



PIPE USERS GROUP Northern California

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Pipe Line Workshop for Clay Pipe, by Larry Tolby, Vice President of Technical Services, Northwest, of the National Clay Pipe Institute.

A big thanks goes out to Larry for conducting this workshop for our PUG members, complete with continuing education units (CEUs). This workshop covered the following program elements:

- Manufacturing and testing of Vitrified Clay Pipe
- Design discussions on methods for pipe installations using computer program
- Discussion on bedding and bedding materials with hands on demonstrations

This workshop will segue well into the June field trip to Gladding McBean. For those of you who couldn't attend the workshop, rest assured that the field trip will still prove informative, educational, and enjoyable.

Executive:

Non-profit application status: First draft on its way for review by the Executive Committee.

General:

Membership Renewals: Allen will be sending out membership renewals in May/June for fiscal year 06/07.

Field Trip: Field trip is scheduled for June 13 to Gladding, McBean (clay pipe manufacturer) in Lincoln, CA. This will replace our June 20 meeting and will last all day.

2006 Seminar Wrap-Up:

Feedback: Here are some highlights from the feedback forms:

- The largest percentage of attendees heard about the seminar through word-of-mouth
- 73% of the attendees would like to see a technical paper in addition to the seminar presentation
- Networking came in at number one for what is liked most about the PUG annual seminar, followed by the variety of topics/presentations
- Mixed feedback was received by way of amount of time allocated to each presenter (some requested more time be allotted, some requested less to allow for more speakers)
- Mixed feedback was received by way of emphasis on trenchless technologies (some felt more diversification from trenchless technologies would be an improvement, while others expressed the desire to have additional presentations on various trenchless methods)

Recap Article for TT Magazine: To appear in May issue.

Treasury status: Seminar totals come to a net (\$5000), where costs of the seminar exceeded attendance costs by this amount. We will need to increase the cost of attendance to our annual seminars by a small amount to balance costs in the future.

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be replaced by the field trip to Gladding McBean scheduled for **TUESDAY, June 13, 2006**. We will meet in the parking lot at the offices of Harris & Associates bright and early Tuesday morning, and will return at the end of the day. For further information, please call (925) 210-2474 or e-mail Cara Ingebrigtsen (Cingebrigtsen@BrwnCald.com) to RSVP.