



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF  
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Bakersfield Chapter

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### May 1st Meeting Topic

**How Southern California Edison is creating innovative systems to improve our infrastructure and working towards a comprehensive solution to the impact of California wildfires**

*The presentation will provide a holistic overview of Southern California Edison's (SCE) wildfire mitigation initiatives. It will heavily focus on covered conductor, one of the key components in SCE's overall plan. Specifically, we will explain what is covered conductor, detail research and testing conducted, and explain why covered conductor is an effective wildfire mitigation measure.*

### About Our Fantastic Speakers

**Arianne Luy & Eric Hutchinson, Engineers  
Center of Excellence for Underground Cable  
Transmission and Distribution, Apparatus,  
and Standards**



### Bakersfield ASSP Monthly Meetings

Monthly meetings are held from 7:00-8:45am on the first Wednesday of the month at Hodel's Country Dining (5917 Knudsen Drive, Bakersfield CA 93308). Cost of meeting attendance is \$13 and includes breakfast buffet or custom-crafted omelet. Cash/check/credit/debit cards are accepted. The cost is only \$5 for Student and Emeritus Members of ASSP.

Your RSVP is appreciated! RSVP for the upcoming meeting by emailing Chris Vochoska, [CRVochoska@areaenergy.com](mailto:CRVochoska@areaenergy.com).



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# A Little about ASSP

- ⇒ Founded in 1911, ASSP is the longest running safety organizations and the most respected advocate for workplace safety and health professionals.
- ⇒ Our more than 37,000 members are dedicated to making their workplaces safer and healthier, and the Bakersfield Chapter shares in their commitment.
- ⇒ ASSP connects great people to great resources supporting more than 150 chapter communities in the United States and abroad, as well as practice specialties, common interest groups, and student communities that enable occupational safety and health professionals to engage on a global scale.
- ⇒ ASSP members create safer work environments by preventing workplace fatalities, injuries and illnesses. Safer organizations enjoy increased productivity, higher employee satisfaction, and a better reputation while recording less lost time, and lower workers' compensation and healthcare costs.
- ⇒ ASSP publishes the [Professional Safety Journal](#): a flagship monthly journal and top member benefit covering the latest safety management and injury prevention trends.
- ⇒ ASSP produces a [podcast now](#) - Safety Standards and Tech Pubs Podcast will help you stay up to speed on the latest in industry consensus safety standards and technical publications.

## **Become a Member!**

**Guests:** Complete application at [www.assp.org](http://www.assp.org).

**Students: Join for only \$15/year** and receive a free year membership upon your graduation! What a great deal!

As an ASSP member, you will elevate your career, gain knowledge, tools and resources to prevent worker injuries, illnesses and fatalities, help improve your company's performance, and become part of a vibrant community of over 37,000 safety professionals working together for a safer, stronger future.



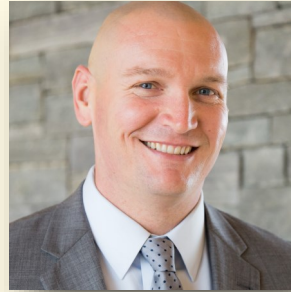
For comments or suggestions on ways we can improve this newsletter as a service to you - our members - please contact Dave Lee at [leed@kerncounty.com](mailto:leed@kerncounty.com).



# *Welcome New Members*

Although guests are **always** welcome, ASSP loves it when new members join. Here are a few of the most recent new members. If you see them at an ASSP function, please give them a friendly welcome.

Matt Vaughn - Pro Tool Services  
Alex Cordier - California Resources Corporation



# *Member Accomplishments*

Congratulations to Donald Sullivan on earning his Bachelor's of Science in Occupational Safety & Health with a concentration in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University!

Congratulations to Michele Herstad, undergraduate in the Taft College Industrial Health & Safety program, on being awarded a \$1,000 foundation scholarship from the Alaska Chapter of ASSP!





## WHAT YOU MISSED!

If you missed Jose Perez's talk in April – Leading Safety with Influence – you missed out! Find his presentation on our [Presentations website](#). He focused on some important points related to safety leadership:

- ⇒ Leadership 101
- ⇒ Building Relationship Trust
- ⇒ 7 Keys to Becoming a Safety Professional of Influence



## June 5 - A Look Ahead



**Joel Sherman**

**VP of Safety & Corporate Affairs**

**Grimmway Enterprises**

### **Update from the Workers' Compensation Fraud Assessment Commission**

*A global perspective of the different types of fraud seen by the commission. How the fraud has been addressed, successes and failures, and what the future holds.*

**What's Coming up!**

## **MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

Congratulations to **Isabel Bravo** with Wonderful Citrus for recently completing the requirements to become a Certified Safety Professional (CSP)!



Congratulations to **Alan Gettman** with Aera Energy, LLC for recently completing the requirements to become an Occupational Hygiene & Safety Technician (OHST)!



Congratulations to **Johnathan McCann** with KBA Engineering (and Columbia Southern Student) LLC for recently completing the requirements to become an Associate Safety Professional (ASP)!





# WISE

**Women in Safety Excellence**

## Get involved with

**WISE** stands for **Women In Safety Excellence**, but don't let the name fool you. We welcome anyone interested in the advancement of women in EHS and other safety-related professions.

Bakersfield WISE is a very active part of the Chapter. We invite all WISE women, WISE guys, and guests to participate in our monthly meetings and activities.

### Our Objectives:

- ⇒ Fostering an environment that allows members to share ideas
- ⇒ Promoting EHS in our community
- ⇒ Networking to strengthen professional relationships
- ⇒ Advancing the professional development of our members
- ⇒ Mentoring women

## Past WISE Tours:

*Halo's Facility  
Lehigh Cement Plant  
Kern County Crime Lab*

For more information, please email your WISE Chair [Lisa Marriott-Smith](#) or join us on [Facebook](#)!



## June Meeting Information

**Debbie Rodriguez, Chevron**

**Wednesday, June 19**

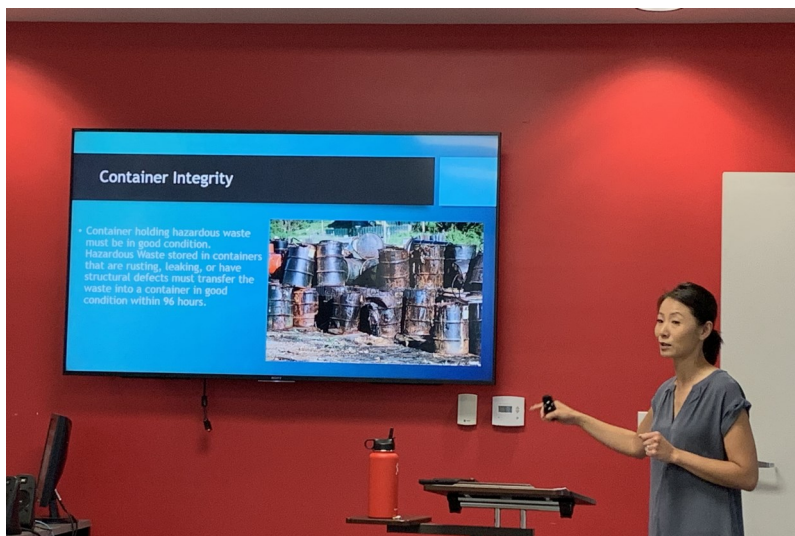
***Topic - Fatigue Management***

**6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**NuSil Technology**

**2343 Pegasus Dr, Building 2455**

**Bakersfield, CA 93308**



**A big thank you to Vicky Furnish for her informative presentation, Hazardous Waste 101, last month. For those of you who missed it, a copy of her presentation can be found in the library [section](#) of the Chapter's website.**



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## Bakersfield Chapter Study Group (OHST-CHST-ASP-CSP)

The Professional Development Study Group meets the first and third Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m. at 900 Mohawk St, Suite 120 (Continental Labor and Staffing building)

This study group is comprised of safety professionals seeking certifications at all levels from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). You do NOT need to be a member of ASSP to join this group! Anyone can join the group at any time.

This is a “go at your own pace” study group. The only purchases required are study materials and a calculator. Most participants are using TI-30XIIS. We study from materials offered by SPAN International Training. You can purchase the work books from: [www.spansafetyworkshops.com](http://www.spansafetyworkshops.com)

Please direct emails to **Heath Taylor** ([heath.taylor@wonderful.com](mailto:heath.taylor@wonderful.com)) if you have questions on which set of books you need to purchase.



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Safety Professionals

### Scholarship Achievement

**Congratulations to our own CSUB Student Section President - Sabrina Delgado. She has been awarded a \$10K scholarship from the ASSP Foundation and will be recognized at Professional Development Conference in New Orleans! The ASSP Foundation Scholarship Presentation will be during the General Session on Tuesday, June 11 from 7-9am at the Great Hall in the Convention Center.**



### New Chapter Member Sponsor

Welcome to new member **Alex Cordier**! And a huge thank you to **Barry Blanton** for sponsoring Alex's new membership. It's folks like Barry that get the word out about Bakersfield ASSP and who really help our Chapter and the EHS profession grow!



## Government Affairs

Terry Ellis, Government Affairs Chair



To all interested parties, please mark your calendars for the upcoming Cal/OSHA Advisory Meeting for Proposing an Emergency Regulation to Protect Workers from Wildfire Smoke. In response to the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board's [decision](#) on March 21, 2019 to GRANT Petition No. 573, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) will convene an advisory meeting seeking input on the development of an emergency rulemaking proposal addressing worker exposure to wildfire smoke. Cal/OSHA plans to hold this advisory committee meeting on May 8th, 2019 in Oakland. Persons interested in receiving announcements and updates pertaining to the advisory meeting, and persons interested in providing information and scientific data on employee exposure to wildfire smoke, control measures, feasibility, or costs may contact Deputy Chief of Health [Eric Berg](#) at (510) 286-7010 or Senior Safety Engineer [Amalia Neidhardt](#) at (916) 263-1944. An emergency proposed draft, meeting agenda and additional meeting documents will be posted prior to the meeting on our website. <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Protection-from-Wildfire-Smoke/>

### **General Industry Safety Orders**

**Chapter 4, subchapter 7, new section  
Wednesday May 8, 2019**

**Protection of Workers from Wildfire Smoke, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Elihu Harris State Building, 1515 Clay St. 2nd floor, Room 1, Oakland, CA**

If you have questions regarding this meeting, please contact Deputy Chief of Health [Eric Berg](#) at (510) 286-7010 or Senior Safety Engineer [Amalia Neidhardt](#) at (916) 263-1944.

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Cal OSHA recently communicated this important update:

Dear Stakeholders, after careful review of the comments received on the draft standard posted on January 29, 2019, further revisions have been made.

Cal/OSHA is preparing rulemaking documents based on this draft. No further changes prior to rulemaking are anticipated.

The revised draft can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/doshreg/Heat-illness-prevention-indoors/>

If you have questions, please email us at [rs@dir.ca.gov](mailto:rs@dir.ca.gov) or contact Amalia Neidhardt at (916) 574 2993.





## Additional News & Notes

### Board of Certified Safety Professionals

The BCSP pursues cases of individuals claiming to hold our credentials without permission. They pursue those cases in which there is clear evidence of the unauthorized use and the individual has a clear responsibility, control, or knowledge of the use. Evidence may be a business card, resume, letter, website, or other publication. If there is no clear evidence, BCSP cannot act on the case.

BCSP Complaint Form - [Report Unauthorized Use](#)

Credential Database - [Find Unauthorized Use on the Certificant Directory](#)

### Bakersfield College's OSRM

Bakersfield College will soon be offering a Certificate of Completion in Occupational Safety and Risk Management (OSRM). The certificate will include the core OSRM courses, which offers an opportunity to gain safety education and transferable college credit. Registration for the fall semester is now open, afternoon and evening classes are available. Contact Catherine Jones for more information - [catherine.jones@bakersfieldcollege.edu](mailto:catherine.jones@bakersfieldcollege.edu)



### No Cost Classes at Westec

Westec offers no cost safety classes to ASSP members transitioning between jobs who have no financial backing. All Veterans without financial support are also eligible for no cost safety classes. Visit [www.westec.org](http://www.westec.org) for more information.



**We are proud to announce this year's nominees for election  
to our 2019-2020 Chapter Executive Committee!**

**AND THE NOMINEES ARE...**

**PRESIDENT ELECT**

Joe Canas - Advanced EH&S Concepts  
George Clarke - Westec & Taft College

**SECRETARY**

Lisa Marriott Smith - Aeros Environmental

**TREASURER**

Helen Ordway - Alon USA

**DELEGATE**

Jose Perez - Wonderful Company  
Fred Hrenchir - Hrenchir Safety Consulting

***President Elect candidate statements are below.***

\*Per chapter by-laws any fifteen (15) Chapter Members may submit a signed petition nominating one or more individuals for elective office. The petition shall be accompanied by a written acceptance by the nominee(s) and shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the Nominations and Elections Committee 30 days in advance of the election. The name and qualifications of such nominees shall be published and distributed to the membership at least 15 days prior to the election.



## President-Elect Candidate Statements

### George Clark

I started my safety path as a Fleet Marine Force (FMF) corpsman in the United States Navy. Responsible for the health and safety of a platoon of Marines, I trained my Marines in first aid/CPR, ergonomics, hygiene, and mental health just to name a few. After my discharge from the military, I joined the construction workforce as a pipefitter. Although the hazards were different, the theory of hazard identification was an easy transition. I assisted the safety captain with hazard analysis, hazard correction, and tailgate meeting. Moving on from construction, I started work as a heavy equipment mechanic working on garbage trucks, tractor-trailer, and farm equipment. Although I was not part of a safety team, my role in safety never stopped. I had no hesitation getting hazards corrected or guiding people away from risky behaviors that had potential of injury or death.

I received my BS in Human Services from University of Phoenix not knowing that combined with my experience would lead to the ultimate employment for me, WESTEC. I have instructed safety courses for the past seven years and developed curriculum for four years while moonlighting at Taft College as an adjunct for five years.



## President-Elect Candidate Statements

### Joe Canas, CSP

I am seeking the President position for the Bakersfield Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals, because I am confident that I can add innovative ideas to foster a stronger bond between the work force, the community, and our Chapter. I am a 1983 graduate of California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. Soon after graduating I worked on off-shore environmental petroleum projects for a consulting company. In 1985, I began working for Kern County Environmental Health (KCEH), as a Hazardous Materials Specialist. In about 1994, I was appointed the Hazardous Materials Program Manager for the department and continued working in that capacity until retiring in 2016. Over the past two years I have been working as an independent consultant assisting clients with meeting their environmental and health & safety goals.

I have been a member of the American Society of Safety Professionals, Bakersfield Chapter for over 10 years. During the past four years I have been intimately involved with the committees responsible for planning our annual Chapter ASSP Symposium. I am currently serving on the Chapter Executive Committee, as a team member striving to continuously serve and improve our membership expectations. Last year I was fortunately nominated to attend the annual ASSP Leadership Conference in Chicago IL, where I gained additional valuable tools essential to leading our local ASSP Chapter as your President. Thank you for your support and I look forward to serving as President to an organization that values character, leadership, professional development, and above all safety for their fellow workers.





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