

# LOS ANGELES



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IRWA  
CHAPTER 1

## Upcoming Events



## President's Message

By: Andrew Thompson,  
SR/WA

Every so often I'm reminded how small our right of way community is. While individuals move from one job to another or change career paths, many business partnerships are formed and

lasting friendships created. Life events seem to happen in a blink of the eye. At this time I wanted to inform our membership of the passing of Victor Calucci, an active member of Chapter 1 from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. Victor passed on Saturday, September 27, 2008. I'm sure there are many of you

who knew Victor and I would like to extend my warmest sympathies.

Please be advised of the following education opportunities coming up...

## November

Course 701 – Property Asset Management; Leasing (11/5 to 11/6)

Course 803 – Eminent Domain Law Basics (11/20 to 11/21)

Course 703 – Real Property/Asset Management (11/21)

## FALL SEMINAR

On October 28, 2008, Chapter 1 is hosting the annual Fall Seminar. David Graeler, this year's seminar chair, has brought together a great speaker line-up. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity and join us. Continuing education credits have been approved for OREA, MCLE and SR/WA. Please see the attached flyer for details.

## ELECTIONS

Our annual elections for 2009 Chapter 1 Officers will be held during our membership luncheon held during our Fall Seminar. Our Elections Committee has nominated the following slate of officers:

Secretary: David Graeler  
Treasurer: Konstantin Akhrem  
President Elect: William Larsen

Please be aware that for any position other than President, we will take nominations from the floor. If this occurs, we will give each candidate a few minutes to present a few facts about themselves prior to holding the vote.

## TRI CHAPTER INSTALLATION LUNCHEON

The annual Tri Chapter Installation Luncheon will be held on December 9, 2008. For details on this event please see the attached flyer. Our Installation speaker will be IEC President Faith Roland.

Please keep a look out for an Evite from our Luncheon Chair, Cheryl DeMucci for the Fall Seminar. For any last minute r.s.v.p. please contact her at [CDeMucci@epicland.com](mailto:CDeMucci@epicland.com).

Have a great month of October!

## Membership Luncheon

October 28, 2008

Annual Fall Seminar

8am – Quiet Cannon –  
Montebello

**IRWA Chapter 1  
2008 Officers and Executive Board**

<i>President and International Director</i>	<b>Andrew Thompson, SR/WA</b> Southern California Gas Company	213-244-5032	<a href="mailto:athompson@semprautilities.com">athompson@semprautilities.com</a>
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**Membership Drawing**

At each chapter luncheon we draw a name from the Chapter 1 roster and if that person is in attendance, they win a cash prize. The drawing starts at \$100 and increases \$10 for each month that there isn't a winner. We haven't had a winner in a while. October's drawing will be for \$170 so be sure to be there in case your name is drawn!

## New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company Name</u>	<u>Referred By</u>
Keith Settle	Keith Settle & Company	Alfred Watts
John Sheppard	Los Angeles City	David Roberts
Nicolaus A. Von Gymnich	LAUSD	David Welch
Gabrielle Gallina	SPEC Services, Inc.	Will Daniel
Elsa Jimenez	City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Engineering	Guss Barcero

### Case of the Month

**FEDERAL COURT CONDEMNATION CASE**  
***"Post-Valuation Date" Comparables Not Excludable "Per Se"***  
**United States v. 4.85 Acres of Land**

**Filed 9/29/08**

**07-35310**

**(United States Court Of Appeals For The Ninth Circuit)**

by: Michael F. Yoshiba, Esq., Richards Watson & Gershon, a Professional Corporation

This dispute arose from a federal court condemnation action involving several plots of land in Lincoln County, Montana. The land was sought by the government to create a buffer zone around a fish hatchery. The property was vacant when condemned, but the landowners were attempting to develop a portion of it into subdivisions. The district court bifurcated the trial and first decided the issue of the necessity of the take. The district court ruled in favor of the government on the necessity of the take and entered judgment accordingly. A valuation trial followed.

During the trial on the issue of just compensation valuation, the landowners sought to introduce evidence of sales at three nearby subdivisions which took place after the taking. The district court refused the evidence because it was after the date of the government's take. The landowners appealed the judgment entered following the jury award of just compensation, arguing that the district court abused its discretion in making a "per se" evidentiary ruling excluding all post-taking sales.

The appellate court found that the district court's "per se" rule to exclude all post-take comparable sales was incorrect, although some of the post-taking comparable sales may have been inadmissible nonetheless. The appellate court determined that the evidentiary rulings should evaluate the factual questions in the first instance at the district court trial level. Accordingly, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit vacated the jury awards and remanded for a new trial with directions for the district court to ascertain the admissibility of each proffered comparable sale rather than the "per se" exclusion of evidence of post-take comparable sales information.

Because the district court's error prejudiced the landowners, the district court's just compensation judgment was vacated and the case was remanded back to the district court for a new trial and consideration of the admissibility of the post-take comparable sales evidence proffered by the landowners.

## **SPECIAL MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE: September 2008**

**TO: All Chapter Leaders**

**RE: Seeking Candidates for IRWA's 2009 Facilitators Clinic**

Here's your opportunity to get that fantastic local member in your Region to become an IRWA Facilitator (please see enclosed general requirements for qualifications). The International Right of Way Association (IRWA) will be conducting a Facilitator Clinic in conjunction with the Federal Agency Update (FAU – Public Real Estate Symposium (PRES) in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Clinic is scheduled immediately preceding the event on *Sunday, January 11 and Monday, January 12, 2009.*

The Clinic is designed specifically for those individuals interested in becoming a Facilitator for the IRWA, and who have not completed a "Train-the-Trainer" program through a comparable professional organization approved by the International Professional Development Committee (IPDC), or are not a College/University level Instructor. The Clinic registration fee, which will be collected after a Candidate is selected, is \$565.00 (U.S. Dollars) per person and there is a \$100.00 application fee. This year we have again scheduled David Layne, SR/WA and IPDC representative, to facilitate the clinic.

The purpose of this clinic is to provide a one-day training program and refinement of presentation skills in the latest instructional methods and techniques. A maximum of 12 Candidates will be selected to attend the Clinic. Application forms will be available on line through the IRWA website. The deadline to submit an application is October 15, 2008.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Valerie Fries, Director of Chapter & Region Relations, via E-mail, at [fries@irwaonline.org](mailto:fries@irwaonline.org) or by telephone at (310) 538-0233 ext. 143.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail, at [fries@irwaonline.org](mailto:fries@irwaonline.org), or by telephone at (310) 538-0233 ext. 143.

Sincerely,



Valerie J. Fries,  
Chief of Education



Mark A. Rieck, Executive Vice President of IRWA, speaking on "Preparing and Positioning IRWA For The Next 75 Years!" at the September Membership Luncheon at Steven's Steakhouse



Michael Popwell, Prof Development Chair, Presenting the SR/WA Designation Commemorative plaque to David C. Welch



President, Andrew Thompson & Membership Chair, Dan Kazden introduce new members of Chapter 1, IRWA: Terry N. Huget, ASA, Elsa Jimenez, and Nicolaus A. Von Gymnich

### Updating your IRWA Membership Information

1. Visit [www.irwaonline.org](http://www.irwaonline.org)
2. Highlight "Resources" in the upper right hand corner and then click on "Membership Directory".
3. Click on Update Member Profile.
4. Enter your User Name and Password and click on Login. Your User Name is your membership number (contained on your membership card and dues renewal notice) and the Password is your last name. The Password is case sensitive, so ensure you capitalize the first letter and leave the rest in non-caps.
5. Update your information and click on "Submit. A new page will come up and you can choose to "Exit" or "Logout".
6. That's it! Your information will be automatically updated on the headquarters master list, which is also the one the Chapter uses for communications. Going forward, Chapter 1 monthly newsletters will be sent out via e-mail so it's important to ensure your e-mail address is current.
7. If you do not have access to the Internet or have any questions about updating membership information, call Bonnie Gray at 310-538-0233.

**Below are the classes Chapter 1 has scheduled for 2008. If you would like to coordinate a class that you need (and get the class free, close to your work/home, and on a date you select!), please contact Keith Dang, the Education Chair for 2007-2008 at [AFIValuation@aol.com](mailto:AFIValuation@aol.com).**

### Chapter 1 2008 Education Schedule

Course/Seminar	Date	Location	Coordinator
400 – Principles of RE Appraisal	October 6-7, 2008	DPW	Colleen McKenna
803 – Eminent Domain Law Basics	November 20–21	MWD	Lizeth Olague
701	November 5 & 6, 008		
703	November 21, 2008		



## ALL MEMBERS IRWA CHAPTER I

### 2009 SR/WA & CERTIFICATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Chapter 1 of the International Right of Way Association is sponsoring educational scholarships for Chapter 1 SR/WA designation and professional Certification candidates. The scholarships support the professional development of Chapter 1 members. The 2009 calendar year Scholarship Award Applications **must be received by mail no later than Monday, November 3, 2008**, by the Chapter 1 Professional Development Committee Chair at the following address:

Michael Popwell, SR/WA  
IRWA Chapter 1 PDC Chair  
CRA/LA  
354 South Spring Street, Suite 700  
Los Angeles, California 90013

Applications received after the due date and/or incomplete Applications will not be processed by the Professional Development Committee.

The 2009 Chapter 1 Scholarship Awards consist of up to one five-day IRWA class equivalent for those Classes sponsored by Chapter 1 during the award calendar year for each Award recipient (i.e., may be allocated to multiple classes for up to five days duration). Candidates must be in good standing with a current SR/WA designation and/or professional Certification candidate status at the time of the Scholarship application and award. Please review the IRWA Chapter 1 Scholarship Policy and Procedures for details.

Enclosed are the IRWA Chapter 1 Scholarship Policy and Procedures, the Scholarship Award Application, the 2009 Calendar Year Scholarship Award Timetable, and the roster of the Chapter 1 Professional Development Committee who will be evaluating the Scholarship Award Applications and recommending applicants to the Chapter 1 Board of Directors for final award presentation at the January 2009 general membership meeting.

The Chapter 1 Board of Directors and its Professional Development Committee strongly encourages all SR/WA designation and professional Certification candidates to apply for the educational scholarship. Please feel free to contact Michael Popwell, SR/WA, at 213.977.2620 beginning October 1, 2007, with any questions you may have regarding the scholarship application requirements and award process. Michael will provide his best efforts to respond to your inquiries.

**IRWA CHAPTER 1**  
**2009 CALENDAR YEAR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TIMETABLE**

- September 8, 2008     Scholarship availability, Policies and Procedures and Application announced by Board.
- November 3, 2008     Applications must be received by PDC Chair at the following address:
- Michael Popwell, SR/WA  
IRWA Chapter 1 PDC Chair  
CRA/LA  
354 South Spring Street, Suite 700  
Los Angeles, CA 90013
- December 1, 2008     PDC submits to Chapter Board recommendations for Scholarship Awards.
- January 27, 2009     Scholarship Award recipients honored at Chapter 1 January Membership Meeting (regular 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday membership meeting).

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**INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION  
CHAPTER 1 - LOS ANGELES  
SR/WA DESIGNATION SCHOLARSHIP AWARD APPLICATION  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2009**

Please review the attached Chapter 1 – Los Angeles SR/WA Designation Scholarship Award Application Policies and Procedures prior to completing this application for consideration by the Chapter 1 Professional Development Committee for recommendation of a scholarship award.

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

Previously applied for the Chapter 1 Scholarship: Yes/No Years: \_\_\_\_\_

IRWA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_ SR/WA Candidacy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 1 Paid Member Chapter: Yes/No Since: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number Years: \_\_\_\_\_

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Street City State Zip/Postal Code

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer Web Site Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach copy of completed SR/WA Designation Candidacy Application Form.  
 Date Originally Executed (Agreement Section, Page 3 of 4): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Also attach updated pages, if applicable, and copy of "My Course History" from International:  
 Page 2 of 4, Experience Section: Yes/No Page 4 of 4, Education: Yes/No  
 "My Course History" International: Yes/No

On one separate letter-sized sheet (in 12 point Arial typeface) provide an Education Program Statement totaling a maximum of 500 words detailing your plan to complete your SR/WA designation requirements including experience, necessary degrees and education, remaining required SR/WA core and elective courses, and examination(s). Provide, to the extent available, what courses held by which Chapters you intend to take over the next 18 months to attain your SR/WA designation. Include your target date for completion, total cost for remaining courses and examination(s), the allocation of available money and time resources (include your own resources, course coordinator fee waivers, and employer financial support and paid time for class attendance). Include your name, IRWA membership number and date of application for scholarship award at the top of the page.

Identify any applicable specific Chapter 1 sponsored IR/WA Courses you would intend to utilize a Chapter 1 Scholarship Award for tuition during this application scholarship calendar year:

Course No.	Course Name	Date(s)	Location

I have examined the above Chapter 1 – Los Angeles Scholarship Award Application and the attached Education Program Statement and hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge, it is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date

**IRWA – Chapters' 1, 57 and 67**  
Cordially invite you to **Come Aboard the**  
**"Endless Dreams" for the 2008 Annual**

## **Tri-Chapter Installation Luncheon Cruise**

**December 9, 2008**  
**11:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Rainbow Harbor Long Beach Harbor**  
**Dock 6A at the end of Pine Street**  
**@ Shoreline Drive**

**Parking:**  
**\$12.00 @ Long Beach Aquarium**  
**or**  
**\$20.00 @ Rainbow Harbor (closest)**

**Faith Roland, SRWA**  
**IRWA International President**  
**Installing Officer & Speaker**

**(Limited Ticket Availability – RSVP Requested By November 23rd)**

\_\_\_\_ Tickets @ \$50.00/ticket for IRWA Current Members \* \_\_\_\_ Tickets @\$60.00/ticket for Nonmembers  
(IRWA Members are Entitled to Purchase a Maximum of 2 Tickets at the \$50.00 ticket price)

Total Amount of Check Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Your IRWA Chapter No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ IRWA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

**Choice of Entrée (please indicate your preference)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Wellington Breast of Chicken w/cognac sauce wrapped in French pastry**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Vegetarian Selection - Portobello Ravioli with Fire Roasted Tomatoes, Onions, Peppers and Artichokes**

**Salad Accompaniment: Savory Spinach and Panzanella**  
**Surprise Desserts**

**Corporate Partners that desire to place an advertisement message on the Commemorative DVD, please contact Vivian Howell**

**Make Checks Payable to IRWA Chapter 1 and mail by November 23<sup>rd</sup> to**

**Vivian Howell, SRWA**

**President-Elect IRWA Chapter 1**

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## Services Scheduled for Victor Carlucci, a 10-Year Metro Employee



Victor Carlucci, who died Sept. 27, braved the elements at Allen Station as a volunteer for the Metro Gold Line's first New Year's Day operation on Jan. 1, 2004.

October 2<sup>nd</sup>, services were planned for Victor Carlucci, a Real Estate Officer, who died on Saturday, Sept. 27. He was 57 and had been seeking a liver transplant which was associated with Cooley's Anemia.

Carlucci, a San Dimas resident, started with Metro as a Real Estate Assistant in February 1998.

Carlucci graduated from Cal Poly Pomona with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering.

Carlucci worked at Metro for 10 years, prior having worked for Santa Fe Railway and the Catellus Development Corporation. Besides preparing and reviewing legal descriptions and maintaining property records, Carlucci conducted painstaking research on the history of property, some purchased in the late 1880s.

A passionate railroad enthusiast, Carlucci sat on the Board of Directors for the Pacific Railroad Society and served as an active volunteer at the Orange Empire Railway Museum.

Carlucci was also "a cowboy at heart," who spent much of his time devoted to his quarter horses

Carlucci, who was born in Pasadena, is survived by his parents, Victor, Sr. and Kitty, as well as younger siblings Joe and Linda.

Services were held Thursday, October 2, 2008, at Calvary Mortuary, 4201 Whittier Boulevard, Los Angeles, 90023



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- Olivenhain Municipal Water District
- Otay Water District
- Padre Dam Municipal Water District
- Camp Pendleton Marine Corps Base
- Rainbow Municipal Water District
- Romona Municipal Water District
- Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District
- San Dieguito Water District
- Santa Fe Irrigation District
- South Bay Irrigation District
- Vallejos Water District
- Valley Center Municipal Water District
- Vista Irrigation District
- Yuima Municipal Water District

#### OTHER REPRESENTATIVE

- County of San Diego

Come join one of the San Diego region’s most progressive public agencies, the San Diego County Water Authority. The Water Authority’s competitive compensation and benefits package includes medical, dental, vision, life insurance, long-term disability, and Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) pension plan. Benefits also include: sick leave, vacation, holidays, limited matching deferred compensation (457 plan), and tuition reimbursement. Employees make their own contributions to the Social Security System. Fringe benefits are subject to modification through collective bargaining.

**SALARY RANGE: \$6,179 - \$8,310 per month** (Appointments may be made above the minimum salary. The salary will be established commensurate with the qualifications of the individual selected for the position.)

#### THE POSITION:

The candidate selected for the position will negotiate land and real property rights and agreements with governmental agencies and private land owners; search and analyze public, private and Water Authority land records and documents to determine ownership, interests, encumbrances and legal restrictions on property; develop methods and prepare legal instruments which support negotiations for property transactions; prepare legal descriptions, deeds, easements, subordination agreements and other legal instruments to support land transactions and legal actions, including condemnations; initiate escrows, evaluate effects of legal encumbrances and arrange for the subordination of real property rights; represent the Water Authority's land rights interests by testifying at court hearings and making formal presentations at board, council, citizen/homeowner and land use planning meetings; and coordinate and review work performed by other professional staff members.

The Senior Right of Way Agent will handle challenging cases and negotiations requiring a complex skill set. Additional duties assigned to the Sr. ROW Agent include administering the ROW support services contract, an array of appraisal contracts, and serve as project manager for ROW acquisition CIP projects that are managed by the ROW department.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Minimum requirements for the Sr. ROW Agent include graduation from a four year college or university with major coursework in real estate, public or business administration, engineering or a related field; and four years of increasingly responsible commercial and residential property management, leasing sales and/or right of way acquisition experience; project management skills; or an equivalent combination of training and experience. ROW courses and certifications are positive factors of evaluating merit and efficiency. Experience may be substituted for the education requirement on a year for year basis.

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## **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Candidates are required to complete a **Water Authority job application** and submit to the Human Resources Department. The recruitment is open until filled. **Please apply promptly as interviews may be conducted as soon as a sufficient number of qualified applicants have been received. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of a completed application.** Applications may be obtained from the Water Authority's web site at [www.sdcwa.org/opps/employment.phtml](http://www.sdcwa.org/opps/employment.phtml) and submitted to the San Diego County Water Authority Human Resources Department, 4677 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123.

All application materials will be evaluated and the most highly qualified candidates will be invited to continue in the selection process, which may consist of written questions that may be answered orally or in writing and/or other appropriate testing devices.

NOTE: Persons selected for employment will be required to pass a medical examination which includes a drug screening. They will also be required to present documents establishing personal identity and the legal right to work in the United States. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of this process.

The provisions of this bulletin do not constitute an expressed or implied contract. Any provision in this bulletin may be modified or revoked without notice.

## **THE WATER AUTHORITY:**

The San Diego County Water Authority was established in 1944 and has been successfully meeting San Diego's water needs ever since. Through its 23 member agencies, including the City of San Diego, the Water Authority provides the San Diego region with more than 90% of its water supply.

Since its formation, the Water Authority's primary mission has been, and will continue to be, to supply the San Diego region with a safe and secure water supply. With an acute awareness of San Diego's dependence on imported water sources, the Water Authority has implemented numerous programs and studies to manage, conserve and reclaim water.

***The San Diego County Water Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All qualified candidates, including women, minorities and the disabled are encouraged to apply.***