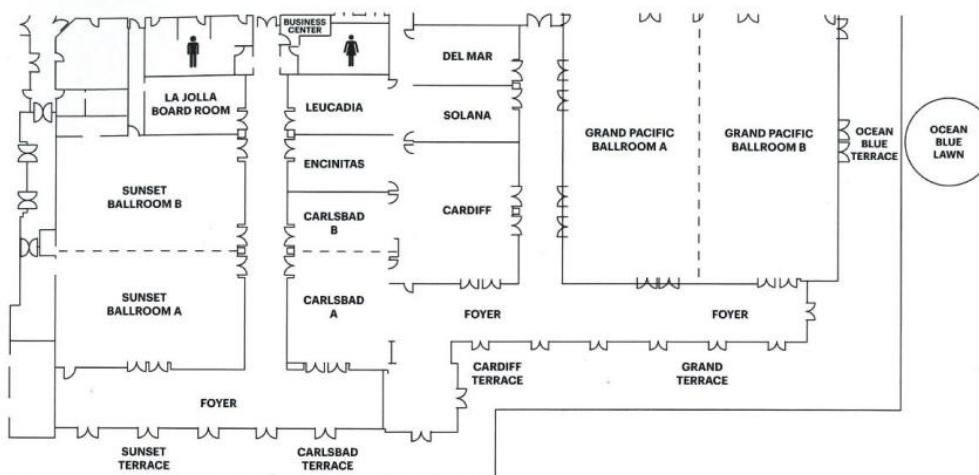
Location of Conference Rooms

INTERNET CODE FOR MEETING ROOMS & LOBBY AREA

WIFI Name:

Password:

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**
 - Safety Chairperson: VACANT, please contact WUC Board if interested in this position.
 - **Presentation: SDG&E Industrial Athletics Program**
 - **Presenter:**
 - **Description:**
 - **Website:**
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm: **Lunch Learning Session for *Utility Members ONLY***
- **Hosted by TBD**
 - **Presentation:**
 - **Presenter:**
 - **Description:**
 - Website:**

- 1:00pm – 2:15pm: **Mutual Problems, Closed Door session *Utility Members ONLY*.**

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Questions shall be reviewed in order received.

Please email, Jun Golo: jgolo2@idahopower.com

- 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:**
 - **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**

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 per pound (plus all applicable taxes) 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 sent to Hotel prior to group arrival.



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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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March 12-15, 2024



Wednesday, April 22

- 7:30am – 8:00am: **Registration** Water Tower
- 8:00am – 9:00am: **Breakfast Learning Session for Utility Members ONLY**
 - **Hosted by TBD**
 - **Presentation: Using Customer Insights and AI for Informed Outage Response**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
 - Website:
- 9:00am – 9:45am: **General Session**
 - **Presentation: Aviation Services and Drones**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
- 9:45am – 10:00am: **BREAK**
- 10:00am – 12:00pm **Mutual Problems**, Closed Door session Utility Members ONLY.
Questions shall be reviewed in order received.
Please email, Jun Golo: jgolo2@idahopower.com Sunset Ballroom
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm: **Lunch Learning Session for Utility Members ONLY**
 - **Hosted by TBD**
 - **Presentation:**
 - Presenter:
 - Description:
 - Website:

1:15pm – 4:30pm: Technical Tour, Desalination 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
DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS MAGICAL EVENING OF NETWORKING AND FUN!
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** Grand Parisian 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** Grand Parisian 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.