WELL LOG ISSUE RETURNS
The matter of well log confidentiality has again returned. CGA’s Legislative Advocate Pete Conaty alerted us to an effort to add removal of well log confidentiality to a budget trailer bill. The recommendation from the State Water Resources Control Board was not acted on by the Senate Budget Subcommittee No. 2. It remains open for future action. CGA will monitor this issue and continues to support funding to update outdated water well construction standards before approving the law change as recommended by the State Board.

CGA REVISES STANDARD
The CGA Board approved changes to CGA’s Article 299 Well Destruction Standard Practice. See the changed standard on the Standard Practices page of the CGA website.

CONVENTION HEADS SOUTH
After many years away from Southern California as a convention site, CGA has decided to hold its 66th Annual Convention in Riverside, CA on October 16-18, 2014. The event will be in the newly renovated Riverside Convention Center with lodging at The Mission Inn, Riverside Marriott and Hyatt Place. More details will be available at the 2013 CGA Convention at the Peppermill Resort in Reno.

GET MOBILE ACCESS TO CGA!
Want quick access to CGA’s website? Just use the QR code to put www.groundh2o.org on your phone. You’ll have access to the latest industry info and your personal member’s page in the field!

REGIONAL WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP SET FOR SEPTEMBER
CGA will hold another Regional Water Well Construction Workshop for well inspectors, contractors and water purveyors on September 12 in Riverside, CA just before CGA’s Board Meeting at The Mission Inn. The Workshop covers basic well construction, well site safety, CA Well Standards updates and laws, annular sealing material demos, video on the Nebraska Grout Study plus discussions on seals after the Nebraska study and annual seals and fly ash. Fees are minimal, CEUs are available, good opportunity to network. Visit CGA’s website for details & online registration.

NEED CASH?
CGA will hold another Grand Cash Prize Drawing at the 2013 CGA Convention and Trade Show at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, NV on October 24-26th. The Drawing will be held on October 25.

Contractors on the trade show floor at time of the drawing are eligible to win. Last year’s winner got $3000! and we expect to exceed the amount this year. It could pay you BIG to attend the CGA convention!!

EARLYBIRDS SAVE $$ $$ $$ JUNE 10th OPENING
There’s a lot happening at CGA’s 65th Annual Convention in October but don’t wait till the last minute to register. CGA will again provide multiple employee discounts to save you some hard earned dollars. You can get even more savings by registering during the “EARLYBIRD” period from June 10- July 14. Register online at CGA’s website soon!

Prices go up to “Pre-reg” levels on July 15 and those who wait until the last minute (October 18 or later) will pay the higher “Late” fees.

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WATER WELL CONSTRUCTION WORKSHOP
Sept. 12  The Mission Inn
Riverside, CA

2013 CGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
Sep. 12-14  The Mission Inn
Riverside, CA

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A FAST PACE!

This year has gotten off to a faster pace than the last few years have been, for all of us. CGA’S membership numbers are up, our regional workshop on water well construction was a success so we’re doing another one in September. Booth sales are moving at a rate ahead of past years for our convention, with all of the rig spaces taken already. We have over 60 booths sold to date and we are looking forward to a great show at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno in October.

We had some great feedback from our 2012 convention format. The convention committee is doing some fine-tuning to continue the success into 2013. Together with the new venue of our convention – The Peppermill- 2013’s CGA convention will have it all. Our members wanted something new and we’ve got it with the Peppermill. There are lots of products to see, great seminars, a chance to win the Grand Cash Prize, unique auction and raffle items – how about a trip on a yacht to Catalina Island? – and plenty of time to visit with your friends and network with colleagues to solve problems and build business opportunities. I hope to see you there on Oct. 24-26. Mark your calendar now!

Our next board meeting is in Southern California in Riverside, at the Mission Inn. I am looking forward to seeing more of our friends from the southern part of the State at the meetings.

I would like to personally thank each and every committee member for their hard work and dedication to aid in our success as an Association.

Happy Trails

Gary

PS: Not only will you have a great time at the CGA convention, you can save on expenses by getting multiple employee discounts and reduced fees during our earlybird registration from June 10 to July 14!
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INSURANCE CORNER
by Bob Murphy
CGA Insurance Broker

INSURANCE IS CHANGING!

Lots is happening this summer season and your insurance and safety committee is in the mix. Several items are on the agenda for this year; but let’s start with workers’ compensation. State Fund will be dropping all group programs with less than 500 members as of 1/1/2014 – that includes CGA!. Policies will be renewed; but not in a group program at your normal anniversary in 2014.

As a result, we are putting together a group program exclusive to CGA members to be available January 1, 2014. Highlights are as follows:

Eligibility will be for all CGA contractor, technical, and manufacturer/supplier members.
Eligibility will include review of experience modification (maximum - to be determined).
Review of claims & losses with safety recommendations for improvements.
Installment or payroll reporting options are planned.
Rates are being developed for the following (but not limited to) classes 6204, 3724, 3612, 8227, 8018, 8017, 8810 and 8742.
Maintaining normal anniversary dates (NAD) for rate and experience modifications.
We have obtained and are analyzing loss experience for our contractor members. CGA members, not now in State Fund CGA group, can send loss information directly to CGA or to yours truly to enable us to provide more credible premium and loss information in developing the group rates for CGA.

In April, your Insurance Committee reviewed the issue of mobile equipment and both its insurance definition and how it affects members. Under inland marine or contractors equipment coverage definition there are some specific requirements that define vehicles as automobiles or mobile equipment. If equipment is trailered, it is mobile equipment.

All drill rigs are mobile equipment, with the key point being the drive train is used to get the rig to and from the job site and normal operation is off road. The same goes for pump rigs.

Here is the point: If rated as mobile equipment or not the physical damage should be on the contractors equipment form (if you carry it); as you can typically get replacement cost on equipment less than 7 years old as opposed to actual cash value on an auto policy. In addition, liability coverage for mobile equipment is included under general liability while being operated and under auto liability while moving on down the road. The rates for auto are lower as this equipment is not normally on the road. So, check your auto and contractors equipment policies. Solve the problem before the claim!

The Committee also dealt with Umbrella or Excess Liability coverage. Many of you are seeing requests for higher liability limits on specific jobs. The question of annual cost or a per job or project cost for the duration of the job is always a question.

First and foremost, check the contract or ask your broker if the insurance requirement will allow for a per job basis. Often, the contract requires coverage for longer than the jobsite duration. Second, compare cost as the minimums for a per job may be the same as an annual policy. Last, you want an umbrella or excess policy be concurrent (same expiration date as your underlying auto liability and general liability) to avoid a gap in coverage. If not and you exhaust your underlying limits from claims, the umbrella will not drop down with non-concurrent dates and you will have to rewrite your underlying liability (not a good feeling in your pocket book or bottom line).

If you need help or have questions, contact me, Bob Murphy, at 800-246-0901 or robert.murphy@wellsfargo.com

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The Lion King….. and CGA

There I was sitting on the couch with my kids watching The Lion King. Just back from the April board meeting, my mind was drifting back and forth between the movie and CGA stuff.

Then all of a sudden it just came together. Our association and the success of it, relies a lot on the whole “Circle of Life” concept. Just like life we all need to work together to find the right formula and balance that keeps us thriving and doing the things that help maintain the health and vitality of our industry.

End users need contractors, contractors need suppliers, suppliers need manufacturers and so the circle begins. However, keeping the circle going requires precise teamwork and cooperation. “It is not a question of how well each process works, the question is how well they work together”.

We all have our strengths and weaknesses. We all share the common goal of wanting to be successful in what we do and if we can orchestrate these strengths that we each possess through teamwork, communication and active participation, I believe we can see the California Groundwater Association once again climb to the top of the food chain.

So my call goes out to all the readers of these words: Contractors, techies, manufacturer and suppliers, we can either get better or we can get worse. The choice is ours.

Going back to The Lion King for a moment, when times are good, it is pretty easy to just go with the flow and adopt the Hakuna Matada philosophy of no worries. But when times get bad like we have experienced over the past few years, it is time to remember who we are and come together, work together and succeed together.

Until next time, keep it flowing,

Ty

PS: If you have any questions, please contact me at tmartin@premierpumpsupply.com. FYI, the next board meeting will take place September 12-14, 2013 at The Mission Inn in Riverside which is the site of the 2014 CGA 66th Annual Convention and Trade Show. Hope to see you there!

GET YOUR NAME OUT THERE!

Become a CGA sponsor and get your company name before California’s groundwater professionals A number of M/S members are already being recognized (see page 15) as sponsors of CGA Board Luncheons, the Grand Cash Prize Drawing, CGAA Luncheon and Poker Tourney. Others are considering Event Breaks, Golf Holes, Live and Silent Auction items, etc. Got an idea for a sponsorship? Call CGA now (707-578-4408). The earlier you become a sponsor, the more you name gets out there on the CGA website, e-briefs, newsletter and other recognition options.
Welcome to Summer!

That seems so strange to say, after some very cold days just a week ago, now the heat is upon us. I guess it is true, our climate is changing.

Our April Board Meeting was held in Incline Village, North Lake Tahoe. We could not have asked for nicer weather to spend time with Friends and work together on CGA issues and the 2013 CGA convention. As always, it is great to see all of the support for CGA at our meetings.

The “Fun”-Raising committee hosted a “Dessert and After Dinner Drinks” in the President’s Suite on Friday night. What a great new activity and way to add a little more fun to our group - great job guys!

We are all excited to experience our new venue for the 2013 CGA Convention. The Peppermill Resort offers us most things that answer the feedback that we hear from members: 1) Booths and Rigs on the same show floor!

2) Rooms and the Show Floor in the same building!

3) Elevators to sleeping rooms right outside the Show Floor!

4) Convention seminars & events located in the same area!

5) Remodeled casino, sleeping rooms, and restaurants!

The Peppermill also uses geothermal energy, drilled right there on-site – a tour is in the works.

Our feedback on the 2012 schedule for the convention was very positive; 2013 will stay the course, with some updates, but following a very similar format.

Again this year, the Education Committee is planning a great schedule of various seminars for us. Take a look; you are sure to find some items of interest. The Fundraising Committee has some new ideas for this upcoming convention. Yes, we will still have the Live and Silent Auction - but we have some new ideas in store for you! We hope to see you there, please come and share the new experience with us.

Here is to a busy summer for everyone, we hope to see you in Riverside at the Mission Inn in September. We have had one board meeting at this location, and the location is very intriguing. At the last visit, we had a grand tour of the historical location. This also happens to be the location for our 2014 convention in Riverside’s newly constructed Convention Center.

Cheers, Stephanie
MORE VALUE IS HERE!

A lot of groundwater professionals have recognized the value of CGA this year and have joined CGA. Yes, the reality of the value of CGA is spreading in the industry. Our membership is growing, exhibitors are reserving booths, our April regional education workshop was a success and we’ll hold another regional workshop in September in Southern California.

We’re busy on the 2013 Convention at the Peppermill Resort in Reno on October 24-26. We continue to add exhibitors (the rig spaces are already sold out). We expect an even larger Grand Cash Prize Drawing this year – we’re already about to surpass the $3000 prize we gave a way last year! Contractors just have to be on the trade show floor on Friday, October 25th to be eligible to win – better odds than Vegas!

There will be BUSINESS, DRILLING, PUMP, WATER TREATMENT and REHS/TECHNICAL educational tracks with various sessions to help you grow your business profits and recognition. Visit the CGA website to get the details on the seminar topics being offered on Thursday and Saturday as well as the six Product Spotlight demos on the Trade Show floor on Friday.

But it’s not just the CGA convention that brings more value to members. The newly added Regional Workshops give you the opportunity to build relationships with regulators and other groundwater professionals. CGA Branches are getting more active by focusing on local matters. The Napa Branch has restarted with the help of younger members. Smaller branches in the Bakersfield and Antelope Valley are being organized to better serve members. Call for details.

And watch for details on other activities being planned to give you an even greater experience of learning and having fun with other groundwater professionals.

As a CGA member, you recognize that CGA is a value you cannot afford to miss – PASS THE WORD to others!

Mike

CGA Mission

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GOT WATER QUESTIONS?
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Scholarships Awarded to Worthy Students
by Randy Delenikos, CGA Scholarship Chair

At the April Board of Directors meeting, the Scholarship Committee reviewed and selected two scholarship winners, each to receive $1,000 toward furthering their education in the groundwater industry.

Ms. Ivory Briggs of Occidental, CA received the Sheryl Kratz Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a woman pursuing higher education. Ms. Briggs is attending Santa Rosa Junior College and taking classes in water treatment, water chemistry and water operator’s mathematics. She is currently employed part-time with Weeks Drilling & Pump Company, a CGA-affiliated company and with the California Department of Public Health-Drinking Water. She intends to graduate with a “Water Utility Operator” certificate.

Mr. Demonstenes Santiago of Oceanside, CA was awarded the CGA Water-Related Scholarship for his pursuit of a degree in Civil Engineering at San Diego State University, studying water and stormwater systems. An Eagle Scout and 9-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Mr. Santiago has worked in engineering and heavy equipment operations. He is married with children, hoping to bring his passion for water conservation to the engineering level for innovative designs and solutions.

CGA Scholarships are awarded annually. If you know of someone who is CGA-affiliated (family or job) and/or is pursuing a career in the groundwater industry, please encourage them to apply.

See: http://www.groundh2o.org/programs/scholarship.html

Tomorrow’s Groundwater Leaders Are Among Us
… Encourage Our Industry’s Growth

Editor’s Note: The 2014 CGA Scholarship submittal period will begin on January 1, 2014. Applications are due in the CGA office on March 15, 2014.
In addition to the well log issue (see page 1), CGA supports, opposes, or watches legislation that could have an impact on CGA member organizations.

May 31 marks the legislative deadline for the Senate and Assembly to pass bills that originated in their respective houses. On June 3, bills that survived move to the opposite house to undergo the same process of committee hearings and debate on the floor of the house. This all takes place until September 13. The bills that still survive are sent to the governor for a signature or a veto. The governor has until October 13 to sign or veto. For the most part, bills that are signed by the governor become law on January 1.

Below are the bills that CGA took a position on and their current disposition. To see more detail on the bills, such as status, bill text, votes, committee analyses, or hearing dates; go to www.leginfo.ca.gov

Bills Supported by CGA:

**AB 119-Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee; Water Treatment Devices.** Requires each manufacturer that offers for sale a water treatment device for which it makes a health of safety claim to submit specified information, including the manufacturer’s contact information, product identification information, and the specific contaminant claimed to be removed or reduced by the device. Requires each manufacturer to pay a reasonable regulatory fee.

Status: Senate Health Committee  Position: Support

**SB 176-Galgiani; Administrative Procedures.** Requires, in order to increase public participation and improve the quality of regulations, state agencies, boards, and commissions to submit a notice to the state Regulatory Notice Register prior to any meeting date or report, provided the meeting or report is seeking public input.

Status: Senate Floor  Position: Support

**Bills with other positions:**

**AB 1-Alejo; Water Quality: Integrated Plan: Salinas Valley**
Status: Held in Appropriations Committee  Position: Watch

**AB 21-Alejo; Safe Drinking Water Small Community Grant Fund**
Status: In Senate awaiting committee assignment  Position: Watch

**AB 30-Perea; Water Pollution Control Revolving Fund**
Status: Assembly Floor  Position: Watch

**AB 69-Perea; Groundwater: Nitrate at Risk Area Fund**
Status: Senate Environmental Quality Committee  Position: Watch

**AB 115-Perea; Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund**
Status: In Senate awaiting committee assignment  Position: Watch

**AB 118-Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee; Water Resources: Infrastructure**
Status: Held in Appropriations Committee  Position: Watch

**AB 142-Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee; Water Resources: Infrastructure**
Status: In Senate awaiting committee assignment  Position: Watch

**AB 145-Perea; State Water Resources Control Board: Drinking Water**
Status: In Senate awaiting committee assignment  Position: Watch

Bill listing with positions is continued on page 16.
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A WINDOW TO THE REST OF YOUR BODY: A number of health conditions can be detected early by your eye doctor! An eye exam can detect conditions like diabetes, years before you show signs of the disease, allowing you to better manage health issues before they become a problem.

In addition to diabetes, annual eye exams can identify eye and general health conditions, such as: macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, multiple sclerosis, risk of stroke, risk of heart disease.

YOU'RE IN CHARGE.: The eye is controlled by muscles, just like many other parts of the body. So, your eye health is impacted by your lifestyle, including eating habits, regular exercise, and routine physical exams. Getting an annual eye exam is a very important part of maintaining your health!

VSP THROUGH CGA: The California Groundwater Association now offers several VSP plan options at discounted rates to CGA members.

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NGWA Fly-In 2013

by John Hofer, CGA Legislative Chair

Through generous funding provided by Gregg Drilling and Landino Drilling, Renee and I were once again privileged to represent CGA at the NGWA Fly-In last February. In the Monday informational sessions, NGWA identified five issues, “asks”, to be included in discussions with legislators:

1. expand the Senate Groundwater Caucus and reinstate the House Groundwater Caucus; 2. support the appropriation of $2.5 million for a national groundwater monitoring program; 3. support geothermal heat pump systems as an efficient, less expensive energy source; 4. support workforce development funding for higher education in groundwater related fields; and 5. support for the Senator Paul Simon Water for the World Act of 2012.

In all of our meetings, the issue of most interest was funding for the national monitoring network. NGWA has been working on this program for many years, but support from contractors has been lukewarm at best. Their argument was basically the notion that “monitoring leads to regulation”. On Monday, one of the contractors attending the Fly-In noted that, although he wasn’t really in favor of the program, it was likely going to happen eventually, and at least reliable data would lead to more science-based regulations should they be forthcoming. This opinion seemed to be shared by most of the contractors in attendance.

Generally, visits to legislators are scheduled to last 20 minutes, so it is difficult to discuss each topic. Therefore, it is our job to assess the staff person, and discuss the issues that match their interests. Of the three meetings we were able to schedule, the first with James Peterson of Senator Feinstein’s office was undoubtedly the most rewarding. We not only engaged in an interesting dialog over a variety of groundwater topics, but the meeting lasted over 40 minutes. This may not lead to anything immediately but certainly, with appropriate follow up, our organization will be remembered and the Senator’s office may well be of assistance in the future.

I am often asked if it’s worthwhile to attend such events as the Fly-In, especially given the high cost associated with Washington DC. It is hard to provide a concise answer, but I can say from personal experience that after many years working at establishing a relationship with my senators and representative, I am now recognized as an expert in the groundwater field and am treated with far more respect than would be accorded a first-time caller.

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GRAND CASH PRISE GIVEAWAY is back and you could be the BIG WINNER!. Last year $3000 was awarded. Look for more $ in 2013!
WHO & WHAT’S COMING TO THE SHOW?

We already have 57 booths and 6 rigs spaces filled with products and services for you to check out. There will be rigs, generators, pumps, VFDs, motors, filter pack and grouting materials, water treatment units, insurance services, employee benefits programs, drill pipe, casing and screens, mud pumps, downhole cameras, pressure tanks, water tanks, disinfection products, contaminant removal systems, drill bits, and more.

Some exhibitors have already provided CGA with more detailed product reviews. Amarillo Gear will display Right Angle Gear Drives primarily for irrigation uses, in a wide range of ratios and configurations. American Granby will offer lead free water well accessories such as foot & check valves, relief valves, ball valves, gauges and switches, etc. Baroid IDP will show a line of drilling, grouting, well rehab and development products such as QUIK-TROL@GOLD, EZ-MUD@GOLD and more.

Flexcon Industries will have long lasting, reliable pressure tanks in their booth including Flex2Pro, Challenger, Flex-Lite and Mix Master. Foremost Industries will have info on their DUAL Rotary Drills such as DR-24, DR-24HD and DR-40. Franklin Electric will display Residential and Light Commercial products including submersible motors and pumps, surface pumps, drives, controls and packaged systems.

Hydro Resources provides drilling and pump sales and service throughout the western US and will have info on drilling capabilities to 300,000#, well rehabilitation, well stimulation (hydro fracking) services, groundwater imaging MT-4, and downhole generation (green power). Isolux Technologies will feature trace contaminant removal units from residential POE, 10-gpm residential/light commercial, 20-gpm Industrial and Commercial to 75-gpm wellhead treatment.

Jentech Drilling Supply provides sales and service of drilling supplies and will display core tooling, hole openers, DTH hammers & bits, drill steel, drilling fluids and thread compounds, new & rerun rotary bits and bit & pipe handling tools. LAKOS Sand Separators with flow rates from 3-12,000 gpm will be on display along with a new LAKOS PPS Shell Kit for downhole sand separators, reverse-flush inline water filters and sand media filters.

McCrosco will feature A.O. Smith tanks, BeeValve couplers, ball valves, tank adapters, Blue White Industries metering pumps and flowmeters, Merrill Manufacturing water well accessories and Synder septic and water storage tanks. Mitchell Lewis Staver will show various pump lines including Goulds, Berkeley, Fairbanks Morse, Barnes, Landia Chopper, Franklin Electric as well as Danfoss Variable Frequency Drives.

Premier Silica will display both filtration and well pack sand (silica) NSF Certified in sizes 8/16, 8/12, 12/20, 6/9, and 20/40. SEMCO, Inc. will display a pump hoist, pipe elevators, hydrowrenches, fishing tools and more. Shakti Pumps will offer stainless steel submersible pump, submersible motors, vertical multistage centrifugal pump and pressure booster pumps to check out.

Check CGA website’s 2013 Exhibitor Product Review often to see who else is joining the crowd!

Psst, don’t forget to register early to save dollars that you can then use to buy these and other products on display!!

Contractors: BE on the trade show floor on Friday, October 25 and you could be the BIG CASH WINNER!

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CGA WAGON

Take home your prizes in a new CGA canvas lined, collapsible wagon (150lb weight capacity)! It will already be filled with some goodies such as gift cards, golf balls, hotel stay, etc. Get raffle tickets on the trade show floor. More details to come.
AB 295-Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee; Water: Water Supply: Infrastructure
Status: Held in Appropriations Committee
Position: Watch

AB 649-Nazarian; Oil and Gas: Hydraulic Fracturing
Status: Held in Appropriations Committee
Position: Watch

AB 793-Gray; Renewable Energy: Public Utilities: Hydroelectric
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AB 803- Gomez; Water Recycling Act of 2013
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AB 1301-Bloom; Oil and Gas: Hydraulic Fracturing
Status: Held in Appropriations Committee
Position: Watch

AB 1349-Gatto; CalConserve Water Use Efficiency Revolving Fund
Status: Held in Appropriations Committee
Position: Watch

SB 40-Pavley; Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act
Status: 2 year bill Position: Watch

SB 395-Jackson; Hazardous Waste: Wells
Status: Senate Floor Position: Watch

Interested in helping with 2013 CGA legislative matters?
If so, call the CGA office at 707-578-4408

BACK HOME SUMMER VISITS

To strengthen the legislative voice of CGA and the groundwater industry, we need to build relationships with as many legislators as possible, especially in 2013 with many more new legislators and increased interest in the state’s water. Last spring, CGA emphasized and encouraged BACK HOME VISITS by constituents (that’s you) to legislators in their District Offices (in your backyard). The Legislature takes several recesses during the year so they are available in their “back home” offices. The Summer Recess is July 3 to August 4, and is a good time for you to get acquainted with your legislators.

Information about each legislator can be accessed at the following links:
State Senate: http://senate.ca.gov
State Assembly: http://assembly.ca.gov

Let us know the results of your visits!

2013 CGA GOALS
STOP – LOOK - LISTEN

STOP CGA’s downward economic trend
LOOK for and encourage participation by new & existing members
LISTEN to the voices of change

We’re making progress on these goals. You can help too!
Legal and legislative efforts combined with a slow economy have impacted CGA reserves in the past few years. CGA members can help restore an upward economic trend by coming to the CGA convention.
The CGA show has suffered in attendance that last few years so building numbers by bringing employees and encouraging colleagues to attend will help. Increased convention goers should encourage more exhibitors which in turn, may give you more ways to build your own bottom line. CGA is contacting potential exhibitors. One said to us last week that “If your attendee numbers are good, we’ll be there! - like we were in the past”.
And save with earlybird registration from June 10 - July 14. Having more earlybird registrations encourages more exhibitor participation. We’re often asked how many are registered – having high “hard” attendee numbers helps build the show buzz and excitement.
But if you have to miss this great show, you can still help. We are looking for unique auction items so come up with something special and let us know ASAP so your company can be recognized as a donor ASAP! And lastly, bring in a new member to the CGA family – they can join at a half year rate in July. And take a look below for another perspective on associations and you and your business.

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT VALUE

CGA gets newsletters from the NGWA affiliate states. Here’s a summary of what Past NGWA President Art Becker wrote to members of the Empire State Water Well Drillers Association (New York) in their summer newsletter: “Members are critical to the success of any organization. We receive the benefits of being a member as well as the rights. The fact is membership dues for our associations are a bargain.” Association members get staff and volunteers to serve them by bettering our industry. (Usually dues are just a few hundred dollars per year). If you need a lawyer to assist you in business, the rate will be $250 to $500 per hour, not per year like your association. How about other professionals you use, like your accountant. “The point here is association dues are one of the smallest expenses we have in our businesses and it yields the biggest return on investment for you as a businessman and member of this industry.” Art concluded, “In short, be a member, volunteer, get involved and make a difference for all of us.”
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