



SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY
WATER TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY

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March 23, 2004, 9-11 a.m.
Fresno Airport Piccadilly Inn
5115 E. McKinley, Fresno 93727

Welcome and Self-Introductions. The meeting was called to order by Claude Laval at 9:15 a.m. and self-introductions were made.

Update on International Center for Water Technology. David Zoldoske provided information regarding the ICWT funding and development.

- An initial board was appointed to move the ICWT forward.
- An advisory group for the ICWT is being formed.
- A PAC is being developed for lobbying purposes.
- There are currently 552 members in the ICWT.
- A proposal for membership dues of \$150 per year is being considered.
- An international conference is being planned to be held in spring 2006.
- There is a possibility that the ICWT could be integrated with the development of a hotel and restaurants being across from the Save Mart Center.
- A total of \$20 million from non-government funding has been committed to ICWT.

Committee Reports

Industry Advocacy Committee

- A letter is being drafted to solicit membership for ICWT and ICWT PAC.
- The International Water Conference is being worked on and is tentatively being scheduled for spring 2006.

Workforce Committee

- CIMT summer program will take place from June 1 to August 31, 2004
- CIMT is expecting to place 20 college student in internships
- Discussed the Career Expo components and materials

Pat Sweeney, U.S. Department of Commerce Field Specialist, discussed a possible MOU for a joint Department of Commerce/ICWT irrigation expo in China in fall 2004.

Update on Marketing and Export Development Programs

- CALIFT will be conducting its annual performance survey. If you receive a call in regarding to the survey please take a few minutes to answer the questions.
- Upcoming Events
 - Basic of Exporting April 2004
 - Mexico Videoconference May 2004
 - Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) grants writing training June 2004

Wrap-Up/Adjournment/

- Tim Bornemann, California Manufacturing Technology Consulting, announced that a Logistics Workshop will be held May 6.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.