

Greetings AEG Southern California Chapter Member

We hope you will join us for the second AEG Southern California meeting of 2024. The meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 20th** at Victorio's Ristorante in North Hollywood. This is an exciting opportunity to hear from the National President of AEG!

State of the Association: The discussion will start with an update on AEG, and review membership numbers, demographics, financial summary, volunteer opportunities, scholarships, and information about the 2024 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Bring questions about AEG's operations on an Association level and how your Chapter fits into the Association's Strategic Plan, as well as what *you* can do to help AEG.

Technical Talk: The speaker will be the National AEG President and Principal Geologist of DiabloGeo Environmental Consulting, Sarah Kalika, PG, CAC, CDPH Lead I/A/S. The talk focuses on the challenges and opportunities for environmental and engineering geologists in professional practice. Although the number of engineering geology-specific programs are reducing in the U.S., geoscience undergraduate enrollment is increasing. Furthermore, less geoscience students are enrolling in graduate-level education, but that may be due to an increase in jobs with a bachelor's degree education. Job opportunities are also on the rise - it is estimated that the retiring workforce will open 16,000+ full time jobs by 2029.

Sarah will discuss important aspects of keeping geoscience educational programs, requirements towards licensure, the observation that states that require licensure often have more geologists, and explore non-traditional programs to educate field staff. Sarah will discuss the importance of geologic careers to students, parents, and all professionals. Let's boost the next generation of geologists!

Meeting date: Tuesday, February 20th

Location: Victorio's Ristorante, 10901 Victory Boulevard, North Hollywood, CA 91606, 818-762-9000.

Time: 5:45 pm Social Hour, 6:45 pm Dinner, 7:30 pm Program

Cost: \$45 per person with reservations in advance for AEG members, \$50 without reservations (at the door), FREE for students with a valid student ID and current AEG Student membership, the Student Membership is FREE as well, so join and get a free dinner!!

Reservations: Please email Robert "Bob" Woodford at: robert@woodfordgeo.com or reply to this email!

Please make reservations prior to 1 p.m., Monday, February 19.