

February 18, 2015

Shakin' It Up in Carmel!

Early Bird Deadline Fast Approaching

We're very excited to be presenting our Annual Conference this year at the peaceful Quail Lodge & Golf Club, in beautiful Carmel Valley. Join us for great speakers, fun activities and exciting golf!

The conference begins on Thursday, April 23 with a rousing "Shake, Rattle & Roll" golf tournament, followed by the Past President's luncheon, registration and our annual general membership meeting. Then, relax that night at our welcome reception.



The two full days of sessions on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25 will encompass a broad range of speakers including seismic and liquefaction experts and topics, business and employment professionals, and Monterey Bay geology information. You'll also not want to miss the annual Outstanding Project Awards luncheon on Saturday.

The conference will end Saturday evening with a "Caddy Shack" themed banquet (where is that gopher?)

We have a great \$180 room rate at the Quail Lodge and you can make your reservations there up to April 2, so don't miss out! Also, if you miss our early bird registration cut-off of February 23rd, we will take regular registrations up to April 2.

Click [here](#) for more information and registration details.

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One-Day Only Conference Registrations Are Available

We have added one-day only conference registrations on our online registration. You can now register for Friday or Saturday only sessions. Click here to register: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eacmo6juf73d5eb4&llr=6dfyaadab>

Thank You Conference Sponsors

Thanks to our wonderful sponsors! Our sponsors help us bring the up-to-date programs and events enjoyed at our annual conferences. We extend our sincere appreciation to this year's sponsors for showing their commitment to the geotechnical industry. We invite you to support these generous organizations.

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- Stego Industries, LLC
- Western Ground Improvement

Quail Lodge Room Reservations

There have been some minor glitches in the Quail Lodge Reservation system for some folks trying to make reservations within our room block. If you are told there are no more rooms available in our block of rooms (assuming you're calling to reserve prior to the April 2 cut-off date), please call our Executive Director, Marsha Myers, at (530) 344-0644 and she can help.

To make reservations call (866) 675-1101 and ask for group code #24551. The rate of \$180 is available for rooms within our block. Or you may go online at <https://gc.synxis.com/rez.aspx?Hotel=58674&Chain=14839&arrive=4/22/2015&depart=4/26/2015&adult=1&child=0&group=24551> and use Group Code: 24551. This link directs you right to reservations for the CalGeo group. You can change your preferred dates, click "check availability", "view available rooms", and then make the reservation.

Again, please let Marsha Myers know if there are any issues booking, because we do want this process to be as quick and easy for everyone as possible!

Outstanding Project Awards

Did You Miss The Deadline?



CalGeo will be recognizing firms for their outstanding geotechnical projects at our Annual Conference Awards Luncheon on April 25. Entries will be judged on innovation, difficulty of the investigation (difficulty of construction for design-build projects), quality of reports, success of interaction between the design team, and social impact of the project.

The deadline for submitting your company's technical achievements was February 13, 2015. If you wanted to enter a project, but missed the date, give the office a call NOW and we may be able to accommodate you ((530) 344-0644). Click [here](#) to download the rules and application package.

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Student Outreach

Silent Auction Donations Requested!

By Hannes Richter

Stoney-Miller Consultants, Inc.



Student Outreach Chair Hannes Richter Presents Rising Star Award to Cal Poly SLO Winners-2014

Time to shake things up for this year's conference in Carmel! We are in need of donations for the student outreach silent auction that will take place at our closing night banquet on Saturday, April 25. This is our primary fundraiser for the student chapters, so give generously; it's always fun for everyone!

Prizes can be gift cards, libations (always popular), electronics, professional services, gift certificates to fun places, geodes, or anything else you can imagine. This year's conference theme is "Caddy Shack", so a theme-related donation may be a fun idea. Please contact CalGeo executive director Marsha Myers at mmyers@calgeo.org to make the arrangements. We use the funds to help support student chapter activities, such as the MSE wall competition, student attendance at our regional meetings and their attendance at the annual conference. We will also be presenting the Rising Star Award to the most active chapter. Cal Poly SLO was our winner at Newport Beach last year for their outstanding contributions.

Thanks to you all in advance for your support and generosity!

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Limitation Of Liability Case Index

Get It Free

The Geoprofessional Business Association (GBA) has published a new edition of [Limitation-of-Liability Case Index](#), an important legal reference conveying in lay terms the results of 75 cases where the legality of limitation-of-liability provisions has been challenged in the courts, usually without success. Available free of charge, the GBA document is particularly useful for geotechnical and other civil engineers, architects, other design professionals, environmental scientists, construction-materials engineering and testing (CoMET) professionals, and others who include a limitation-of-liability provision in their contracts or are thinking of doing so, as well as their legal counsel.

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Member News

Welcome New Members

We welcome our newest members and appreciate their support.

Associate Member:

Rock Solid Engineering, Inc.
1100 Main Street, Suite A
Watsonville, CA 950746
Contact: Yvette Wilson
(831) 724-5868

Affiliate Member:

Rocscience, Inc.
439 University Avenue, Suite 780
Toronto, ON M5G1Y8
Contact: Thamer Yacoub
(416) 698-8217

Craig Reid Passes GE Exam



Craig Reid, Principal Engineer and Geologist of new member firm C2 Earth, has recently passed his GE exam. Congratulations Craig! He said our RGE Exam Course helped him a lot in the process! (You can order yours on our website under [Professional Development Materials](#))

C2 Earth specializes in creative geotechnical solutions to challenging geologic conditions throughout the San Francisco and Monterey Bay Areas.
www.c2earth.com

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Deep Foundations Institute Announces June Conference
DFI DEEP MIXING CONFERENCE 2015
Tuesday, June 2, 2015 to Friday, June 5, 2015

Located at the Parc 55 Wyndham San Francisco – Union Square
For complete information and registration click [here](#).

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Downed Power Line



During a recent storm we had in Northern California with high winds and rain, a huge tree was ripped up from its roots and landed across the road near my house. When it came down, it took down several power lines. So, I thought it would be a good reminder for us all what to do with downed power lines.

What to do if you see a downed power line. Never, ever touch a downed power line or go near one. Power lines are not insulated

like power cords. Always assume the power line is live.

- Don't touch a fallen power line or anything touching the wire.
- Do not touch anything or anyone in contact with a fallen power line or other equipment.
- Keep children and pets away from fallen electric wires

- Do not drive over a fallen power line.
- Call 911 immediately to report a fallen power line.

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What to do if a power line touches your car. If your vehicle comes in contact with a downed power line.

- Stay inside! The safest place is in your car. The ground around your car may be energized.
- Honk the horn, roll down your window and yell for help.
- Warn others to stay away. Anyone who touches the equipment or ground around the vehicle may be injured.
- Use your mobile phone to call 911.
- Fire department, police and PG&E workers will tell you when it is safe to get out of the vehicle.

If there is a fire and you have to exit a vehicle that has come in contact with downed power lines.

- Remove loose items of clothing.
- Keep your hands at your sides and jump clear of the vehicle, so you are not touching the car when your feet hit the ground.
- Keep both feet close together and shuffle away from the vehicle without picking up your feet.

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