



Western States Petroleum Association

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Western States Petroleum Association Names New Bay Area Manager

SACRAMENTO – Catherine Reheis-Boyd, President of the Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) has announced that Guy Bjerke joined the oil and natural gas trade association as its Bay Area Manager on January 7, 2010. Bjerke is replacing Dennis Bolt who is retiring effective March 1, 2010, after a successful ten years with the organization.

As Bay Area Manager Bjerke will oversee WSPA's public affairs and issue advocacy programs for members which include the five Bay Area petroleum refineries.

"Guy brings a tremendous amount of experience and dedication to this position and we are privileged to have him," said Reheis-Boyd. "He has been a leader in the East Bay and the communities in which he has lived and worked all his life. We are looking forward to working with Guy to continue serving the energy needs of those communities."

The Western States Petroleum Association is the leading petroleum industry trade association in six western states - California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. Its twenty-eight members include major integrated oil and natural gas companies as well as independent refiners and marketers, and independent producers. Formed in 1906, it is the oldest petroleum industry trade association in the United States.

Bjerke, 48, joins WSPA after working as the City of Antioch's Economic Development Director for the past four years and nearly 17 years for the Home Builders Association of Northern California.

Bjerke is a Concord resident currently serving on the Concord City Council and as the city's Mayor. A lifelong resident of Contra Costa County, Bjerke and his wife, Denise, have two children who attend St. Mary's College in Moraga.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from California State University, Sacramento, where he majored in government.

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