



## Spirit of Giving



The Spirit of Giving is alive and well in the Irwindale Community!

We are proud to report that toys and gift cards donated by our generous Chamber members went to three worthy organizations this year. All items received in the month of November were donated to Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis' Annual Toy Drive, while those received in December were donated to

the LA County Fire Spark of Love Program and to LeRoy Haynes Center.

Special thanks to the following for their generous donations:

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Loretta Corpis

2007 Chamber Holiday Luncheon

The Chamber holiday luncheon sponsored by presenting sponsor Vineyard Bank and corporate sponsor Foothill Transit was held at the newly remodeled Doubletree Hotel in Monrovia on December 13, 2007.

Over 60 attendees enjoyed great food, great company and beautiful music sung by Loretta Corpis, Public Works Analyst for the City of Irwindale.

1<sup>st</sup> Centennial Bank was presented with the Business of the Month Award for December, and new members Aldana Income Tax, Embroid Me, and Fix It received their new member plaques. The spotlight interview was conducted by Rona Lunde of Jan's Towing who interviewed Martha Montano of Allstate Insurance Agency-R. Leyba. David Atkins, Smith Barney was named December's Ambassador of the Month. Congratulations to all of you!

LA County Fire Battalion Chief Robert Hook, and Eric



Battalion Chief  
 Robert Hook

Calderon were on hand to collect toys and gifts for the Spark of Love program. 'Twas the season for receiving as well as giving: Veolia Environmental Services gave each attendee a new 9 volt battery and reminded everyone that this is the time to change the battery in your smoke detectors. Miller Brewing Company gave each attendee a case of Miller Light for the holidays!

Next came the chamber's famous singing (more like shouting) competition which featured the 12 Days of Christmas. It was decided that the Cornerstone table who melodically shouted out "Five Golden Rings" won the prize. Save your voices for next year's competition!

Thanks to the following companies for donating door prizes at the luncheon: Allstate Insurance- R.Leyba Agency, Arbonne – Betty Futter, Artemis Concepts, Helping Heroes Productions, Jan's Towing, K & S Snaks, SCE Federal Credit Union, So Cal Edison, Stone Tapert, and Vulcan Materials



# Calendar of Events

## January 2008

*Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right. -Oprah Winfrey-*



1	Happy New Years	<b>CHAMBER CLOSED</b>	
2	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
3	Business Development Committee	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
8	Irwindale Education Foundation	7:30 a.m.	Chamber Office
8	CEO Roundtable	7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Irwindale Community Center
8	India Pre Tour Briefing	5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Chamber Office
9	Ambassador Meeting	8:00 a.m.	Chamber Office
10	Let's Do Lunch	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Edison CTAC
	Topic: State of the Chamber Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe		
16	Business Solutions	11:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Irwindale Community Center
	Topic: Labor Law Updates		
18	Installation & Award Banquet	6:00 p.m.	Pomona Valley Mining Company
	Presenting Sponsor: Vulcan Materials		
24	GMI/Mini Expo	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe
	Presenting Sponsor: Picasso's Cafe		
28	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office

## February 2008

*His love shone as impartial as the sun. -Maurice Thompson-*



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6	Environmental Committee	Noon	Chamber Office
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12	CEO Roundtable	7:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	Irwindale Community Center
14	Let's Do Lunch	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	TBA
18	President's Day	<b>CHAMBER CLOSED</b>	
25	Board of Directors Meeting	3:00 p.m.	Chamber Office
28	GMI	7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Picasso's Cafe

## March 2008

*Many an opportunity is lost because a man is out looking for four-leaf clovers. ~Author Unknown*



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## Member News



(L-R) Lisa Bailey, Irwindale Chamber and Joanne Billotti, Stone Tapert.

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Joanne Billotti is a large account executive. Her passion for servicing her accounts comes from her twenty years of running a family business. She began her health insurance career in 1997. Joanne lives in Glendora and participates in community organizations (she is a proud Glendora Rotarian) and concentrates her business activities with companies primarily headquartered in the San Gabriel Valley.

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The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California is a consortium of

26 cities and water districts delivering an average of 1.7 billion gallons of water per day to nearly 18 million people in parts of Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties.

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As you have heard, water supply is a concern for the state. Record dry conditions and the reduction of Northern California supplies per a federal court order to protect endangered species have severely impacted our main drinking water sources. We are already using our reserves to help supply everyday water needs. Our water situation is serious. *But you can help!*

There are common-sense things that everyone can do. Fixing leaks, taking shorter showers, running full loads in the dishwasher, turning off the water while brushing our teeth, or not defrosting food under running water are just a few of them.

Metropolitan's conservation website [bewaterwise.com](http://bewaterwise.com) has tips for residents on saving water, and information on rebates for buying appliances, such as smart sprinkler controllers and toilets that save water.

Join with us today in saving water wherever and whenever you can to stretch our short supply.

## Member News



(L-R) Alfred Ayala, Janie Ecker, Bill Schroeder, 1st Centennial Bank; and Atisthan Roach, Vulcan Materials.

### December Business of the Month

#### 1st Centennial Bank

#### Business Accomplishments:

1<sup>st</sup> Centennial Bank has been in existence for 18 years and here in Irwindale for 4 years. 1<sup>st</sup> Centennial Bank was recently recognized as a Top 20 Performer for banks its size based on 2006 earnings. The Bank has 6 offices spread over 5 Southern California Counties. In 3 plus years the Irwindale Office has grown to \$53 million in deposits making it the second largest of the 6 offices. For the last 2 years the Bank has been the Corporate Banking Sponsor for the Irwindale Speedway.

#### Community Service:

1<sup>st</sup> Centennial Bank is a strong supporter of the Irwindale Educational Foundation both financially and having Al Ayala serve as a Board Member for the last 2 years. The bank is also working with the Irwindale Senior Center to provide education to seniors on banking issues.

#### Chamber of Commerce Activity:

1<sup>st</sup> Centennial Bank is a 2 year Silver Chamber Cornerstone Member through which they are the Title Sponsor of the Annual Chamber Golf Tournament and participate in sponsoring State of the City, Young Citizen, a monthly Chamber luncheon, and table sponsorships at the Annual Installation Dinner & Awards evening.

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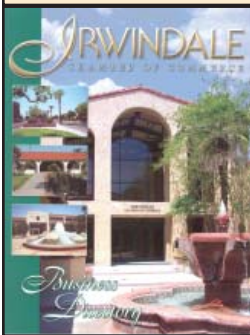


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### New Members Fourth Quarter

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| Aldana Income Tax                           | Pasadena Tournament of Roses         |
| Embroid Me                                  | Sam's Foreign & Domestic Auto Center |
| Fix It, LLC                                 | Seal Beach Investments Inc.          |
| Future America                              | South Coast Air Quality Management   |
| Labor Ready                                 | State Farm - Armando Alejos          |
| Lime Energy                                 | Stone Tapert                         |
| Metropolitan Water District of Southern Ca. |                                      |

# Bring In Business Year Round



The chamber is offering something new and special this year for members. In conjunction with the popular Irwindale Directory, there will also be an interactive digital directory placed on the chamber's website. The Business Directory 2008-2009 sales begin this month. With no additional charge, members with display ads will receive this extra exposure on the web.

The electronic version of the Business Directory will be created after members receive their printed copy. This digital directory offers a free link to member's websites that place a web address within their display ad.

The beautiful Irwindale Business Directory has proved to be a vibrant showcase of member businesses, as well as a colorful pictorial of this dynamic community. It's the chamber's best resource of good businesses that's offered to everyone wanting to do business in Irwindale.

Another special feature in this edition will be to highlight the city's 50 years of progress. Helping the chamber produce this primary resource of member businesses and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be long time member firm, Century Publishing.

To keep this Community Business Resource the most up-to-date marketing tool available, Century will assist members to help each business obtain the visibility members seek in the Business Directory and on the web.

Space reservations for advertising will be accepted according to the earliest fliers that are faxed or mailed back to the Chamber. To learn more about bringing in additional business from the Business Directory and the website, return the Directory Flier from the chamber mailing today!

## INDIA PRE TOUR BRIEFING

Those interested in information about the April 2008 tour to India should attend on:

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**January 22 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

*Responding to RFPs (Request for Proposal)*  
Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce  
4010 Watson Plaza Drive, Conference Room, 2nd Floor  
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**February 5 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

*E-Commerce for Government Contracting*  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
One World Trade Center, Suite 206  
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**February 12 - 9:30 am to 12:30 pm**

*Doing Business with General Services Administration (GSA)*  
Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce  
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**February 19 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

*Federal Contract Administration*  
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**February 26 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm**

*Getting Started with Government Contracting*  
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## Security Alarms/ Municipal Code

Submitted By: Chief Sol Benudiz, Irwindale Police Department

With changing times, the Irwindale Police Department has acquired greater responsibility in keeping its community safe. Demands for police service are becoming more challenging. Although we strive to maintain our goal of providing our community with the best services, the purpose of this letter is to bring you up to date with information regarding our policy on alarms.

Chapter 9.63 of the Irwindale Municipal Code defines and clarifies the action to be taken in regards to Burglar Alarm Systems. This chapter clearly explains that alarm owners are responsible for their alarm system. It also defines and explains that after three false alarms within a twelve-month period, the system will be considered a nuisance and the alarm owner is subject to a Misdemeanor citation in violation of section 9.62.020 IMC. However, the section also states that the owner may avoid such process by paying a civil penalty. These penalties include twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the first offense, seventy-five dollars (\$75) for the second, and one hundred-fifty dollars (\$150) for the third and subsequent offenses.

Therefore, effective December 1, 2007 at 12:01 A.M., it is the intention of the Irwindale Police Department to initiate the enforcement and monitoring of the existing city municipal code. The municipal code is available on the City of Irwindale website: [www.ci.irwindale.ca.us](http://www.ci.irwindale.ca.us).

Our goal is to work together with the community in regards to the enforcement of our alarm municipal code. We understand that it may take some time for you to ensure that your alarm system and alarm company are working effectively. Therefore, we will provide a thirty (30) day grace period. False alarm activations during this period will not incur a penalty, but you may receive a notice of the false alarm response.

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact my office or the Administrative Secretary Yvonne Fino (626) 430-2236.

### Business Solutions

Topic:

Labor Law Update

Wednesday, January 16, 2008

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

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# The Green Pages

January 2008



## What's "Green" Got To Do With It?

By Lisa Bailey, Irwindale Chamber of Commerce

Five years ago if you had told me I would be making a push for a "greener" world, I would have labeled you crazy. The world was fine and Global Warming- well I LIKE the heat. Now, however, with the help of our terrific Environmental Committee I have learned a great deal about the effects of our excessive consumption. Just like our body, when we don't take care of it, it will show. Eat too much junk food (or just too much food period) and you become obese, develop diabetes, a heart condition, and joint problems. Don't wash your dishes, clothes or yourself, leave trash in your home and yard and you will suffer from illness. Unfortunately it is the same for our Mother Earth. She needs a good scrubbing (clean up) after all the years of dumping products all over her skin. Much of the contamination has been absorbed into our life blood (water sources) which may never be available for our needs. Some is in the air we breathe, the food we eat, and in the products we purchase daily. Most every day we hear about some new contamination of our environment and yet what can we do about it?

This year the Environmental Committee has taken on the challenge to help all of us learn ways that we can, in fact, do something about it. Whether from a corporate stance or just on a personal level, each small step when combined with hundreds or thousands of small steps will have a big impact on our corner of the world. In fact, that is our theme for 2008 "Small Steps=Big Impact". We invite you to find out more about ways you can help. Our website [www.irwindalechamber.org](http://www.irwindalechamber.org) will include resource links in the Environmental pages as will the "Green Pages" in our Insights magazine. Some of the topics we will cover are: carbon footprints, landscaping, recycling, water conservation, energy efficiency, air quality, clothing, paper use, health and natural remedies, clean up and disposal.

On page 12 there is a survey that we have put together to measure our current status. If you like, you can take it online at [www.irwindalechamber.org](http://www.irwindalechamber.org) and save some paper! Each month from this point forward we will feature a topic in the "Green Pages". We will also run features about our chamber members and what actions that they have implemented to green our community. We hope you will share what your company is doing so we can feature you too. Better yet, join the Environmental Committee and contribute to our efforts with your expertise.

## Small Things

By April Kelcy, Earthquake Solutions

In one of our Environmental Committee meetings the question came up about what kind of things our own members are doing that are environmentally sensitive. Most of us have done a variety of things in that arena, and most of them are things many people have already at least heard about. Examples would include things like using energy-efficient light bulbs, recycling aluminum cans, buying products made from recycled materials, and turning off the water while brushing your teeth. It is my hope that virtually everyone is making an effort in many of these well-known areas of environmental conservation and responsibility.

In my small business, I am also a fan of the "Reduce, Re-Use" parts of the environmental slogan. Unlike many businesses that deliver products, I usually do not use brand-new cardboard boxes and packaging material. For years I have used re-useable containers for deliveries or even loaned them out in the case large-volume customer pickups. The products are then off-loaded at the customer's site, and containers are returned or brought back. Many of these same containers are used for years. Also, when receiving shipments, I save all clean "popcorn", bubble wrap & other lightweight packing materials for re-use. By doing this I rarely have to buy a lot of filler material for packaging.

On the personal side, I used to think my elderly father was a bit peculiar when I would see him carefully cutting up the waxed paper from the inside liner of a cereal or other food box. However, the clean squares can get at least a second life by making a handy cover for foods being warmed in the microwave.

On the "Recycle" end of the slogan, I both make efforts to increase recycling, but also to reduce the impacts of what goes in the waste stream. As a participant in many business events with hundreds of people in attendance, I am horrified

(Small Things-continued on page 10)



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# Green Job Act

By: Office of Congresswoman Solis

## Workforce Training Bill Included in Landmark Energy Package

The U.S. House of Representatives passed The Green Jobs Act of 2007, legislation introduced by Congresswoman Hilda L. Solis (CA-32) to train workers for “green” collar jobs – such as energy efficiency retrofit and service, green building construction, and solar panel installation. The bill was passed as part of H.R. 6, the Energy Independence and Security Act, historic energy reform legislation which will put the United States on a path toward energy independence.

“I’m pleased that Congress has recognized the importance of workforce training for the green economy,” said Solis, a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.

“This groundbreaking measure will strengthen national security, lower energy costs, grow our economy, and begin to reduce global warming. Specifically, the Energy and Independence and Security Act:

- increases fuel economy standard to 35 miles per gallon by 2020 for new cars and trucks;
- establishes a plug-in hybrid/electric vehicle tax credit for individuals;
- requires that 15 percent of our electricity come from renewable sources by 2020;
- saves consumers hundreds of billion of dollars through landmark new energy efficiency standards for appliances, such as dishwashers and freezers;
- increases loan limits to help small businesses develop energy efficient technologies and purchases; and
- repeals \$13 billion in tax subsidies for big oil companies.

To be enacted into law, the Energy Independence and Security Act must be passed by the Senate and signed into law by the President.

### ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT



Patricia Sullivan, MLIS  
Irwindale City Librarian

What does involvement in the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee mean to me? It means a rewarding time spent with like minded people with similar goals and interests. It means being involved in interesting projects that educate both the public and business communities. It means having research opportunities and learning by doing. It means meeting interesting people and participating in networking opportunities. It means developing a deep sense of satisfaction through giving back to the community.

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at how many of them do not provide for recycling of beverage containers. During clean-ups I therefore often pick up not only my own, but a few in my vicinity, and take them back to put in my recycling.

So what “on earth” do I do to reduce the impact of what goes in the waste stream? This item I learned from my children. Each year many birds and small animals are injured or trapped by the plastic rings that hold together beverage six-packs. By taking a moment to cut the rings and slots into pieces, so there are no entrapment areas or sharp edges, we can help save the creatures around us. Also, just as the same quantity of butter melts in a pan if it is in many pieces, rather than one lump, landfill items will likely biodegrade faster when there are more edges exposed.

These are admittedly small things, even a bit oddball. But my point is this: Like everything else in our lives our behaviors can change if our awareness changes. But paired with awareness has to be some motivation. Notice that none of these small things cost money - in fact they save money. The most important thing for me, however, is that every oddball thing I can do to protect the environment means I at least tried to leave a cleaner, greener world for my children and grandchildren --- and yours.

### HELP REDUCE E-WASTE IN OUR CITIES AND LANDFILLS

In order to create a cleaner environment for our community, the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee is hosting an Electronic waste (e-waste) collection event from **9:00AM to 4:00PM.** on

**Friday, January 25, 2008 and  
Saturday, January 26, 2008**

**Irwindale Speedway (500 Speedway Dr.).**

The event is a FREE service to both businesses and city residents to properly get rid of their unwanted electronic products. **There will be no Hazardous Waste collected.**

Study shows that 35 million pounds of e-waste are still sitting in California businesses and households. Only 10% - 15% of e-waste is currently properly dismantled or recycled. Electronic discards are one of the fastest growing segments of our nation’s waste stream. 70% of heavy metals and 40% of lead contents found in today’s landfills are from e-waste.

**E-waste includes electronic products or devices, such as computer monitors, televisions, PC systems, printers, home entertainment systems, copiers, and facsimile machines that have reached their useful end, whether in working condition or not.**

For more detailed information on the event, or for qualified e-waste products, please contact the Irwindale Chamber of Commerce at 626-960-6606

# Governor Schwarzenegger Announces Lawsuit Against U.S. EPA

By: [www.gov.ca.gov](http://www.gov.ca.gov)

Sacramento Governor Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Brown to announce that the state has filed suit against the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) for its failure to act on California's request for a waiver to regulate greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light trucks sold in the state. California has been waiting for a decision from the U.S. EPA for almost two years.

Federal law protects California's right to set a tougher standard. Under the Federal Clean Air Act, California has the right to set a tougher-than-federal standard for vehicles as long as it gets a waiver from U.S. EPA. This standard will help fight global warming and meet the objectives of California's groundbreaking climate change law, AB 32.

- California's vehicle emissions standard requires automakers to reduce tailpipe emissions by nearly 30 percent by 2016, starting with the 2009 model year. This is like taking 6.5 million cars off the road by the year 2020.

Fourteen states are joining California as interveners in the lawsuit: Massachusetts, New York, Arizona, Connecticut, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and Pennsylvania.

California can't enact the standard without a waiver from the federal government. More than six months ago the Governor committed to taking legal action if the federal government continued to delay the waiver. It is now:

- Almost two months since a court decision in Vermont confirmed that states do have the ability to adopt California's motor vehicle greenhouse gas emissions standard.
- More than six months since Governor Schwarzenegger said he would take legal action if the US EPA failed to act on California's longstanding request.
- More than six months since the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling saying the U.S. EPA has the authority to regulate greenhouse gases.
- More than a year and a half since the Governor appealed directly to the White House to approve California's waiver and more than a year since he reiterated that appeal to the White House.
- Almost two years since California requested a federal waiver.

The Federal government can help Americans across the country breathe cleaner air. Sixteen states comprising about 45 percent of all U.S. auto sales have adopted, or are in the process of adopting, California's standard. Automobile emissions are one of the single biggest contributors to global warming.

States that have adopted, or are in the process of adopting, California's strict automobile emissions standard include: Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

## The Irwindale Chamber of Commerce Environmental Committee

E-mail your environmental questions to our committee and one of our committee members will respond to you.

**Chair:** Jayne Foote - Veolia ES Technical Solutions  
**Sol Benudiz - Irwindale Police Department**  
**Luis Cetina - Metropolitan Water District**  
**Ann Croissant- San Gabriel Mountain Conservancy**  
**Craig Doerr- American Reclamation**  
**Raymond Hamada- City of Irwindale**  
**April Kelcy- Earthquake SOLUTIONS**  
**John Norcia - Santa Fe Dam**  
**Margarita Ramos - Sante Fe Dam**  
**Thomas Rascop- Reichhold, Inc.**  
**Celia Smith- Sanctuary Shack**  
**Patricia Sullivan- City of Irwindale Public Library**  
**Racine Ward- Biosense Webster, Incorporated**  
**Rainbow Yeung - South Coast Air Quality Management**

### Mission Statement

To prepare, inform and advocate, on behalf of the business and residential community, environmental concerns and emergency preparation and response planning.

### Join the Committee

If you care about health and safety issues that affect community business, or the environment, you should consider this committee.

**Meeting:** 1st Wednesday of each month

**Time:** 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

**Location:** Irwindale Chamber of Commerce,  
16102 Arrow Highway, Irwindale  
(one block east of Irwindale avenue)

**E-mail:** [EnviroCommittee@irwindalechamber.org](mailto:EnviroCommittee@irwindalechamber.org)

**Website:** [www.EnviroCommittee.com](http://www.EnviroCommittee.com)



# 2008 Green Survey

The Environmental Committee is focused on providing business programs and subject matter on "green" initiatives. We are conducting a short survey to assess our business community's awareness and efforts in mitigating environmental impacts. Your answers will help us evaluate the current level of awareness and practices within our community. Your candor is appreciated.

1) **Does your company currently practice any "green" initiatives?** \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

2) **In which areas is your company practicing "green" initiatives? (check all that apply)**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling            | <input type="checkbox"/> Tracking Carbon Footprint                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commuting Incentives | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficiency    | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of Waste Stream                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Conservation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Cleaning (healthy high performance) |

Specific Actions your company has implemented (check all that apply)

3) **Landscaping**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Native plants (drought tolerant) | <input type="checkbox"/> Smart (rain sensor)sprinkler system |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composting                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction of lawn areas             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drip irrigation                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Shade producing plants              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycled water (purple pipe)     |  |

4) **Recycling**

- |  |                                  |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paper           | <input type="checkbox"/> Metals  | <input type="checkbox"/> Fabrics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> E-waste         | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood    | <input type="checkbox"/> Glass   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic |                                  |

5) **Water Conservation**

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low Flow Toilets   | <input type="checkbox"/> Drip Irrigation           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterless Urinals  | <input type="checkbox"/> Reclaim Water Practices   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Flush Toilets | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Reduction Practices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sensor Faucets     |  |

6) **Energy Efficiency**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Efficient Bulbs | <input type="checkbox"/> Motion Sensors/Timers (lights) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar Energy Panels    | <input type="checkbox"/> Skylights/Natural Lighting     |

7) **Air Quality - Interior and Exterior Impact**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> HEPA Air Filters on HVAC Systems                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally "friendly" Chemical Compounds<br>(i.e., production chemicals, green cleaning solutions,<br>soy inks) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Operational Windows for Natural Air<br>Flow/Ventilation | <input type="checkbox"/> Emission Control Practices   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regulated Smoking Areas                                 |   |

8) **Commuting and Fleet Vehicles**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incentives to employees for carpooling                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hybrid vehicles for fleet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trip management (routing trips to reduce mileage and<br>towing. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bio fuel vehicles         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Incentives for alternate transportation                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Electric vehicles         |

9) **Fabric and Apparel**

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate Unwanted Clothing to Non-profit organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> Design, Manufacture, Distribute Environmentally<br>"friendly" Fiber Products |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donate Business Appropriate Attire to LA Works       | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmentally "friendly" Laundering Practices                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle Fabric Scraps                                |   |

10) **Paper Product Use**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use Recycled/Post Consumer Content Paper      | <input type="checkbox"/> Print Two-Sided Documents                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recycle Scrap or Used Paper                   | <input type="checkbox"/> White Paper Policies (reduce or eliminate color stock) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduce Usage through Electronic Communication |   |

11) **Health and Natural Remedies**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use of "Green" cleaning products            | <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage healthy lifestyle changes   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy choices for provided meals/snacks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Chiropractic insurance option |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide gym or gym membership for employees | <input type="checkbox"/> Provide Acupuncture insurance option  |

12) **Clean Up and Disposal**

- |  |
|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Use Personal Protective Devices |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Handling        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste Disposal        |

*Please provide information on what your company is doing to make a difference. We will feature this information in an upcoming issue of the Green Pages in the Insights Magazine. Email to [Dominique@Irwindalechamber.org](mailto:Dominique@Irwindalechamber.org)*

## CalChamber Joins Coalition to Oppose Proposition 92



The California Chamber of Commerce and

a growing coalition of education, business, community and taxpayer groups have joined forces to oppose Proposition 92 on the February 5, 2008 California primary election ballot.

The CalChamber Board of Directors voted to oppose Proposition 92, the Community College Governance Funding Stabilization and Student Fee Reduction Act, during its september meeting.

Uniting under "Californians for Fair Education Funding," the organizations are working to inform voters that the community college initiative is not what it seems. The coalition has launched a website at [www.noprop92.org](http://www.noprop92.org).

Campaign Coalition: CalChamber, California Teachers Association, California Faculty Association, California Taxpayers' Association and California Business Roundtable.

**Chronic Deficits:** "California businesses strongly support our community college system and believe in the value of the education and training community colleges provide," said CalChamber President Allan Zaremborg.

"Community colleges are an integral part of our state's overall higher education offering. However, California still faces chronic budget deficits — projected to be \$10 billion in 2008. The scheme contained in Proposition 92 would further aggravate the state's budget crisis and threaten California's ability to address other pressing needs, like funding health care, public safety and education. California just can't afford Proposition 92."

### Mandate without Revenue

Proposition 92 seeks to lock into California's constitution a huge new spending mandate for community colleges, but includes no way to pay for it. This could mean cuts to K-12 schools and higher education, health care, programs for the disabled or public safety.

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## Clean-Up of Off Road Diesel Vehicles

Submitted By: Rainbow Yeung, South Coast Air Quality Management

**Background:** The South Coast Air Quality Management District is soliciting clean air projects to provide funding assistance to applicable fleets for the purchase of low-emission heavy-duty engine technologies to achieve near-term reduction of NOx emissions from in-use, off-road diesel vehicles. This announcement is to allow fleets to meet the State "Surplus Off-road Opt-in for NOx" (or SOON) provision of a recently adopted California Air Resources Board regulation which sets more-stringent NOx emission targets for in-use, off-road diesel vehicles.

The AQMD Board has approved setting aside a total of \$120 million over a four year period for this purpose. A [Program Announcement \(#PA2008-01\)](#) seeking proposals for the first year's allocation of \$30 million was issued November 2, 2007. Paper copies of the information can be requested by calling Ms Penny Shaw-Cedillo at (909) 396-3179.

### Who is Eligible for Funding?

- All large fleets with a total statewide equipment horsepower over 20,000 hp will be required to apply for funding if 40 percent or more of their fleet are Tier 0 and Tier 1 vehicles as of January 1, 2008.
- Fleets below 20,000 hp may voluntarily participate in this program.
- All fleets receiving funding must implement applicable projects.

**How will Proposals be Evaluated?:** Funding will be awarded based on the cost-effectiveness of each project at reducing NOx emissions. Funding will be managed via the Carl Moyer Program, and all CMP requirements will apply to these projects, except where specifically noted in Program Announcement #PA2008-01, or where additional program criteria may apply. The cost-effectiveness limit in the Carl Moyer Program for Off-Road Diesel Vehicles is currently \$5,000 per ton of NOx reduced.

**When are Proposals Due?** All proposals are **due by 1:00 p.m., Friday, May 2, 2008.**

**How can I find out more about the program?** AQMD is hosting workshops to provide assistance to fleets applying for incentive funds. Additional workshops may be held in March and April, as needed.

### Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Funding Workshops

**January 16, 2008 – 10 a.m.**

**and February 27, 2008 – 10 a.m.**

**South Coast AQMD Headquarters Auditorium**

**21865 Copley Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765**

**Questions?** For Technical Questions, contact [Randall Pasek](#) (909) 396-2251. For Questions Regarding Incentive Funding, contact [Connie Day](#) (909) 396-3055.



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## Council Round-Up – November 14, 2007

- Council authorized the purchase of a Public Works vehicle.
- Council certified the results of the General Municipal election held on Tuesday, November 6, 2007.
- Council administered the oaths of office to Mark A. Breceda, Larry G. Burrola and Manuel R. Garcia.
- A presentation was made to outgoing Council Members Suzanne E. Gomez and Julian A. Miranda thanking them for their commitment to the City.
- A presentation was made by the Deputy City Clerk thanking the Election Board for their outstanding work on the election.
- Reorganization of Council was completed with Larry Burrola appointed Mayor and Manuel R. Garcia appointed Mayor Pro Tem.



### Keeping Fit

Our seniors enjoy various forms of activity. Keeping fit is important to them and they take it seriously. Showing off her form is Concha Orosco as she plays horse shoes.



### Hitting the Casino

One of the many fun trips the seniors participate in is to the Pechanga Casino which took place on September 15, 2007. Getting ready to board the bus are just some of the seniors looking forward to a day of chance.

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## Senior Birthdays

Each month, the senior center celebrates those having birthdays. It's a special day for the celebrants to spend with their fellow senior pals. Pictured for the month of September are from left Alice Garcia, Tony Espinoza, Maria Espinoza, Gilbert Lopez and Mercedes Alvarez.



## Sock Hop

On September 28, 2007, the seniors went back in time. The hall was decorated and the guests were dressed in the 50's theme. It was the Senior Sock Hop. Dancing to the oldies was great fun and brought back many memories. Pictured are Chris and Clifford Orosco, who were among the many who enjoyed the evening.



## Luau

The seniors at the center are always ready for a party. They have many dances throughout the year celebrating any and all occasions. One of the favorites is the annual luau. The weather is nice, the food is great and it is an opportunity to enjoy friends. Pictured are some of the many who attended this year's luau.



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## Holiday and Service Award Luncheon

On Thursday, December 6th, the City of Irwindale held their annual Holiday and Service Awards luncheon at the Mountain Meadows Country Club. Over 100 employees enjoyed a delicious meal, great gifts and spending time with their co-workers. Service awards were given to those employees who completed various years of service.



### 35 Years

Receiving his 35-year service award is Richard Zavala (center) at the annual Holiday and Service Award luncheon hosted by the City of Irwindale. His loyalty and commitment to the City is greatly appreciated. Pictured from left are Councilman Ortiz, Mayor Burrola, Richard Zavala, Councilman Breceda and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia.



### 30 Years

Congratulations to Xavier Gomez on his 30-year service award. Presenting the award were from left Councilman Ortiz, Mayor Burrola, Xavier Gomez, Councilman Breceda and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia.



### 20 Years

Pictured from left are Councilman Ortiz, Councilman Breceda, Mayor Burrola, 20-year service award recipients Marcelino Davila, Esperanza Venegas, and Yvonne Fino, and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia. Absent: Rebecca Barbosa, Monica Robles, and Albert Sarinana.



### 25 Years

Congratulating our award winners are from left Councilman Ortiz, Councilman Breceda, Mayor Burrola, 25-year service award recipients Glen Purbaugh and Richard Breceda, and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia.



### 15 Years

Pictured with 15-year service award recipient Dolores Barbosa are from left Mayor Burrola, Councilman Ortiz, Councilman Breceda and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia.



### Five Years

Pictured are members of Council and employees receiving their five-year service award. From left are Mayor Burrola, Mayor Pro Tem Garcia, Dennis Alva, Elaine Cullen, Cathy Huicochea, Pedro Rodriguez, Becky Romero, Megan Zepeda, Margarita Padilla, and George Zendejas. Absent: Jose Pedraza, David Fraijo and Danny Spangler.



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The measure also requires no public audits, contains no penalties for misuse of funds, and includes no guarantee that money will be spent on students. Proposition 92 does, however, give an expanded state board "full power" to set salaries and other benefits for additional bureaucrats and administrators with no independent oversight.

The No on 92 campaign points out that while the initiative mandates new spending — almost a billion dollars in just the first three years, according to the California Legislative Analyst — it does not identify a way to pay for it.

The California Community Colleges are institutions of higher education that serve about 1.5 million students annually. The community college system is comprised of 109 campuses operated by 72 districts that are governed by local elected boards of trustees.

The system offers academic, vocational and recreational programs at lower division levels for recent high school graduates and any other adults who can benefit from instruction. Community colleges also operate programs to promote economic development and provide adult education.

### Split Funding Guarantee

Prop. 92 would in effect split the existing Prop. 98 funding guarantee for K-14 schools into one guarantee for K-12 and a separate guarantee for community colleges.

The potential increase in state spending on K-14 education is about \$135 million in 2007-08, \$275 million in 2008-09 and \$470 million in 2009-10, with unknown impact annually thereafter.

Essentially, the California Community Colleges would maintain benefit of a minimum funding guarantee under Prop. 98 without assuming the risk, like other public institutions of higher education, of being a separately funded public entity.

Other opponents of Prop. 92 include the League of Women Voters of California and the Small Business Action Committee.

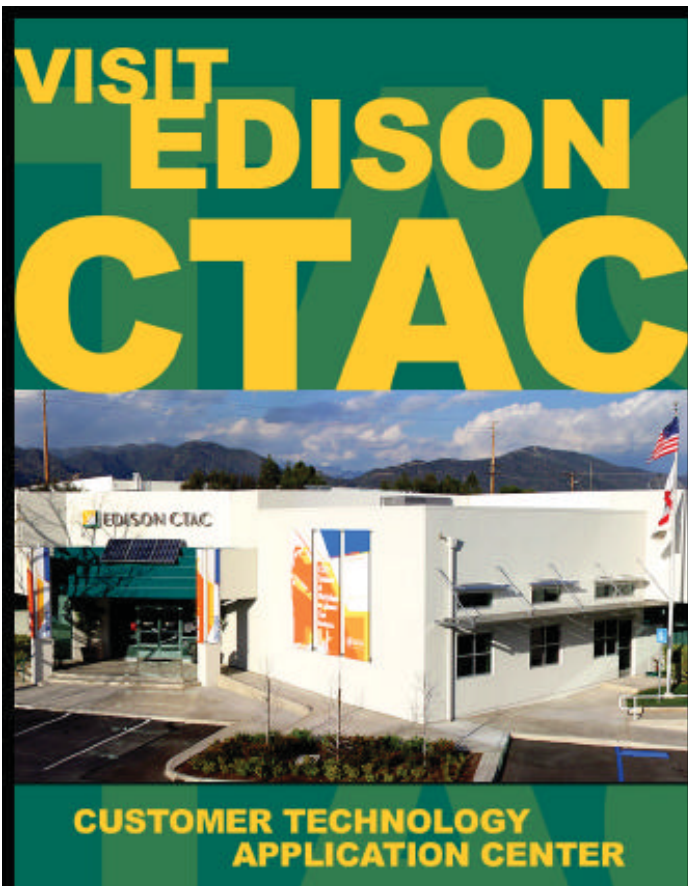
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# Labor Law Corner

By: Cal Chamber

Defining ‘Misconduct’ Important in Determining UI Eligibility

*I hired a bookkeeper who I thought had the education and experience to do the job. After a month, it became obvious that she was disorganized, inefficient and wasn't doing a good job, so I terminated her. Now the Employment Development Department tells me she can collect unemployment insurance. Why?*

A terminated employee is eligible for unemployment insurance (UI) unless the employer can prove that the termination was for “misconduct.” For UI purposes, misconduct is more than simple negligence or inability to do a good job.

Defining Misconduct

Under the Employment Development Department (EDD) definition of misconduct, the employee must have willfully or wantonly breached a duty to the employer in a substantial way, disregarding or injuring the employer’s interests.

**Misconduct:** The following reasons generally are considered to be misconduct:

- theft of company property or property of other employees;
- willfully or negligently damaging company equipment;
- falsifying expense vouchers;
- drinking alcohol on the job; and
- engaging in altercations with supervisors or other employees.

**Not Misconduct**

The following reasons generally are not considered to be misconduct:

- inefficiency;
- failure to meet performance standards as the result of inability or incapacity;
- inadvertence or ordinary negligence in isolated instances; and
- good faith errors in judgment or discretion.

**Common Examples:** Some common reasons for termination that can raise issues of whether misconduct occurred include excessive or unexcused absences, dishonesty and poor performance. Here are some examples, and EDD’s rules on these topics:

**Absence:** An absence without employer approval is considered misconduct unless the employee can show a compelling reason for the absence.

For example, an employee returning from a vacation encounters canceled airline flights due to severe weather. She calls her employer and asks for another day off so she can rent a car and drive home. Because of prior attendance problems and reprimands, the employer refuses and

terminates her when she is not at work the following day. The employee has not engaged in misconduct because she had a compelling reason for an unapproved absence, and thus would be eligible for UI.

**Dishonesty:** Deliberately providing false information on a timecard generally will be considered misconduct, making the employee ineligible for UI.

Falsifying information on an employment application is misconduct if the employer had a right to ask for the information, the information is relevant to the job and the applicant willfully provides false information that would harm the employer.

For example, an applicant for a security system service position responded “no” when asked on a job application if he had ever been arrested. After hiring the applicant, the employer discovered the individual in fact had an arrest record and terminated him.

Despite the employee’s dishonest answer, EDD determined no misconduct had occurred and the employee was eligible for UI because the law prohibits employers from asking about arrests on job applications.

On the other hand, if the applicant had been dishonest on the application about criminal convictions, the termination would have been for misconduct since an employer may legally ask about convictions on a job application.

**Poor performance:** While it is an employer’s right to terminate an employee for poor performance, if the poor performance is simply an inability to do better, then there is no misconduct and the employee would be eligible for UI. Similarly, an isolated instance of mistake or good faith error in judgment is not misconduct. However, if the employee previously has demonstrated the ability to perform to standards and then later fails to meet them, misconduct may be found.

For example, a saleswoman who is expected to and does contact 40 potential new customers suddenly “loses enthusiasm” for the job, and a week later makes only 30 per week. Even if she meets her goals in terms of actual sales, deliberate failure to contact the required number of potential customers per week may be considered misconduct, making her ineligible for UI benefits.

**UI Eligibility Resources:** For more information about what factors are used to determine UI eligibility, go to EDD’s “Benefit Determination Guide” online at [www.edd.ca.gov/uibdg/uibdgind.htm](http://www.edd.ca.gov/uibdg/uibdgind.htm). This is an excellent resource when responding to a former employee’s UI claim.

Also available on EDD’s website is a helpful online publication called “Managing Unemployment Insurance Costs” at [www.edd.ca.gov/uirep/de4527.pdf](http://www.edd.ca.gov/uirep/de4527.pdf).

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16124 Calle de Paseo, Irwindale, CA 91806  
Meets 1st Friday at Am-Vets Park (626) 338-4440 Ben Aguayo  
**Irwindale Educational Foundation**  
P.O. Box 2307, Irwindale, CA 91706-1168  
Board Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. at the Chamber  
**Irwindale Lions Club**  
P.O. Box 2093, Irwindale, CA 91706  
Meets Tuesdays, 11:45 a.m. at Covina Bowl  
**Irwindale-Salvatierra, GTO, Mexico Sister City Corporation**  
P.O. Box 2054, Irwindale, CA 91706  
Meets 2nd Tuesday, City Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m.  
**Knights of Columbus**  
16025 E. Cypress Ave., Irwindale, CA 91706  
Meets 2nd Wednesday, 8:00 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall  
**Sociedad Progresista Mexicana, Inc.**  
(626) 337-1193 Antonio Salazar  
Meets once a month (usually Tuesday), City Council Chambers  
**V.F.W. Irwindale Post 9895**  
P.O. Box 2054, Irwindale, CA 91706  
Meets 3rd Thursday at 4117 Alderson Street, Baldwin Park, CA

**City of Irwindale**

**City Hall**  
5050 Irwindale Avenue  
Irwindale, CA 91706-1168

**Phone: (626) 430-2200**  
Fax: (626) 962-4209 (City Hall)  
Fax: (626) 962-2018 (Building Dept.)  
Website: www.ci.irwindale.ca.us  
e-mail: postoffice@ci.irwindale.ca.us

**City Council**

Mayor: Larry G. Burrola  
Mayor Pro Tem: Manuel R. Garcia  
Council Members: Mark A. Breceda,  
David Fuentes, and H. Manuel Ortiz

**City Council Meetings**

2nd and 4th Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. at City Hall

**City Staff**

City Manager: Robert Griego  
Assistant City Manager: Camille Diaz  
Dir. of Public Works/City Engineer: Kwok Tam  
Finance Director & City Treasurer: Abraham De Dios  
Director of Planning: Raymond Hamada  
Human Resource Manager: Sharmeen Bhojani  
Community Development Manager: Elaine Cullen  
Deputy City Clerk: Linda Kimbro

**Planning Commission**

Chair: Richard Chico Vice Chair: Robert E. Hartman  
Commissioners: Doloras Amador, Larry Burrola and Arthur R Tapia

**Parks & Recreation Commission**

Chair: Dan Diaz Vice Chair: Belen Zepeda  
Commissioners: Erlinda Duran, Paula Fraijo,  
and Carol Hernandez

**Senior Citizen Commission**

Chair: David Martinez Vice Chair: Maggie Guzman  
Commissioners: Valinda Acevedo,  
Stella Breceda, and Nellie Tapia

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**Library.....(626) 430-2229**

City Librarian: Patricia Sullivan  
5050 Irwindale Avenue Fax: (626) 430-2266

**Recreation.....(626) 430-2224**

16053 Calle de Paseo Fax: (626) 962-3022  
Recreation Manager: Dan Grijalva  
Recreation Supervisor: Carol Acosta  
Recreation Supervisor: Priscilla Zepeda

**Senior Center.....(626) 430-2283**

16116 Arrow Highway Fax: (626) 430-2275  
Senior Citizen Coordinator: Jackie Delgado  
Assistant To Senior Citizen Coordinator: Sara Ponce

**Service Yard.....(626) 430-2280**

16034 Calle del Norte  
Public Works Manager: Mike Rados  
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**Police Department**

Chief Sol Benudiz

**Emergency..... 9-1-1**

Phone (non emergency)...(626) 430-2244  
5050 Irwindale Avenue Fax: (626) 856-0471

**Los Angeles County Fire- Irwindale Station**

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