

20th Annual RETS/REMP Workshop
Hosted by PG&E (Diablo Canyon) and NEI
San Jose, California June 28-30, 2010

Greetings everyone,

Welcome to California and the 20th Annual RETS/REMP Workshop hosted by PG&E (Diablo Canyon Power Plant) and NEI.

I would like to thank all of you in Region 1, 2, & 3 for sponsoring the previous 19 workshops. The workshops have been invaluable. I've been attending the workshops since 2002 and really wanted to include Region 4 in the hosting duties. This was Diablo Canyon's attempt to say Thank You for all those years of hosting and it will not be the last time you see Diablo Canyon in future "hosting" lineups. Now, this is truly a national workshop.

2010 is a transition year for the workshop. Along with crossing the boundary into Region 4; the RETS/REMP steering committee is now working with NEI to produce these events. NEI has volunteered to perform the hotel / event setup along with the registration duties. The "host" utility was tasked with agenda, attendee gift bags, and speaker gifts. It is my honor to represent PG&E / Diablo Canyon at this event and welcome you to California.

This year the workshop is also held in conjunction with the EPRI Groundwater Workshop in an attempt to reduce travel costs and time away from your families.

Your gift bags contain various trinkets supplied by PG&E.

You'll also find a 2 Gb thumbdrive that contains speaker presentations, speaker bios, some regulation material, workshop contact lists, pictures from Diablo Canyon, copies of Diablo's AREOR, and whatever else I could think of to add.

Look for the raffle ticket located in the zipper pouch. This will be your ticket for drawings held at the beginning and end of each day. There will be 6 prizes to choose from, depleting as we transition to Wednesday afternoon. The prizes are two Cannon cameras, two 320 Gb portable hard drives, and two brief cases (male and female styles). You must be present to win.

Special thanks (as always) to Ken Sejkora who works tirelessly behind the scenes to produce these workshops. For those of you who don't know Ken; go ahead and multiply by 100 the time you *think* he's putting into the workshop.

Also special thanks to Kathy Yhip (NEI representative), Ella McDowell (NEI Conference Manager), and Linda Wells (NEI) for making this all come together with the motel arrangements and registration.

Thank You to Karen Kim for all the coordinating efforts between EPRI and RETS/REMP.

Thank You to the vendors who continue to support our technical needs and attend these workshops.

And finally, please take time to tell the presenters how much you appreciate their extra effort to create and present the material at the workshop. Most do this in their spare time and in addition to their normal workload. I'm sure you'll agree; every past workshop has been outstanding regarding the technical information presented (including this workshop). Personally, I have learned more from these workshops than attending most other industry events.

The RETS/REMP community is an awesome group of people; not only in technical expertise but more importantly in personality, quality, ethics, and commitment. I am truly blessed to get to know all of you and the opportunity to work with you.

My deepest gratitude and respect,
Martin Wright

