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Dear Members,

Hurricane Harvey has caused catastrophic flooding and devastating conditions in Texas and along the Gulf Coast. SPE International has put together a list of organizations that are collecting donations that will be put to use immediately for the relief. Click here for the link. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are in the affected areas of Texas, especially our families, friends, and colleagues. SPE will continue to evaluate and share ways to help with our members.

As professionals in the oil industry, we have an abundance of data and facts but have been unable to effectively communicate what we know to the public. The SJV section is in the process of putting a workshop together that would empower industry professionals to engage and inform the public. The workshop will be guided by Alex Epstein, bestselling author of *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels* (2014) which has made an excellent case for the use of fossil fuels like oil and natural gas.

This workshop is tentatively scheduled for the end of the 3Q or 4Q of 2018. Our board members have been in communications with various companies to sponsor the event and we currently have more than half the sponsorship needed to make this workshop happen!

At this point, we are asking our members for individual donations ($250 - $500). I hope you are as excited as we are about this workshop. Please contact me by no later than September 15th if you are willing to donate.

As always, I would love to hear your comments and ideas about how we can better serve our members. Please feel free to contact me at Jeff.Kim@CRC.com.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kim
September 2017 General Section Meeting
Brad DeWitt, Director of Taxes, California Resources Corporation

**Date:** Thursday, September 21st, 2017 @ 11:30 AM

**Location:** Petroleum Club 12th Floor 5060 California Avenue, Bakersfield

**Reservations:** RSVP by September 20th to avoid walk-in payment

**Online Payment Link**

OR

Email Reza Ardali at mojtaba.ardali@CRC.com

**Abstract:**

Oil and Gas mineral rights and associated reserves are subject to California Ad Valorem property taxes just like other real property such as homes, office buildings, and land. The vast majority of these mineral rights are re-assessed annually by local county jurisdictions. The process is similar to other reserves valuation processes such as the SEC but with some significant differences. This presentation provides perspectives and an overview of the assessment process including:

- Who/What is subject to taxation.
- What methodologies are used.
- Which reserve categories are assessed.
- What administrative remedies are available to the taxpayer.

**Biography:**

Brad DeWitt has over 35 years of experience in the California oil & gas industry. He is currently Director Tax for California Resources Corporation handling property tax issues in all oil and gas producing counties in the State. Prior to joining CRC he was a consultant to numerous upstream companies throughout California including reserves valuations, operations, and project management. He started his career in 1981 as a production and reservoir engineer at Elk Hills focused mainly in Stevens zone waterflood. He is a Registered Petroleum Engineer in California and also a SPE Certified Engineer with 35 years membership in SPE. He is currently the Chair of the California Chapter the Society of Petroleum Evaluation Engineers (SPEE) and also serves as on its Board of Directors. Brad is also on the Boards of several other industry related organizations. He holds a Bachelor’s degree from UCLA and Masters in Petroleum Engineering from USC.
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Mr. John Cornell

**Date:** September 12 - 14th, 2017 (8:00 am to 5:00 pm)

**Location:** University of Phoenix, 4900 California, Ave, Bakersfield, California.

**Payment & Cost:**

Payment can be made by check at the door on the first day of class (RSVP in advance by email) or register & pay with a credit card via link (below). The price of this course for SPE members and non-members is $1,510 per person. Lunch and drinks are included.

**Payment Link:**

[API Tank Class September 2017](#)

**RSVP & Questions:** Contact Patrick Niebuhr at patrick.niebuhr@halliburton.com

**Course Description:**

**Day One:** Large Atmospheric Tanks (API.650) - Tank introduction, Materials, Design, Fabrication, Construction, External/ Internal floating roofs, Marking, and additional design and construction details.

**Day Two:** Existing Tank Evaluation (API.653) – Introduction to tank failures, Brittle fracture, Inspection drivers and considerations, Inspection types and schedules, Safety concerns around tanks, Failure (corrosion) types, etc.

**Day Three:** (API .12F and 12B) Tank Materials, Design, Fabrication of field production tanks.

**Why You Should Attend**

Facility Engineers, Facility Engineering Supervisors, Construction Engineers, Operational personnel, Supervision, Piping engineers, Contractors, Suppliers, designers, Project Engineers, Project managers, and anyone whom would like a better understanding Refining and Production Tanks.

**Instructor Biography**

Mr. John Cornell is the owner of H.I.R. Technical Services, a well-recognized tank consulting firm for storage tank design, fabrication, construction, inspection, and repair. Mr. Cornell has been The Senior Training Provider for The USDOT for PHSMA as relating to Large Breakout tanks since 2001 and is considered to be an expert on above-ground storage tanks.

LinkedIn profile here: [https://www.linkedin.com/in/john.cornell.3a2b8346/](https://www.linkedin.com/in/john.cornell.3a2b8346/)

Computers, tablets, phones, and etc. are prohibited from being used during the training.
Announcing the SPE SJV Section Monthly Networking Bash

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Thursday, September 28th, 2017
5:30 to 7:30 pm
at
Lengthwise Brewery “The Pub” Northwest
2900 Calloway

SPE Networking bashes are held monthly as a service to our members. This is a great opportunity to come out and meet people from all areas of our industry in a social setting.

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RSVP to Dave Susko @ davesusko@gmail.com
or 713.702.8587
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A Note from Reza Ardali, SJV-SPE Membership Chair

To state the obvious, this is a tough time in the oil business. Please note, SPE has some good benefits to help us weather through this downturn. For those of you that know of others that have been laid off, please forward this information below to them. I think this will be helpful to them.

May I suggest you take a look at the following links:

Members in Transition Toolkit: http://www.spe.org/members/transition/

2016 President Nathan Meehan, “Should I Stay or Should I Go?”

Please note, in spite of unemployment, you can renew your SPE membership. You can apply for a Dues Waiver. To qualify for a dues waiver, you must ( http://www.spe.org/join/options.php ):

- Provide a written request for unemployment or disability.
- Submit a dues waiver request annually.
- Email service@spe.org, or write to:
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  P.O. Box 833836
  Richardson, TX 75083-3836 USA.

By keeping your membership, you will still be on our distribution list for networking, newsletters, and have access to helpful information to help you thrive in a downturn. Keeping your membership will help you get information from the SJV SPE section on future networking opportunities.

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