Welcome to 2015! We had a busy year last year with our members and friends, including field trips to the Springs Preserve, the Cosmopolitan, Hoover Dam, and a family night event watching the Las Vegas Wranglers hockey team. We also featured a diverse line-up of speakers, including representatives from the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the City of Las Vegas, the United States Bureau of Reclamation, Clark County Department of Air Quality, the Regional Transportation Commission, Desert Research Institute, the University of Nevada Las Vegas, and representatives from local “green” business, including Green Chips, Energy Fit Nevada, and the International Living Future Institute. And we wrapped up the year with our Holiday Event featuring cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, and a rousing speech by Rory Reid.

Thank you to everyone that supported the Nevada Section in 2014! We look forward to another great year ahead.
Upcoming Luncheon Speaker Calendar

January 14, 2015

Mel Zeldin, Retired
Mr. Zeldin will discuss the early smog years in the Los Angeles Basin and how that helped shape our current air quality regulations.

February 11, 2015

Andrew Trelease, Engineering Director, CC Regional Flood Control District
Mr. Trelease will present on the stormwater management program and NPDES issues in the valley.

March 11, 2015

Speaker TBD
Topic TBD

April 8, 2015

Greg Freismuth and Jinger Zeng, Skyworks Aerial Systems
Mr. Freismuth and Ms. Zeng will present on remote sensing and indoor mapping drones.

Field Trip Highlight

December, 2014
Hoover Dam Behind-the-Scenes Tour

Jeff Smith from the United States Bureau of Reclamation graciously offered to give Nevada Section members and friends a free “behind the scenes” tour of the inner workings of Hoover Dam. With background checks cleared, we were able to descend into the deep tunnels to witness the inner workings of one of America’s greatest engineering marvels.

While visiting, we got to see a rare site... One of the 8 generators on the Nevada side had its 36 ton steel turbine removed in order to receive scheduled maintenance and upgrades (bottom right corner of picture). Once this turbine is dropped back in, do not expect to see it again until the 2030’s, as scheduled maintenance is on a nearly 20-year cycle.
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News from the Eastern Sierra Chapter

By: Brendan Schnieder, Membership Director

Much like the Nevada Section, the Eastern Sierra Chapter (ESC) had a successful and busy year in 2014. We began the year with a field trip to Peppermill Resort Spa Casino’s Geothermal Plant. ESC had a panel discussion on Bicycling in the Truckee Meadows, luncheons on Geothermal Law and Permitting on Public Lands and Biofuels, presentation on the Myths and Realities of Electric Cars, and our first webinar “Are you ready for RICE?” Several of our board members were guest judges at the Western Nevada Regional Science and Engineering Fair. We awarded $1,000 scholarships to three graduate students attending the University of Nevada, Reno. We presented Ms. Leigh Metcalfe of Edward C. Reed High School in Sparks with the Excellence in Environmental Education Award.

ESC was recently awarded our second A&WMA Membership Performance Award and you can now follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We are excited for 2015!

Thanks to all of our speakers... And our hosts... And our sponsors!