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President's Report

Vahan Margaryan CPD, GPD President

Hello fellow ASPE LA members,

I hope this message finds you well.

Our May meeting took place at the LADWP La Kretz Innovation Campus. Mr. Amir Tabakh, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, served as moderator for a distinguished panel discussion featuring LADWP speakers Benjamin Wong, Johnathon Leung, and David Jacot. The panel

explored topics related to efficiency and its influence on plumbing design and the broader industry. The event was well attended, with more than 125 attendees. All presenters did an excellent job illustrating key concepts and delivering an engaging presentation. A facility tour was also available to attendees. Participants who would like a copy of the presentation should reach out to the Vice President of Technical Affairs, as Amir and his

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AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PLUMBING ENGINEERS LOS ANGELES CHAPTER

June 10, 2026, Meeting
“Packaged Pumping System Controls”
By Mr. Dan Duduka
VC Systems & Controls
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WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

The presentation will cover the following topics, with time for questions:

- Selecting the process variable
- Sequence of operation
- Component interaction

MEETING LOCATION:

In Person:

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MEETING SCHEDULE:

5:30 pm – Check in

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Presentation

COST: Pay at door only

Meeting Fee:

RSVP - \$55 and Retired BOD: \$30

Without RSVP - \$60

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By: June 5, 2026

THE SPEAKER:



I enjoy helping designers and P.E.s find solutions for their projects. Fortunately, I'm part of an innovative team at VC Systems & Controls, pioneering new technology to improve efficiency and sustainability for water boosters. We offer systems for a variety of process variables.

If you have additional questions or needed information on his presentation, you can reach him at: dan@vcsystems.net

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team were kind enough to provide copies for those interested.

The ASPE Los Angeles and Orange County Chapters have rescheduled the Heat Pump Seminar with Mr. Saum Nour to September 16. The event will still be held at Steven's Steakhouse as originally planned. The venue deposit has been paid, and the event flyer is already circulating with weekly reminders. Because seating is limited, early registration is strongly recommended, with engineers receiving priority on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration is \$30, and attendees will have the opportunity to explore tabletop displays featuring hands-on heat pump demonstrations.

The ASPE LA Chapter is busy preparing for several upcoming events, and we encourage all members to stay engaged and participate. The Family Picnic is planned for September, with the Picnic Committee currently finalizing the location and date. We look forward to providing a great opportunity for members and their families to connect. The 2026 ASPE Convention will be held in Oklahoma City from October 8-14, with nine delegates representing the LA Chapter. Members who have attended the last twelve chapter meetings may be eligible to serve as delegates, and we strongly encourage interested members to consider this opportunity to represent our chapter. In addition, the annual fishing trip is scheduled for August 14 and promises to be another enjoyable event for members. A flyer with additional details will be distributed soon, so please stay tuned and make plans to join us.

Be well, stay well.

Upcoming Events

ASPE LA Fishing Trip

Friday, August 14th, 2026

ASPE OC & ASPE LA Heat Pump Seminar

Wednesday, September 16th, 2026

ASPE LA Family Picnic

September 2026

ASPE 2026 Convention

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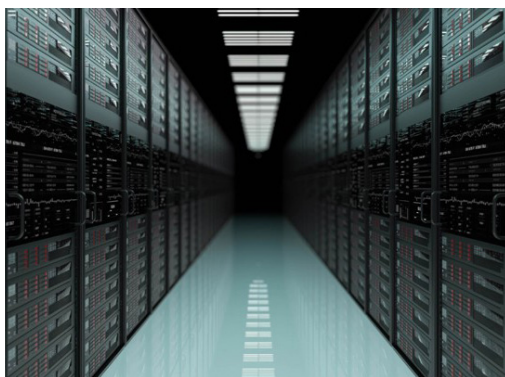
Matt Farrell - Renco Sales

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Also, Pacific Sporting Arms in Azusa for donating a fabarms f4s Semi-Auto 12 Gauge Shotgun. Congrats to all the prize winners!

Best Regards,

Cory Nakanishi, CPD, FASPE
Chairman Board of Governors



WASHINGTON WEEKLY



Congress Takes Initial Step Toward Regulating Data Centers

Lawmakers took a modest bipartisan step toward addressing the rising costs and impacts of data centers by advancing an amendment in a House spending bill. The measure would direct the Energy Department to study and improve data centers' energy and water efficiency, reflecting growing concern over their strain on resources and utility prices. While more aggressive proposals have been floated, Congress has struggled to agree on broader action amid political and industry pressures. The amendment signals a cautious but emerging willingness in Congress to engage in regulating the fast-growing data center sector.

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Top EPA Official: States Not Using Allocated Federal Water Funds

EPA water official Jessica Kramer defended a Trump administration proposal to sharply cut federal funding for water infrastructure, arguing that states have failed to distribute billions in already-approved funds. Democrats criticized the proposed 87-90% cuts to State Revolving Funds, warning they would worsen aging water systems and increase risks like the recent Potomac River sewage spill. Kramer said the EPA is prioritizing getting existing funds out faster and reviewing programs to improve accessibility. Lawmakers also debated whether permitting delays contributed to the sewer line collapse that caused the spill, with some pointing to slow federal review processes.

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BY Thura Zin CPD, GPD

The ASPE-LA and LADWP (Los Angeles Department of Water and Power) joint meeting was held on May 13, 2026, at the LADWP La Kretz Innovation Campus. On behalf of the ASPE-LA Board of Directors, we extend our sincere appreciation to Mr. Armen Saiyan, Mr. Benjamin Wong, Mr. Jonathan Leung, Mr. David Jacot, and ASPE-LA Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Mr. Amir Tabakh, for their valuable presentations and contributions. We also thank Mr. Tabakh and the LADWP La Kretz Innovation Campus staff for their efforts in organizing this successful event.

Prior to the meeting, attendees participated in two one-hour guided tours of the campus facilities. During the presentation, Mr. Jonathan Leung provided updates on water quality initiatives and discussed the 2025 Urban Water Management Plan

(UWMP) and Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP). Members interested in obtaining a copy of the presentation are encouraged to contact the chapter.

We were pleased to welcome approximately 125 ASPE members, engineers, and design professionals. Thank you to everyone who attended and continues to support our chapter activities.

Our next chapter meeting will be held on June 10, 2026, at the Courtyard by Marriott in Burbank. The presentation, "Packaged Pumping System Controls," will be delivered by Mr. Dan Duduka of VC Systems & Controls Company. Topics will include selecting the process variable, sequence of operation, and component interaction. Time will be reserved for audience questions and discussion, and we look

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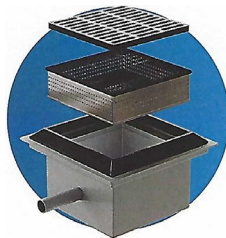
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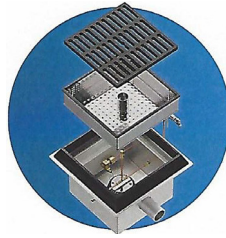
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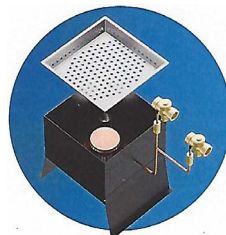
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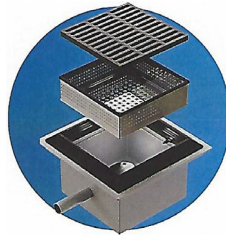
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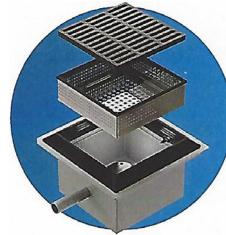
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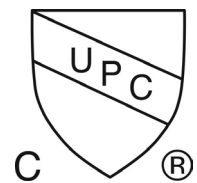
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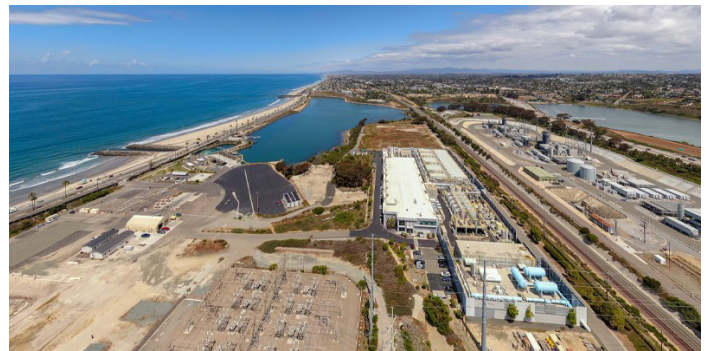


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Plumbing Industry Leaders Convene at NIST for Annual Meeting

IAPMO, a proud co-leader of the Plumbing Industry Leadership Coalition (PILC), convened for its annual meeting at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), bringing industry leaders together for a full day of collaboration and policy discussion. Building on last year’s momentum, the coalition engaged in robust dialogue on some of the most pressing challenges facing the industry, including noncompliant and counterfeit products, workforce development, PFAS contamination, and a range of other critical topics, while also receiving key updates from EPA and NIST. Attendees toured NIST’s Plumbing Research and Residential Test Facilities, reinforcing the importance of research-driven solutions to advance the industry. Following a full day of collaborative meetings, the group made their way to Capitol Hill, where they met with legislators and their staffs to advocate for key policy priorities and ensure the industry’s voice was heard at the highest levels of government. IAPMO extends its appreciation to NIST, coalition partners, and engaged stakeholders for their continued leadership and commitment to strengthening the industry’s collective voice.



Southern Nevada Ocean Desalination Deal with San Diego County Moves Forward

Southern Nevada officials are exploring a potential water-sharing deal with California that would use desalinated ocean water to free up more Colorado River water for Nevada. Under the proposal, California would replace some of its river water use with desalinated supplies from the Carlsbad plant, allowing Nevada to draw more from Lake Mead. While details are still uncertain, the agreement could add a new, more reliable water source as drought conditions worsen across the region. Officials say the plan is not a complete solution but could become an important part of a broader strategy to address long-term water shortages.

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forward to another informative and engaging presentation.

The ASPE Los Angeles and Orange County Chapters are also pleased to announce the Heat Pump Water Heating Symposium, which will be held on September 16, 2026, at Steven's Steak House in Commerce, California. The one-day symposium will focus on heat pump water heater piping systems and will be led by Dr. Saum Nour in collaboration with ASPE-LA Chapter President Vahan Margaryan. The program will feature four presenters covering key technical topics related to heat pump water heating systems. The day will include morning and afternoon technical sessions, lunch, and a networking happy hour with hors d'oeuvres. Registration is \$30 per person, and attendance is limited. Engineers and design professionals are encouraged to register early, as participation will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Exhibitor booth space will also be available for companies interested in participating in the product show.

Registration is now open for the 2026 ASPE Convention & Expo, which will be held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, from October 8-14, 2026. Members planning to attend are encouraged to reserve hotel accommodations as early as possible. Estimated hotel rates range from approximately \$200 to \$265 per night, including taxes. Early-bird registration is available through June 15, 2026, offering a savings of \$70 per person. Additional information and registration details can be found on the ASPE website.

We welcome your ideas and suggestions for future technical presentations and chapter programs. Please contact any member of the Board of Directors with recommendations for upcoming topics. Stay informed by checking your email for chapter announcements and visiting the Technical Calendar on our website for upcoming meetings and events.

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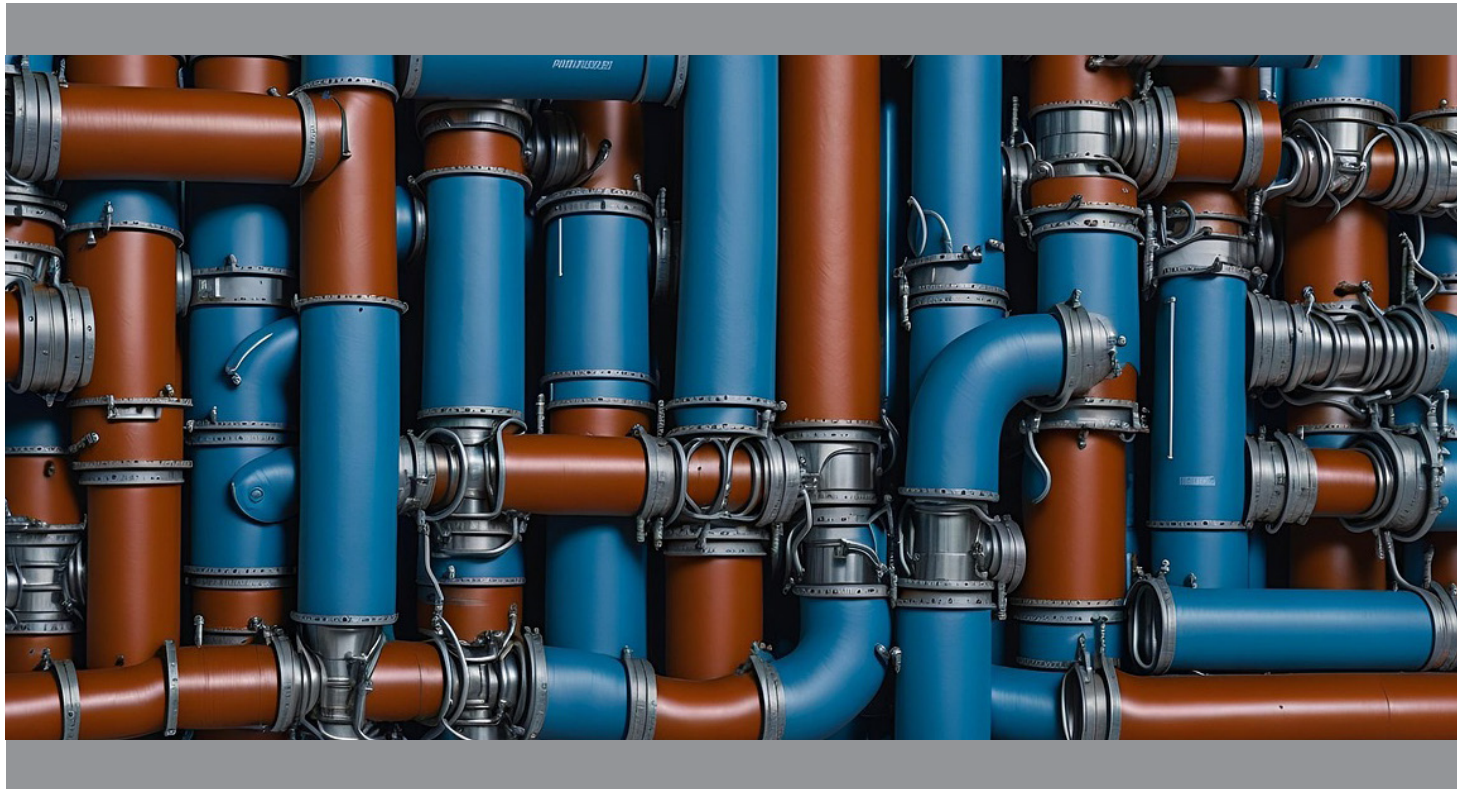
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