

Tuesday, January 19 at 12:00pm (noon) Pacific Time

Steve Bohlen, Chief of the California Geologic Survey

“What Would Carbon Neutrality Mean for California’s Oil & Gas Industry?”

California has set an ambitious goal of being carbon-neutral (zero net carbon emissions) by 2045. Steve Bohlen, California’s Acting State Geologist, will give an overview of Lawrence Livermore’s 2020 study, ***Getting to Neutral: Options for Negative Carbon Emissions in California***—which outlines specific pathways for California to meet its goal by removing carbon from the atmosphere as well as cutting emissions.

Meeting its ambitious Net Zero goal will transform the California’s oil and gas industry and offers the industry an opportunity to lead the world in developing and investing in solutions to remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it underground. Steve will share his thoughts on how Petroleum Engineers can prepare for – and potentially prosper from – the coming transformation.



Speaker: Steve Bohlen, Chief of California Geologic Survey

Steve Bohlen is California’s Acting State Geologist and head of the California Geological Survey—which provides scientific products and services about the state’s geology, seismology and mineral resources. Previously, he led the Energy and Homeland Security Program at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. In that role he has also served as an advisor to the Legislature on ways to achieve California’s carbon neutrality goals through carbon removal and negative emissions strategies. He had previously served DOC as State Oil and Gas Supervisor from 2014-2015, leading organizational restructuring and laying the foundation for a modern, science-based program to regulate oil and gas under the guiding principle of public and environmental safety.

A graduate of the Dartmouth College, Steve earned a Ph.D. in geochemistry from The University of Michigan in 1979. Through his long career, Dr. Bohlen has served science and society as a prominent researcher, professor, senior manager in the US Federal and CA State governments, and CEO of a systems engineering and naval architecture firm.

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