



# 2023 OPERATOR EXPO

Certified CE Training • Product Exhibitions • Team Competitions

**Thursday, September 21, 2023 • 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**Rattlesnake Reservoir • 4769 Portola Parkway, Irvine**

**TOPICS & PRESENTERS ARE SET FOR 2023!**



Many Thanks to **IRWD** for its generous donation of the site for our event. Without IRWD's support, our event would not be possible.

**CEU**  
Earn 2 Contact Hours of Education Credits for Sessions

Vendors will be on hand to answer questions

## Topics Planned for CEUs Building the Distribution Team Through Onboarding Programs

Presenter: **Steve Hernandez**, WaterWisePro

Onboarding program for new operators will help bring them up to speed safer and more effectively. In addition, it helps create standards and expectations for new recruits.

## Pump 101

Presenter: **Neil Kulkarni**, Pump Tech, Inc.

Pump basics, including hydraulics, understanding of pump curves, and pros and cons of different types of pumps. The course will also provide basic maintenance and troubleshooting methodologies.



**In addition to the valuable Training Sessions, there will be ample opportunity for Agencies to showcase their skills**

- Companies committed to exhibit so far include:
- AES Water • Aqua Metric • A.Y. McDonald Mfg. Co. • Cla-Val • Clow Valve
  - Core and Main • Ferguson • Goble Sampson • GSM • Ixom • Miso Water
  - Mainline Sales • OC WinWater • Pacific Pipeline • Pres-Tech • Pump Tech Inc
  - Romac • SIP Industries • Southwest Valve • Trenton Corp • Tripac
  - United Water Works • Victaulic • WaterWisePro



**PIPE TAPPING COMPETITION**

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year of the pipe tapping contest. It will follow the same rules as the AWWA competition. Each team will be given two chances at the pipe tap. All material – except the tapping machine – is provided by OCWA. Trophies are awarded to the first and second place teams. Agencies may have multiple teams. Contact Boyd Schultz at (949) 306-0714 if your agency wishes to compete. To participate, teams must be registered to attend the Operator Expo. To register, contact Bobby Young at [byoung@lbcwd.org](mailto:byoung@lbcwd.org).

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- ★ Vendor Exhibits . . . . . All Day
- ★ Vendor Set-Up . . . . . 7:00 am
- ★ Operator Training 'Check In' . . . . . 7:30 am to 8 am
- ★ Operator Training (2 Sessions) . . . . . 8 am to 10 am
- ★ Pipe Tapping Competition . . . . . 10 am to Noon
- ★ Horseshoe Competition . . . . . 10 am to Noon
- ★ CATERED BBQ LUNCH . . . . . Noon to 1 pm
- ★ Opportunity Drawing . . . . . 1 pm

Make Plans to Attend!  
**Register Today!**

**Tickets: \$60<sup>00</sup> each** Includes Catered Lunch

### Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available:

Sponsor: \$225.00 ★ Exhibitor: \$325.00

Sponsors receive recognition at the event, have their name on a banner, and are recognized in the OCWA newsletter and on the website.

**Door Prizes needed; please bring to event.**

Reservations can be made on the OCWA website:  
[www.ocwater.org](http://www.ocwater.org)

For group registrations, or to enter a team in either Competition, contact:  
**Bobby Young** at [byoung@lbcwd.org](mailto:byoung@lbcwd.org)



Our popular **HORSESHOE COMPETITION** returns for 2023. We have space for multiple teams – especially women!



**HORSESHOE COMPETITION**

There's still space available for Horseshoe competitors – **especially womens teams!** There is a limit of two teams per Agency with two contestants per team. It is a single-elimination competition. Complete contest rules are available on [www.OCWater.org](http://www.OCWater.org). To participate, teams must be registered to attend the Operator Expo. To register, write Bobby Young at [byoung@lbcwd.org](mailto:byoung@lbcwd.org).

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