



Region 7 IRWA Pipeline Committee  
Report  
January 24 – 25, 2018  
Chandler, AZ

Vision: The IRWA creates awareness of and trust and confidence in right of way professionals, who contribute to building a better world.

Mission: The IRWA is the central authority of the right of way profession, serving our members, the users of our services and the general public.

Key Objectives:

1. Membership: Increase the value of IRWA membership.
2. Professional Development: Increase the impact of IRWA education and credentials.
3. Marketing: Increase the reach of IRWA marketing.
4. Structure: Strengthen the infrastructure of the association.

I am honored to report to Region 7 on the first IRWA 2018 Pipeline Committee Meeting:

Chair: Brian Green with Enable Midstream Partners  
Vice-Chair: Coleen Magness with Flairsoft  
Secretary: Brent Leftwich with Contract Land Staff

- 1) There is an imbalance on the pipeline committee. The balance of members is to be 50% consultants and 50% oil and gas companies. Due to the fact many employees of oil and gas have moved into consultant work, this has created the imbalance. New guidelines are being drafted and will be sent out to us for review with the intent of voting on the new guidelines at the April 18-19<sup>th</sup> meeting in Charleston, SC.
- 2) Rona Sanchez, Region 7 has resigned from the committee as she is no longer with Northwestern Energy.
- 3) The Annual Educational Seminar for Alberta:
  - a. Wednesday Morning at 8:00 a.m. "State of the Nation on Canadian Oil & Gas Activity". This will be presented by Chelsie Klassen, Manager, media relations and issues management with the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.
- 4) Presentation on "Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan and Coordination of Diverse Interest in Execution". Speaker was Shannon Conway & Andrew Thompson with Southern California Gas. This presentation covered communication and coordination with all parties, not just Engineering with Contractors, but RES, Engineering, Environmental, Public Outreach along with Public Involvement (which are two different items).
- 5) Presentation from FERC – Beneficial use of the Commission's Pre-filing (PF) Process, including coordination for using "existing utility easements". Speaker was Maggie Sutter. Maggie quoted "Fixing America is asking Agencies to work together and develop one report". There is a mandatory FERC training for anyone working with oil and gas where FERC is involved. Does not matter if you are an Agency or a Consultant which covers the Standards of Conduct. FERC requires that the employee complete this training within 30 days of the date

they begin providing contract services and at least annually thereafter. FERC may ask the company to produce the certificate that is given at the end of the online training as evidence of compliance.

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/PublishingImages/CNP/Common/SiteAssets/doc/StandardsofConductContractorTraining.pdf>

There is FERC training "FERC Environmental Review and Compliance for Natural Gas Facilities Seminar" in San Diego, CA March 8-10, 2018.

Another training that FERC is requiring for anyone working with oil and gas liquid pipeline projects is: <http://www.ingaa.org/Pipelines101/Construction/26129.aspx>

This is dealing with respect, trust, accurate and timely information, negotiations in good faith, responding to issues, outreach, etc.

- 6) Contract Land Staff – Brent and Mazie have retired. They have hired Darin Hittle, as CEO for the company. Darin Hittle contact: Direct 281-240-1916; cell: 303-501-9815; Office: 281-240-3370 and Fax: 281-582-7574. Email is: [darin.hittle@contractlandstaff.com](mailto:darin.hittle@contractlandstaff.com). Mailing address is: 2245 Texas Drive, Suite 200, Sugar Land, TX 77479.
- 7) Industry Updates and Hot Topics:
  - a. BLM and the U.S. Forest Service release of Region 2 and 3 corridor abstracts.
  - b. Forest Service proposing to revise their NEPA procedures with the goal of increasing efficiency of the Environmental Analysis.
- 8) Upcoming PLC Meeting Schedule:
  - a. April 18-19, 2018 – Charleston, SC
  - b. June 24-27, 2018 – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (IRWA Annual Educational Conf.)
  - c. September 19-20, 2018 – Park City, Utah
  - d. January 17-18, 2019 – Somewhere in CA.