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SAC VALLEY CHAPTER NEWSLETTER



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President's Message

Spencer Empey - Chapter President

Hello Sacramento Valley!

Welcome to the 2025 & 2026 ASHRAE Year. Our chapter is excited to host another year of awesome events to help bring the HVAC&R community together in our area. These events include monthly educational meetings, golf, shotgun shooting, YEA social mixers, and many more in the works. We are also working hard to plan strong educational aspect to our monthly presentation meetings that provide value to our local membership.

We wouldn't have a local ASHRAE chapter if it wasn't for the support of our volunteers on board and chair positions along with all our sponsors throughout the year for our various events.

This year as president I am focusing on spreading out the meeting locations across town to allow a chance for members in different areas of town to join in on meetings closer to their offices or homes. I am also planning on alternating between lunch and dinner meetings for the same reason of trying to accommodate a variety of members in the Sacramento area.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding the upcoming year or would like to get involved with ASHRAE

Please reach out with any questions or areas where we can collaborate. I am open to ideas and feedback regarding how you want your local chapter to look and be structured. Please reach out with any items you want to discuss!

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Upcoming Meetings / Events

Meeting Updates:

- We are bringing the Marble Game back! Join us at our monthly meetings for a chance to win.
- We're focusing on increasing participation from individuals and companies in our monthly gatherings. At the October meeting, any engineering firm (such as Consulting MEP, DB Contractor, etc.) represented will have a chance to win a free hole sponsorship at either the ASHRAE Trap Shoot or Golf Tournament

Next Meeting:

Date: 10/08/25 | Time: 6-8pm (Happy Hour starts @ 5pm)

Location: Cattleman's Rancho Cordova

12409 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742

Presentation Topic: 2025 Title 24 Updates

Presenter: Gina Rodda

Bonus Event: Engineering Firms enter to win a free sponsorship.

Sign up here: [LINK](#)

Upcoming Events:

DATE	EVENT	PRESENTATION	TIME	LOCATION
10/08/25	General Meeting	Title 24 Updates	Dinner	Cattleman's
11/05/25	General Meeting	Local Sheet Metal Training Center	Lunch	Sheet Metal Union
12/03/25	General Meeting	Building Decarbonization	Lunch	SMUD HQ
02/18/26	General Meeting	AI in Engineering & Construction	Dinner	Rock & Brew
February	Gov. Advocacy	--	TBD	State Capitol Bldg.
03/19/26	ASHRAE President Visit	Indoor Environment	Lunch	Cattleman's
03/20/26	Trap Shoot	--	8 AM	Camanche Hills
04/09/26	General Meeting	100% OSA VRF	Dinner	TBD
05/06/26	General Meeting	TBD	Lunch	TBD
05/29/26	Annual Golf Tournament	--	8 AM	Rancho Murieta
06/03/26	General Meeting	TBD	Dinner	TBD

Typical Dinner Pricing

\$ 60 per member

\$ 70 per non-member

\$ 0 for ASHRAE

Student Members

Typical Lunch Pricing

\$ 50 per member

\$ 60 per non-member

\$ 0 for ASHRAE

Student Members

Got a Speaker?

Interested in presenting?

Reach out to us!

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Editorial

This year, ASHRAE President Bill McQuade is prioritizing Indoor Environmental Quality (IEQ). To support this initiative, we will be sharing monthly articles that highlight the importance of maintaining a high-quality indoor environment in buildings and residences, and how it impacts human health and productivity. For this month, we are featuring an article by Bill McQuade from the August edition of ASHRAE's Magazine.

We also want to share some of ASHRAE's history, both at the societal and chapter levels. If you have any photos from past events you've participated in or stories you'd like to share, please feel free to reach out so we can include them in future Newsletters.

Our chapter thrives thanks to the support of our membership and the dedication of our board and committee volunteers. We'd like to take a moment to recognize and give a special shoutout to our new members:

- Roger Kane
- Franklin Wolfe
- Ali Shahjahan
- David Little
- Roy Cole
- Christopher Popovich
- Jason Morales
- Corey Schultz

I look forward to hearing from you!

Felipe Victoria
President Elect



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Check out ASHRAE's President Bill McQuade's Article below:

Healthy Buildings: Designing for Life



ASHRAE HISTORY

Did you know?

ASHRAE was formed as the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Condition Engineers by the merger in 1959 of American Society of Heating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHAE) founded in 1894 and the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers (ASRE) founded in 1904.



GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Happy September, fellow Sacramento Valley ASHRAE members. My name is Scott Wayland, and I am grateful to serve our chapter as the GAC Chair. I hope to inform you and engage you. I totally encourage you to get involved with ASHRAE if you have not ever served or participated in the past. GAC is one of our Grassroots committees which was formulated back in 2012, spun from CTTC and TEGA.

GAC is here to help ASHRAE be the leader we are in the built environment and as a resource for policy makers when legislation pertains to HVAC. So we aren't lobbyists but we do help advocate. So at the Chapter and Region grassroots levels, our committee helps promote ASHRAE and what our members care about. I encourage you to join our committee.

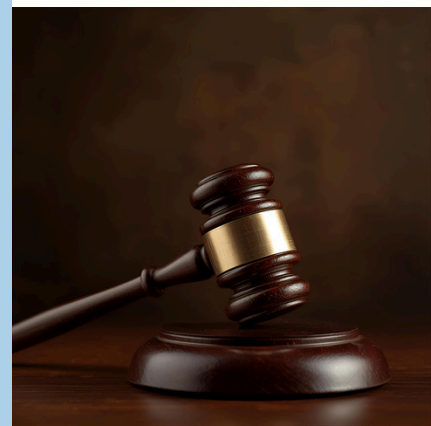
As you may know, in 3 of the last 6 years, we have conducted a Government Outreach Day at the State Capitol. Stay tuned for more on this year's event, which other members from the California Chapters in Region X will attend. I encourage you to join us, most likely on a day in March-April (TBD).

If you are not already a subscriber, please check out the Government Affairs Update newsletter. You can find a link to signing up at the GAC website here:

<https://www.ashrae.org/about/government-affairs>

On that page, you will find info on Member Resources, links to Society Position Papers, and more

Scott Wayland, GAC chair
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Looking for a career in HVAC&R?

If you are a local employer and would like to add job postings to our newsletter's please reach out to our board members to assist.

Felipe Victoria, President Elect

LOCAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Feel free to reach out to us today if you would like to include job opportunities in our newsletter.

ASHRAE JOB BOARD

If you are seeking a job in the engineering field or searching for the most qualified engineers, the ASHRAE job board offers the most qualified opportunities and candidates. Engineers can set up a personal account for job searches, manage resumes and create alerts for new job postings. Employers can set up a corporate account to post new jobs, review resumes and manage recruiting.

Find a career or internship here: <https://jobs.ashrae.org/>

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Sponsor-A-Student

See below for information on how you can sponsor a local student to help build up the next generation of the HVAC community!



SPONSOR AN ASHRAE STUDENT MEMBER

*HELP PREPARE OUR NEXT
GENERATION OF
MECHANICAL ENGINEERS
FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE*

**STUDENT MEMBERSHIP COST IS \$30 ANNUALLY.
STUDENT DINNER COST IS \$20 PER DINNER.**

CLICK [HERE](#) TO EMAIL KYLE NAKAGAKI AND DONATE TODAY!

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO STUDENT ACTIVITIES CO-CHAIRS:
SERGIO SRodriguez@kitchell.com &
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Honors and Awards:

Dear Sacramento Valley Chapter Members,

We are proud to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our members! Your dedication and contributions to the industry deserve to be acknowledged, and we would be delighted to promote your successes within our chapter and beyond.

ASHRAE offers a wide range of honors and awards that highlight excellence in engineering, leadership, research, and service.

In this section, we will:

- Share information about current award opportunities
- Highlight recent award recipients
- Invite nominations for deserving individuals

If you or someone you know is making a significant impact in our field, let us know—we're always looking for potential nominees. Together, let's shine a spotlight on the talent and dedication within our community!

Science and Technology for the Built Environment Best Paper Award

This award is for the best referred paper published in the volume year of the Science and Technology for the Built Environment, the ASHRAE research journal. This award was previously named HVAC&R Research Best Paper Award.

- Recognition in the form of a plaque
- One awarded per year
- Recommended by the Research Journal Subcommittee

Society Awards to Groups or Chapters

Technology Award/Award of Engineering Excellence

The ASHRAE Technology Awards program recognizes, on an international scale, successful applications of innovative design that incorporate ASHRAE standards for effective energy management, indoor air quality, and mechanical design management technology.

- Recognition is in the form of a plaque
- Awards are given in six categories with up to three awards in each category
- Recommended by the Chapter Technology Transfer Committee

Do you know someone who is eligible? Please contact Ashkan Azarkeyvan (aazarkeyvan@capital-engineering.com)



Research Promotion

This year the Sacramento Valley Chapter will be raising money to start an ASHRAE Research Promotion endowment.

Everyone is welcome to donate to the principal balance of the endowment. 100% of your donation is tax deductible and counts towards you becoming an Honor Roll donor (\$150 for individuals). The ASHRAE Foundation invests the principal and guarantees a 5% return that is automatically donated to Research Promotion each year. That 5% return counts towards the Sac Valley Chapter RP Goal each year in perpetuity! Who doesn't love interest?

Please consider making some of your individual or company donation to the Sacramento Valley ASHRAE Endowment this year.

More Information: [ASHRAE Foundation Website](#)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE SACRAMENTO VALLEY ASHRAE
ENDOWMENT AND HOW TO DONATE**

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MORE INFORMATION: [ASHRAE FOUNDATION WEBSITE](#)



Why Join?

ASHRAE members bring the world of ours together through the exchange of technical information, writing of standards and through committee work and networking.

When you join ASHRAE, you are making an investment in yourself. When you become active in the Society by giving your time and sharing your knowledge, you get even more out of that investment.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- ASHRAE Handbook – this reference manual is the most widely cited reference for HVAC&R technology in the world. Each year one of the four volume Handbooks is updated and delivered to members to add to their library and knowledge base
- ASHRAE Journal – a monthly magazine that brings current trends and information to your desk in your choice of print or digital format
- ASHRAE E-newsletter – delivered to your desk in print and digital form, these publication help you keep on top of what is going on in the Society and the industry, all over the world
- Discounts – on ASHRAE publications – ASHRAE members earn 15% off publications through the ASHRAE website at www.ashrae.org/bookstore. More than 300 titles are available including the ASHRAE standards
- Chapter Meetings – ASHRAE chapters convene for an informational program featuring speakers and topics key to professionals in the industry. Also, an excellent opportunity to network with your peers
- Become an Industry Leader - Develop leadership skills, work with and lead ASHRAE committee members, and network with industry professionals at ASHRAE chapter, region, and society meetings
- Advance your Career - Look for employees & employment at ashraejobs.com and network with other HVAC&R professionals at ASHRAE meetings, participate in job postings, maintain your professional education and designation with 40+ courses, earning CEUs/PDHs/AIA LUs, and explore technical topics at ASHRAE chapter, region and society meetings
- Protect Yourself Through Insurance - If you're in the market for insurance, keep in mind that ASHRAE members have access to a variety of plans through March U.S. Consumer

ASHRAE MISSION

To advance the arts and sciences of heating, ventilating, air conditioning and refrigerating to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world.