New Mexico’s Age-Old Water Battle: How the San Juan Chama Diversion Project Affect Us All

Managing water in the ever-more-arid West is an increasingly complex challenge. The Bureau of Reclamation, a division of the United States Department of the Interior, has been involved since 1962 with the San Juan-Chama Project where waters from the Upper Colorado River Basin Compact are diverted, stored, and allocated downstream to support cities, pueblos, agriculture, recreation and wild life as this precious resource flows through our state on its way to the Gulf of Mexico.

According to the Bureau of Reclamation, the cities of Albuquerque and Santa Fe use diversion structures on the Rio Grande to divert their San Juan-Chama water for drinking water supply projects and for non-potable projects to water parks and golf courses. The Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District uses its San Juan-Chama water to supplement its Rio Grande water right for irrigation of about 90,000 acres of crops. The Pojoaque Valley Irrigation District, San Ildefonso Pueblo, Nambe Pueblo, and Pojoaque Pueblo use their San Juan-Chama water to supplement irrigation for about 2,800 acres in the Pojoaque Valley. Congress authorized up to 5,000 acre feet of San Juan-Chama water for Cochiti Reservoir to replace the evaporative losses that occur each year.

Other entities, the Jicarilla Apache Nation and the Pueblo of San Juan, use their San Juan-Chama water for their depletions of the Rio Grande or they contract the water to others. Reclamation also has an ongoing Supplemental Water Program for which it leases San Juan-Chama water for the silvery minnow.

This is a complex project with far-reaching impact. What are the various major project facilities and where are they located? What are the project benefits? How does this impact your business and your family and others in the West where water is as precious as gold?

Join the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico as Randy Rust, an engineer with the Bureau of Reclamation, gives his insight on how the age-old struggle for water rights has affected New Mexico and continues to do so. Reservations are required and online payment is available. Visit www.fmamn.com to save your space.

FIRST TIME FACILITY MANAGERS ARE ALWAYS FREE but you must register to be included. Members pay $30.00 for a southwestern style breakfast and non-members $35.00 for the event which begins at 7 am on Wednesday, May 20th, 2015, at Garduno’s Uptown Restaurant.
Facility Manager Association of New Mexico

SPECIAL GOLF FLYER

Fifth Annual Golf Tournament & Scholarship Fundraiser

Friday, July 24, 2015
at Isleta Eagle Championship Golf Course

Range balls: 8:00am
Tournament play: 9:00am

Our goal is to raise funds for scholarships at UNM and CNM to encourage young engineers and technicians to enter fields of study which support facility management.

Please commit TODAY to replenishing the labor pool needed to maintain our buildings!

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Platinum Level: $1500
Eight golfers, two teams of four
Company logo-ed advertising
Preferred recognition in all publications & website

Gold Level: $1000
Four golfers, one team
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Two golfers
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Includes signage shared with one additional company

One-Third Hole: $150
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Door Prizes

Donations make our event very special. The goal is for EVERY golfer to leave with a prize. No prize is too big or too small! Some suggestions:
- Golf-related gear
- Dinner for two
- Power tools
- Toys
- Company logo’d goodies
- Sleeves of Golf Balls

More Questions?

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or call 505-377-5309

Sign up and pay online:
(credit cards accepted)
Visit www.FMANM.com

Tournament Play & Teams

Golf includes: greens fees, cart and a buffet luncheon post-play.
$125.00 per player. Form your own team (preferred) or ask us.
Executive Director
Carolee Griffin

Although Friday, July 24, 2015, seems a long way off right now, the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico has unleashed the Golf Gang and they are hard at work trying to gain your commitment and support for our 5th annual scholarship fundraiser and networking event, dedicated to bring facility managers, their suppliers, and their guests together to raise money for endowments at the University of New Mexico and Central New Mexico Community College.

The 2015 Golf Gang Power Trio are Micaela Sandoval with Moving Solutions, Jessica Leyva from SMI Facility Services, and newcomer Mary Archuleta with Wilson Mohr. Jalayne Wineland with Staffing Solutions is waiting in the wings as our “closer” to capture the late-comers’ support!

Remember, save YOUR fun money for this tried-and-true event. We have held the prices in line for the last 5 years! Best bang for your buck always, with more door prizes than players, each and every year. Recruit your foursome, buy a hole and run a show, fund the Hole in One, or sponsor the whole tournament!

Get ready to rumble!
RoofCare and Sunland Asphalt Buy the First Holes: When Will YOUR Company Sponsor this Legendary Event?

RoofCare and Sunland Asphalt have purchased the best holes on the course, setting the bar early and high for the 2015 Facility Managers Scholarship Golf Tournament, held this year on July 24th at the Isleta Eagle Championship Golf Course. These premiere companies know that money from the event endows scholarships at UNM and CNM, supporting the facility managers of the future, and support this noble cause.

Last year, 142 facility managers gathered for this storied event. Ask anyone: massive door prize giveaways, smooth play as we commandeer all 3 nine's at Isleta, and the best camaraderie and networking ever make this THE event to participate in, whether you are a supplier or a facility manager.

Where is YOUR company? Preferred advertising in front of 500+ FMA member and non-member facility managers is afforded your company for supporting this event at any level but particularly the Platinum, Gold, or Silver Level. Registration and details are online at www.fmanm.com and online payment makes it easy. Don’t be left in the divots! Invest wisely TODAY and be in the trophy hunt on July 24th as you enjoy the great publicity before the first club swings!

The Case for Considering Solar: Separating Shine from Shinola

According to the folks from Positive Energy Solar, the time is right to consider tapping into this vast resource for your business or home. Driving the solar market boom is the prediction from the Department of Energy that global power needs will double by 2025, that energy prices will continue to rise, and that solar price installations have achieved parity as a cost-effective solution in areas with both strong sunshine and higher than average power prices.

Bill Sommers from Positive Energy’s technical sales team stated, “Solar benefits include proven technology, low maintenance, and a diverse product line with myriad warranty options available. Grid-tied photovoltaic systems have experienced the most installations and are the most affordable solar electric systems. They may also take advantage of the electric utility’s incentive known as Renewable Energy Certificate.”

Sommers launched in-depth into the available tax incentives for going solar. Some folks experience double digit return on their investment supported by these tax credits, depreciation, reduced or eliminated utility bills, and in some regions, the utility company REC payments. He explored the details of the federal and state income tax credits as well as how depreciation plays into the savings. He also explained how in some areas the public utility company can incentivize solar users.

How do you begin to assess a great partner for your solar incentive? “Look for a professional provider with a depth of experience who employs trained specialists and have a proven performance record,” he said. “Invest with a company whose offering includes system components that are diverse and have warranty options. Look at module performance and reliability. Remember, you get what you pay for!” he added.

Need more information? Contact Bill Sommers (bill@positiveenergysolar.com) or Kate Jackson (kate@positiveenergysolar.com) and visit the website at www.fmanm.com for the full presentation including a link to other websites which rank solar providers.
Solar Power continued
Tickets Are Almost Gone!
Relax with Your Friends at the Isotopes Game

Thursday night, June 18th, 2015, is the night to join your friends from the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico for an evening of baseball at “The Lab” as the Albuquerque Isotopes baseball team takes to the field against the Tacoma Rainiers. With only 35 seats available, make your reservation today, or be left out.

Due to restrictions imposed by the Isotopes’ reservations system, limited seating on the popular Captain’s Corner private patio is available. Without a timely RSVP for the exact number of people in your group, late reservations and unregistered guests cannot be seated.

Your $40.00 admission fee for members ($45.00 for non-members) includes tickets to the game and a delicious, newly expanded gourmet ballpark buffet. Club seats and the open cash bar set the mood for the 7:05 pm first pitch, but plan to arrive at 6:00 pm to enjoy the food, friends, and ambiance. Ride the elevator at the third base line to the second level to join us in The Captain’s Corner.

Buy your tickets online at the website www.fmanm.com then contact Lori Gunnare at National Roofing (lori@natroof.com or call 505-980-2247) to pick up your tickets at 3408 Columbia Drive NE in Albuquerque BEFORE the event.

This is always a sell-out and replaces the monthly membership meeting. Invite your favorite facility manager for a great evening. Save your space today by going online and registering for Isotopes Baseball by clicking the Isotopes tab. Deadline for registration is MONDAY, JUNE 1st 2015, at 5 pm. Don’t strike out!

The Battle for Water
Wednesday, May 20th

Make reservations now to join the Facility Manager Association of New Mexico to hear important information on the continuing impact of the San Juan Chama water diversion project. You must rsvp by 5 pm on Monday, May. 18th, to be included. Please visit www.fmanm.com to register online. Credit cards accepted.

When: Wednesday, May 20th, 2015, at 7:00 a.m.
(Arrive early for coffee and connections)

Where: Garduno’s Uptown
2100 Louisiana Boulevard NE
Albuquerque, NM (505) 880-0055

Cost: $30 to Members
$35 to Non-Members

Join us for a Southwestern style breakfast buffet!