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CAMRO 2017 Conference and Annual Meeting.

June 23-24 2017

Pinehurst Country club
6255 W. Quincy Ave.
Denver CO 80235

Early Registration (ends April 10) 2017

Member \$100.00
Non Member \$200.00

Registration April 11 to May 31 2017

Member \$125.00
Non Member \$225.00

Late Registration ,ends June 19 2017

Member \$150.00
Non Member \$250.00

Non member registration includes 1 year membership to CAMRO

Room Reservations

Courtyard Southwest-Lakewood

7180 West Hampden Avenue Lakewood CO 80227

Rate \$144 per night will apply through May 23, 2017
for the nights of June 22-25 2017

Call the hotel directly 303 985 9696 and ask for CAMRO room
block, or online at CAMRO.us/events and click on Room
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PROTECTING OUR PROPERTY RIGHTS – PROTECTING OUR FUTURE

The 2017 General Assembly of the Colorado legislature came to a close with Governor Hickenlooper contemplating whether to call a special session to address transportation funding shortfalls and funding the Governor's Energy Office. As this goes to print no decision to do this has been made.

One issue that we know will come up in 2018 is the Department of Natural Resources will conduct meetings concerning orphaned wells with Industry and the mineral/royalty owner community . An orphan well is defined as a well for which no operator can be found. Some operators abandon wells, and pits leaving the state to deal with plugging, and reclamation. This is an expense that the state bears, but is not properly funded.

Don Phend's 3 part series on Natural Gas Processing

Parts 1 and 2 appeared in the February and April newsletters. Part 3 will be published in June's newsletter. However for those attending our Conference and annual meeting on June 23 and 24 you will receive a brochure with all 3 articles.

Beginning with the June issue only members will get the newsletter in the mail. So, join CAMRO. It is only 75 bucks a year.

Neil Ray

2017 Colorado Legislature

By Brett Moore,

CAMRO's Lobbyist

The 1st Session of 71st General Assembly has adjourned Sine Die for the year. Colorado's legislative bodies, House and Senate, meet for 120 days a year, and Wednesday, May 10th was the final day of the 2017 session.

The Colorado Alliance of Mineral and Royalty Owners had a significant presence at the capitol in our inaugural year, testifying on 3 bills and tracking 8 total with potential impacts on mineral and royalty property rights.

For the third session in a row, we supported Representative Perry Buck's efforts to protect private property rights, this year through

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House Bill 1124 -Local Government Liable Fracking Ban Oil and Gas Moratorium. This bill would have enacted a requirement that local governments interfering with oil and gas operations compensate persons damaged by the interference. The bill was promptly killed by the House State Affairs “kill committee”, but is an issue we will continue to fight for in the years ahead. The ban or impediment by local governments of mineral production is a violation of the real private property right of mineral ownership, and at the core of CAMRO’s mission.

CAMRO strongly opposed **House Bill 1256 -Oil and Gas Facilities Distance from School Property.** This bill was a short-sighted effort by the opponents of oil and gas production to weaken Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission’s (COGCC) carefully considered setback rules of 500 feet from inhabited structures and 1000 feet from certain types of buildings, including schools. Recent attempts to amend the Colorado Constitution with mandatory setbacks that would eliminate significant portions of the state’s potential oil and gas production have failed to gain any traction, and this bill was no different.

In a measure that would have directly affected our members, CAMRO also strongly opposed **House Bill 1336 -Additional Protections Forced Pooling Order.** Forced, or statutory, pooling is a process designed to keep minority mineral interests from delaying development or production of resources. It is used as a last resort by oil and gas operators when all other forms of negotiation have been exhausted, but provides a crucial protection to mineral owners when other members listed in a division order proceed with drilling activities. One of the biggest responsibilities of being a mineral owner is giving the due diligence to protect your interests, and CAMRO is here for our members to help educate and provide resources on these issues.

HB-1336 passed through the Democratic House, but died in the Republican-controlled Senate State Affairs committee. “We applaud the Senate State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee for giving mineral and royalty owners the opportunity to build a coalition around a piece of legislation that protects mineral and royalty owners’ property and engages this diverse group of property owners around defining a solution over the summer,” said Neil Ray, CAMRO president. We expect an extensive stakeholder process to occur this summer dealing with forced pooling and plan on being active participants as an organization.

Another bill that was introduced and died very late but will be the subject of an intense scrutiny moving forward is **House Bill 1372 -Oil Gas Operators Disclose Pipe Location Development Plans.** Introduced in the waning days of session, this was yet another attempt by anti-production House Democrats to play “gotcha” with the oil and gas industry and to take advantage of the tragic house explosion in Firestone. While our condolences go out to those who were lost or injured in that rare accident, CAMRO and the industry are committed to a stakeholder process with all interested parties to insure these incidents are mitigated to the extent humanly possible.

All in all, there were 681 bills introduced by the 100 legislators in the 120 day legislative session. As a CAMRO member, you have access to constantly updated bill tracking, allowing you to monitor the activities that affect your interests under the Gold Dome, while at the same time benefitting from CAMRO’s lobbying efforts on your behalf. You can find the link on the **CAMRO website** at camro.us and clicking on the “**Resources**” tab.

CAMRO continues to be an active member of Colorado Agricultural Council, a group of organizations that meet regularly during the legislative session and throughout the year, focusing on the issues that impact rural Colorado. On several occasions, including an Orphan Well bill from the COGCC that never materialized, we were able to relay concerns from the mineral owners to the various Ag groups that concern our mutual private property rights interests. Ag Council will be meeting in the coming weeks for their annual Summer meeting, and we will be in attendance.

It is my honor to contribute these newsletters, written specifically for the benefit of Colorado mineral and royalty owners, and truly a privilege representing your mineral rights in Denver at the State Capitol. Please don’t hesitate to contact me if I can be of service.

Moore Brett OnTheBallot Consulting

As principal of OnTheBallot, a Denver-based political consulting and lobbying firm, Brett has delivered results for clients across a wide variety of sectors at the local, state, and federal levels. Achieving victories and building relationships across Colorado since 2008, clients include businesses, trade associations, candidates, and committees whose voices are amplified by OnTheBallot's services. Brett is a proud son of a 5th generation farm and ranch family in Northwest Kansas, and calls Denver home.

CAMRO 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE June 23-24 SPEAKERS AGENDA

❖ Friday, June 23, 2017

- ❖ **1:00pm – 1:30pm Welcome, “Legislative Updates”**
 - **Neil Ray**
- ❖ **1:30pm – 2:15pm “GEM Principles of Energy”**
 - **Jim Marchiori**, Executive Director, Global Energy Management Program, University of Colorado Denver Business School
- ❖ **2:15pm – 3:00pm “The State of the Oil and Natural Gas Industry in Colorado”**
 - **Tracee Bentley**, Executive Director, Colorado Petroleum Council
- ❖ **3:00pm – 3:15pm Break**
- ❖ **3:20pm – 4:05pm “DNR Regulatory Update”**
 - **Julie M. Murphy**, Assistant Director for Energy and Minerals, Colorado Department of Natural Resources
- ❖ **4:10pm – 5:00pm “U.S. Natural Gas and Oil: It is not scarce anymore”**
 - **John Harpole**, founder and owner, Mercator Energy

❖ Saturday, June 24, 2017

- ❖ **9:00am – 10:00pm “Crunching the Numbers”**
 - **Don Phend**, CPA
- ❖ **10:20 – 11:00 “Implications to mineral owners (especially owners who own several parcels) of the pending United States Supreme Court takings case –Murr v. State of Wisconsin, cert granted 2016,” oral arguments on March 20, 2017.**
 - **Professor Jan Laitos**, University of Denver, John A. Carver Jr. Chair at the Sturm College of Law
- ❖ **11:10 – 12:00 “Andarko’s high vapor pressure operations and processes recovery system”**
 - **Dave Curtis**, Measurement Operations Manager, Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Houston Office; **Paul Wages**, Operations Advisor, Denver Office
- ❖ **12:00 – 1:30 Lunch, Keynote address**
 - **Jerry Sonnenberg**, State Senator District 1
- ❖ **1:30 – 2:10 “Proposed Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas and connector pipeline project”**
 - **Bob Braddock, Sr.** Project Advisor, Veresen, Inc
- ❖ **2:15 – 3:00 – “Threats to the industry”**
 - **Scott Prestidge**, Director of Communications & Public Affairs, Colorado Oil and Gas Association
- ❖ **3:00pm – 3:20 Break**
- ❖ **CAMRO Annual Meeting immediately following close of the conference.**

Register for the conference using the form on the back page, or at CAMRO.us