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YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 40TH ANNUAL B.C. GROUND WATER ASSOCIATION TRADE SHOW AND CONVENTION

On behalf of the B.C. Ground Water Association, you are invited to attend our upcoming conference and trade show at the Delta Grand Okanagan Resort and Conference Centre, 1310 Water Street, Kelowna, B.C. from March 17th-18th, 2010 with four workshops being held on March 15th – 16th. The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, March 19th from 9:00am – 12:00pm. The convention is the most important annual event for all people working in the drilling and ground water related fields.

Workshops

Workshop A – Level 1 & 2 Pump Installers: This two-day Work Shop will be for Level 1 & 2 Pump Installers in preparation for challenging the Canadian Ground Water exam as a pre-requisite for Provincial Registration as a Qualified Well Pump Installer. An opportunity to write the CGWA exam will be provided at the Convention. If you wish to participate in this workshop please contact the BCGWA office, as pre-registration is required. **If you wish to challenge the CGWA exam, you must apply to them and be approved to write.**

Workshop B – Driller's Training: The second workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 16th, and will prepare drillers to become Qualified Well Drillers and will also provide valuable information to existing drillers. It will cover basic principles of hydrogeology, drilling methods and tools, logging of water wells, testing water wells and filing reports (well logs, use of GPS).

Workshop C – Crane Operators Workshop: The third workshop is an 8-hour Crane Operators Workshop being held on Tuesday, March 16th. This course applies to everyone who operates a crane that can lift 10,000 lbs (or more) or can reach 25 feet (or more).

Workshop D – GWUDI workshop: Ground water under direct influence of surface water (GWUDI) is defined as ground water that is (a) hydraulically connected to nearby surface waters and, (b) is susceptible to contamination from pathogens. This course is directed towards: health authority staff, (e.g.) drinking water officers, Provincial Government Regulators, Consulting Engineers and Hydrologists, and Water System Operators and Owners.

Convention and Trade Show

The convention will start on Tuesday evening after the workshops with a meet and greet and registration. Information sessions will start on Wednesday morning, with the Trade Show opening in the afternoon. Complimentary drinks, a light dinner and entertainment, will be provided in the Trade Show area where we are expecting 30 booths. Thursday morning will start off with a continental breakfast.

The Trade show will remain open until noon, followed by educational seminars in the afternoon, and an evening banquet celebrating “40 years as an Association.” Entertainment will follow. Please join us for this Banquet and celebration.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. A members Motion form was mailed out with your December Newsletter. If you have a valid issue that should be addressed at the AGM please fax or mail it back to the office.

Spousal Program

- Casino scavenger hunt (Wednesday)
- Spa treatment of your choice (Thursday)

Don't let progress pass you by. See you in March.

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President
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