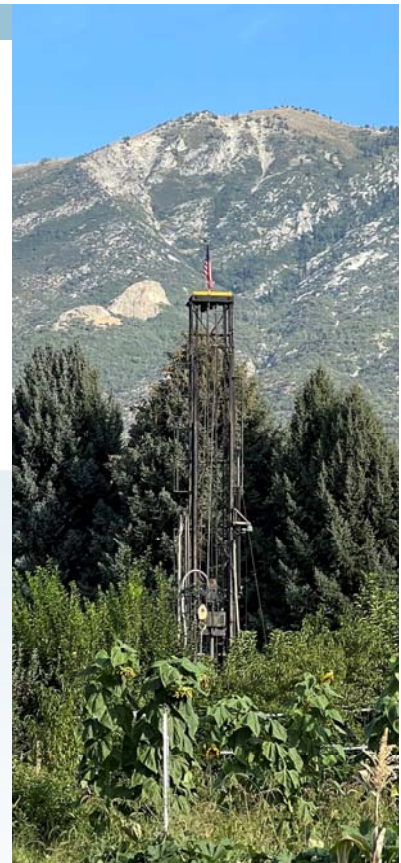




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Letter From The President Casey Curtis

Hello All,

I hope everyone has had a great holiday season. Welcome to another year!

I'm sure everyone can agree when I say it has been an extremely busy month ramping back up after a short break for the holidays. The last few years have been incredible as far as the amount of work that seems to be out there for our industry. It makes me think that we all need to remember not to get burned out trying to do too much. We need to especially remember not to burn out our people. Most of us work to live, we don't live to work. It is vital that we remember the importance of taking time to spend with our loved ones doing things we enjoy.

I used to think that I needed to work as hard as I can *while* I still can, but looking back I only see the important things I missed because of that mentality. Hard work is good for us, don't get me wrong. But finding that balance is key for our mental health and our family life. To employers and managers - don't forget that our people have families too. Allow them the time to unwind and reset. It will pay in dividends.

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- June 8-10, 2023 Moab PED & Summer Retreat
- Dec 5-7 NGWA Groundwater Week
- Jan 3-5, 2023 UGWA Annual Conference & Expo

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I will touch briefly on the annual conference we just had a few weeks ago. I think the turnout was good and we all had a great time. It was good to see some new faces and it's always good to see the familiar ones. The skeet shoot and golf tournament are always a big hit for those that participate. We did well with fundraising for our scholarship program and I thank everyone that participated in the auction and raffles to raise money for the young adults and higher education. I would like to give another huge thank you to our exhibitors, sponsors, and donors for making it all possible.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual Moab PED & Summer Retreat coming up June 8-10. We always have a fantastic time and we'd love to see you there!

Best regards,

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2023 UGWA Conference Recap

Mesquite, NV—January 4-6, 2023

Thanks to everyone that attended and participated our recent conference in Mesquite January 4th-6th. This year we had 113 attendees and 24 booths with 50 representatives from our vendors. It was a well-attended conference and it was great to have everyone back together as we continue to navigate the limitations with the pandemic.

We had another great turnout at the golf tournament. Thanks to Steve Price/Delco Western for their continued support. We had over 40 participants. The Western Hydro/2M foursome won the overall tournament. Todd Batty and Gavin Holand won the two long drive holes and Jeremy Anzalone and Travis Frandsen the closest to the pin holes.

As in past years, thanks to Dave Worwood/4-D and Charlie Fox/Franklin Electric for putting on the skeet shoot event too. This event was well attended with over 40 participants as well. Jaden Johnson won first place, Paul Nordof took second and Robert Armstrong took third place. They won \$100, \$50 and \$25 respectively.

Later in the day on Thursday we kicked off the presentations with a review of Utah Well Rules, Issues and Updates from Jim Goddard, followed by Charlie Fox with Franklin Electric who presented on High Efficiency Water Systems followed by a panel discussion about regulatory, technical (engineer and geologist) and supplier roles in development of both public and private wells. The presentations went well and had great participation from all of the attendees.

Thursday night, Jeremy Anzalone again played auctioneer and did a great job for our fundraising efforts. We raised nearly \$13,000 in the auction, \$150 in cash donations, just under \$1,400 in gun tickets and TV tickets each and just over \$1,000 from passing the hat for a total of \$16,897 for the scholarship fund. We also raised another \$1,500 for the crisis fund from the quilt tickets and cash donations. We depend heavily on the generosity and participation of attendees at these events and we are able to do so much good with the money that is raised. Thank you to everyone.

Friday started with a class on Mud Management from Ron Peterson. Then we had a pitch hitter in for Gene Shawcroft when Bart LeeFlang (the Colorado River Program Manager from Central Utah Water Conservancy District) presented on the condition of the Colorado River Basin and the current condition by hydrologically and politically as they work to sort out allotments and reductions. After the member meeting we had lunch and got back into our final presentation with Fred Routhage on Creating Long Term Groundwater Assets. All of the presentations were great and are greatly appreciated.

We also had our general membership meeting and board elections. All current board members that were up for re-election remained on the board with the exception of Rollin Moore who was replaced with Conrad Miller.

The conference is only possible due to all of the support from Colette Lynch and our other volunteers Carmella Worwood and Rachael Ritter as well as our sponsors.

Thanks to our Platinum Sponsors 2M, Mitchel Lewis and Staver, Western Hydro, Delco Western, Franklin Electric and 4D. Thanks to all of you for your hard work and support.

We look forward to the Moab Retreat June 8th-10th. More information to follow for that.

The registration for next year has also been opened for our annual conference back in Mesquite January 3rd-5th. We look forward to seeing you all then. Thanks again for everyone's participation and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

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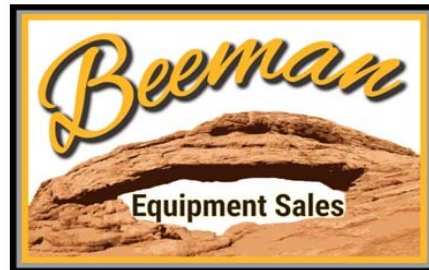
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