



October 2017 Motherlode Monitor Newsletter

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 Membership Meeting, 12:00 noon, at Harrington and Baldwin Mining Supply Co., 470 East Main Street, Grass Valley, CA.

The meeting will be held at Harrington and Baldwin Mining Supply Co. located on 470 East Main Street, Grass Valley (by the traffic circle adjacent to the Gold Country Tractors Kubota dealership).

Harrington and Baldwin have a gold mining shop offering equipment to small miners. Services include repairs of mining equipment, small engine repairs, and custom fabrication. They offer guided tours for gold mine outings, panning lessons, and equipment rental on mining claims in the Grass Valley / Nevada County region. They have a fully equipped gold processing room with a gold cube, shaker table, concentrate chute, plus various pans and classifiers. They also have a fossil and gem shop.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017 Membership Meeting, 12:00 noon, Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, Nevada Irrigation District.

Remleh (Rem) Scherzinger will give an update on the Centennial Reservoir Project and other activities being undertaken by NID. NID is currently preparing an Environmental Impact Report for the project. For information, go to:

www.centennialreservoir.org

Rem became General Manager of the NID in 2013. He came to the District from the City of Petaluma, where he served as utilities engineering manager, supervising five managers and a staff of 64 working in water treatment, engineering, conservation and

environmental activities. His department was responsible for the City's water, wastewater, storm water, and recycled water operations.

Prior to joining the City of Petaluma in 2008, Rem spent eight years as an engineer with the Sonoma County Water Agency and two years with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

He holds a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) from Sonoma State University and Bachelors of Science degree in civil engineering from Cal-Poly Pomona. He is a licensed civil engineer who also holds state certifications in water treatment and water distribution. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy.

Wednesday, December 6, 2017, Membership Christmas Potluck Lunch and Social, 1:00 p.m.

Plan for a Membership Christmas Potluck Lunch and Social on Wednesday, December 6th. Please be prepared to bring a dish to the event. Details to follow in next month's Motherlode Monitor.

Sierrans' 2018 Calendar Now Available



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The Sierrans' 2018 Historical Calendar has arrived. Special thanks to Pat Nelson for putting it together. It has some great historical pictures of the resource industries in Nevada County and comes in 8.5 inch x 5.5 inch format – easy to keep in a desk drawer or briefcase.

Prices are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Pick up your calendar at one of our meetings or contact us by email or phone if you want to order any.

Note that we are set up to wholesale the calendars to any businesses that want to resell them through your business. Contact David Watkinson at dwatkinson@sierrans.org if your business has an interest.

These calendars make great Christmas gifts whether you are giving them to friends or family or if you gift them to your clients as a business. The proceeds will go to good causes such as the Sierrans' Scholarship Program (see below).

Sierrans' Scholarship Program Established

The Sierrans have established a scholarship program, starting in 2018. Two \$500 one-time annual scholarships will be awarded to graduates (one male and one female) from the Nevada Joint Union High School District going into their first year of a full-time post-secondary school program related to the resource industries. This is being coordinated with Barbara Ross, District Scholarship Coordinator for the Nevada Joint High School.

Sierrans' Mercury Conference

The Sierrans are exploring setting up a conference in to educate the public about technologies to clean up mercury in California's rivers and reservoirs. An ad hoc committee met on August 9th and September 8th to start planning an event. Olaf Bleck has set up a Google Document to create a "White Paper" to allow various authors to contribute. We are looking for members/non-members that are interested in helping draft the White Paper and plan the event. Contact Dave Watkinson at dwatkinson@sierrans.org or (530) 271-0679 if you are interested in participating.

Boy Scouts of America Mining in Society Merit Badge Project

The Sierrans plan to become involved with the Boy Scouts of America ("BSA") and assist local Scouts in obtaining their Mining in Society Merit Badge. The BSA launched the Mining in Society Merit Badge in 2014 as part of a series of merit badges focused on science, technology, engineering, and math ("STEM") projects. The Society of Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration ("SME") was instrumental in the development of the badge. For more information, go to:

<http://mineralseducationcoalition.org/outreach-awareness/mining-in-society-merit-badge/>

We are looking for members/non-members that are interested in helping with this project. Contact Dave Watkinson at dwatkinson@sierrans.org or (530) 271-0679 if you are interested in participating.

Sierrans' Placemat Project

The Sierrans are in the process of creating a placemat design that could be used in local restaurants and eateries to promote the resource industries in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

Sierrans' "Walking Tour" Brochure Highlighting Mining Attractions

The Sierrans are establishing a Walking Tour Brochure to highlight mining attractions in the City of Grass Valley.

Renew or Become a New Member

Individual/Family Membership and Corporate Membership Forms can be found at www.sierrans.org.

Contact Us

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