

Safety Symposium

A Proposal For A Series Of Symposiums Beginning In 2012 That Will Address Issues and Seek Solutions To Concerns Relating to Public Safety In The Public Utility Sector Of The State Of California.

Sponsors; California's Public Utility Companies and the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC).

Objectives; Define The End Game For Public Safety in California, Quantify Where We Are Now, Agree On What Safety Culture Is Required To Move Us From Our Current State To Our Objective. Understand The Barriers To Success And Find Common Ground Solutions.

Scope of the Symposiums; These will be working meetings that are designed; 1. To allow people in industry and government who are necessarily interdependent on one another to meet, talk, share and make recommendations that are consistent with the Symposiums' objectives, 2. Provide for workshops, panels and presentations that will be designed to share best practices in areas affecting public safety, 3. To understand the expectations for safety and the consequences of failure, 4. To allow industry to understand what the regulators need and why they need it, 5. To learn that safety, with respect to human life and property is non-negotiable, and, 6. To understand that all parties to these symposiums, including the people of California are in the same boat-together.

Disclaimer; The Symposiums are not to be construed as opportunities to advance self interest, debate rate cases, position for litigation nor provide a forum for mandates.

Attendees; From Sponsor Companies and the CPUC those in attendance will be those individuals who; bring subject expertise to the topics of the Symposium and who are of an appropriate level in their respective organizations to influence and advance the solutions advanced.

Mission; Define, Create and Sustain a Safety Culture in the State of California

As mentioned these Symposiums will be ongoing-1 or 2 events per year beginning with the first Symposium which is targeted to be held during the first 10 days of Dec. 2012. Symposium topics should be progressive, proactive and forward thinking. Topics should be relevant. Possible topics could include;

1. Building A Safety Culture in California's Public Utility Industry (Target 1st Symposium Topic).
2. Risk Identification, Risk Mitigation and Risk Management
3. Right of Way Management and the State of California's One Call System
4. Public Safety Benchmarks and Performance Metrics
5. Industry Self Reporting and Citation Authority
6. Emergency Response, Disaster Communication and Cooperative Disaster Mitigation

Other topics are anticipated.

Symposium Management and Coordination; It is anticipated that a select committee comprised of Sponsor Company representatives and the CPUC will be put forth and empowered to develop and execute a series of Symposiums consistent with the Objectives. The Team will select its own leader.

Financing for each Symposium will be shared by the sponsors. All in costs for each event are anticipated to be less than \$100,000.00.

It is anticipated that from time to time subject matter experts and public officials not employed by or under the direction of sponsors will be invited to participate in any given Symposium where their participation can reasonably be expected to further the objectives of the particular Symposium agenda.

Outside attendees; In the interests of full disclosure and transparency all event working sessions will be open to media and will provide limited space opportunities for members of the public.

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Example Symposium Agenda

Date; Dec. 1-10, 2012

Location; San Francisco Airport Area

Title; Safe California-Creating a Culture of Change to Benefit the People of California.
(Example working title only)

Day 1

6-7:00 Reception for Sponsor Attendees (not open to media or the public). The objective here is to provide an opportunity for people to meet each other, to establish lines of communications and build relationships with each other.

7-9:00 Dinner and Speaker

Keynote Speaker; Debra Hersman, Chairman of the NTSB. Hopefully she would speak about some of the nation's most serious pipeline accidents as investigated by the NTSB- the costs in human terms and property damage, the most significant findings and lessons learned from these disasters and the actions that the NTSB believes can be taken to make pipelines safer. Hopefully she can support the theme of cooperation between industry and regulators as being essential to a successful outcome.

Day 2

8:30AM Kick Off-President Peavy-To Set the tone for the Symposium. To create the expectation for listening and learning from one another. We are all in the same boat now.

8:45 Tony Early or other Utility Chairman to speak about the fact that this "unique" collaborative effort between industry and the regulator can be a vehicle for sharing and learning that is otherwise very difficult in industry and that the winner of this open and honest communication will be the people of California.

9:15 Panel Discussion-Creating a New Culture of Safety-The Past. Panelists would discuss topics such as; what is our culture today? What do we have in California today? What does the regulator need to uphold their public mandate? What are the barriers to success. The session will be followed by Q&A with a moderator

10:30 Working sessions will be held in separate rooms to allow interested attendees to focus on one of the panel presentations. This open session is intended to allow participants a free forum for their thoughts and recommendations. A session moderator will prepare a group report out.

11:30 Working session report out. This is not a debate period but rather a listening opportunity.

12:00 Lunch

12:45 Presentation by a California Elected Official who will speak about what the people of California expect from the companies who serve them and the regulators who represent them with respect to safety. What is the appropriate balance between ensuring safety and the cost of providing it. Hopefully he/she will find value for this type of bi-partisan effort, in a non-political sense, to try and find a way for California to lead the nation in the area of public utility safety while understanding and ensuring that the means are available for private industry to survive and prosper.

12:30 Panel Discussion-Creating a New Culture of Safety-The Future. Panelists would discuss such topics as; What kind of safety culture do we want? How will we know when we have arrived? Can we afford what we think we want? Who is accountable?

1:45 Working sessions (above)

3:00 Working session report out (above).

4:00 Conclusion-What do we do with this now?

One suggestion here is for President Peavy and the companies to agree to form a Blue Ribbon panel to take the lessons and comments from this Symposium, debate together the issues and to make a public report at the next Symposium of actions agreed to and path forward actions to the next meeting.