

Santa Clara Valley IPSSA Newsletter



Next General Membership Meeting
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy 2016!

To those who made it to our December meeting, it sure looks like everyone had a great time. It was a nice opportunity to spend together as a group.

The board is working on several projects for us and is looking forward to an exciting new year.

Special thanks to our chapter supporters that have contributed to the Gofundme for Mark Lyons.

I hope to see everyone at our January meeting.

Joe McVeigh

What's wrong with picture?



HMMMMMMM.....

*There is nothing wrong with the Photo.
These upside down bottles are the problem.*

If the police stop you, they can fine you, because the chlorine and acid must in a 2 containment Situation. The bottle is the first containment (in the upright position) and the yellow case is the second form of containment?

Please return the bottles to the supply houses In the upright position. (the same law applies to the delivery house drivers).



2015
December
Celebration



CPSA Kicks Off 2016 With A Big Win!

Posted by: CPSA | on January 6, 2016

It may be raining in Northern California, but water and water restriction issues are expected to continue to be big issues in 2016. That having been said, it appears the CPSA has been successful in addressing a major issue that was the root of the water use restrictions faced by the industry with public entities over the last two years.

California law, enacted in 2006, required every city and county to enact emergency water contingency plans by 2010. State law requires these plans to be renewed every 5 years and requires the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to develop guidelines. The guidelines developed by

DWR are used by the cities and water districts throughout California to determine what restrictions and mandates will be included in their local plans.

Unfortunately, the swimming pool and spa industry was not paying attention when these guidelines were originally drafted pre-2010. Those guidelines included such suggestions as: prohibiting the filling or refilling of swimming pools and spas; prohibiting the refilling of more than 1 foot of a swimming pool; prohibiting the issuance of a new building permit for swimming pools and spas; prohibiting the use of public water to fill a pool or replace water lost to evaporation in an existing pool. These suggested restrictions are what many cities and water districts included in their emergency water contingency plans, and this is what CPSA has been fighting against city by city, water district by water district over the last two years.

Last August, John Norwood, Executive Director of the CPSA, made a presentation to the UWMP Guidebook Advisory Committee that is charged with drafting the content that will be used by local communities to develop their water contingency plans that are due to be updated July 1, 2016. At

the time, the draft guidebook still contained a compilation of water use restrictions on pools, spas and hot tubs that were unwarranted. For example, Section 8.2.3 states: "Swimming pools may not be filled unless authorized by a permit. Only new swimming pools are allowed to be filled. Water may not be used to fill a pool or to replace water lost to evaporation."

In his comments to the committee Mr. Norwood indicated that, "Just because the draft contains a compilation of some of the existing local water use restrictions does not make them right or fact based. To the contrary, these restrictions are highly discriminatory to the pool and spa industry, result in no real water savings and are contrary to long term water savings."

CPSA filed both oral and written comments with the DWR requesting that the Advisory Committee strike the draft proposals and in their stead insert swimming pool management recommendations developed by CPSA members that will result in significant water savings while not putting the industry out of business. CPSA's written comments and associated materials can be viewed here.

Just before the Christmas holidays, the DWR informed CPSA that the draft restrictions CPSA objected to were being dropped in favor of language that focuses on the use of covers for pools when not in use as the principle way to encourage water savings in the swimming pool, spa and hot tub industry.

This is a huge win for the CPSA and the industry. Once the 2016 Urban Water Management Plans are developed and implemented by local cities and water districts it is expected that the number and type of unwarranted water use restrictions the CPSA will have to respond to will be substantially reduced. Hopefully swimming pools and spas will no longer be targeted going forward in a manner that threatens the construction or remodeling of swimming pools, spas and hot tubs.

Winning is good, however, this fight demonstrates the importance for the industry to stay involved in the water community to protect the interests of its members. This presents a challenge as there are several state agencies with jurisdiction over water issues, some 300 public and private water districts and over 450 cities that can institute restrictions on the use of public water.

Covering these and other legislative and regulatory issues requires resources in terms of money and staff. Hence the need for the industry to support CPSA and continue to expand its membership. In 2015 CPSA added over 160 new members. However the challenge now is to continue this exciting trend by doubling our membership growth in 2016 and beyond. Will you help us?

Plaster Spotting Exposed Again

The swimming pool publication, Service Industry News and its' PhD chemist, recently peer reviewed the NPC/Cal Poly (NPIRC) Phase 2 pool plaster study report and concluded that white spotting (soft spots, spot etching, and spot alteration) of their plaster pools was not caused by aggressive water, and that the claims (by the NPC) regarding that study are false. In fact, every plaster study of the past twenty-five years has exposed that the NPC is wrong, and that aggressive pool water does not cause spotting.

Back in 1991, some plasterers thought they had proven their theory with the NPC Arizona test pool and published that in a Pool & Spa News article. But later, after they were shown contradictory evidence, and that the Pasadena test pool (in partnership with IPSSA) showed completely opposite results, the NPC people would not concede the matter or answer any questions regarding those two test pools. The NPC then proceeded with more test pools.

When those test pools didn't prove what the NPC had hoped for, they decided to do a plaster "coupon and alkalinity" study in partnership with us (onBalance) in 1999. Again, to the disappointment to the NPC, that experiment also showed that aggressive water had nothing to do with causing spotting. The NPC promptly disavowed that study.

At the NPC conference in 2000, we (onBalance) presented forensic evidence and findings by a prominent cement lab that plaster spotting (on actual failed plaster pools) was the result of improper plastering practices. The NPC refused to comment or address those findings, but some members chose instead, to criticize us (the messengers) personally.

The NPC then decided to retain Cal Poly University to conduct plaster studies starting in 2003. The NPC announced that this would be the final and end-all study, and promised that they would abide by the results. A year later, the NPC began claiming that their NPIRC study had proven that aggressive water caused spotting. But as it turns out, they were ignoring the serious problems with their conclusions.



In 2011-2012, three prominent cement labs studied plaster spotting, was peer reviewed by a fourth lab, and it was again confirmed that improper plastering was the cause. And as mentioned above, Service Industry News recently determined that the



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Tuesday March 22nd 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Napredak Hall

770 Montague Expy, San Jose, CA 95131

NPIRC study did not prove what the NPC claimed it did. So it not surprising that the NPC has not been willing to meet with industry members to discuss the NPIRC study results and the lab findings.

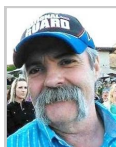
It appears that once the plasterers (incorrectly) publicized that the Arizona test pool study had proven their "aggressive water theory," there was no turning back. One misrepresentation led to another. No one wants to admit to their peers that they were wrong in the first place.

Will the NPC ever acknowledge what the past plaster studies have determined? Will they abide by the past test pool results? Apparently not. Instead, they desperately want to do more test pool studies, and have even tried to drag us into it again. And amazingly, the water and plaster conditions proposed for the new joint study has already been done at the NPIRC, and they know what the results were!

The pool industry is tired of this three-decade controversy. Isn't it time for NPC to end this charade?

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