



# Pacific Chapter Conference 2014

## Welcome Remarks

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# World Dredging Organization



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# WEDA's Goals and Objectives

- **Exchange knowledge** in fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction
- **Improve communications, technology transfer, and cooperation** among associations, societies, and organizations
- Emphasize the importance of **understanding and development of solutions** for problems related to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment
- **Support educational institutions** for students interested in pursuing dredging and marine engineering as a career
- Promote membership in and furtherance of WEDA through **establishment and support of Chapters**
- **Recognize individuals and organizations** for outstanding engineering and operational achievement

# WEDA at a Glance

- Organized by seven chapters
  - Eastern, Gulf, Midwest, **Pacific**
  - Mexico, Panama, Brazil
- Currently has approx. 1,000 members
- Have been organizing North America's premier dredging conference and trade show since 1980

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# WEDA's Sustaining Members

- Help support the WEDA organization and mission
- Recognized on WEDA website and at WEDA events



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# Key WEDA Developments

- Transition of Executive Director
- New WEDA web-site [www.westerndredging.org](http://www.westerndredging.org)
- Improved membership communications
- New cooperation and outreach initiatives
- Increased focus on Central and South America
- 2015 - WEDA Summit & Expo, Houston
- “World Dredging Congress XXI” in Miami in 2016
- and....soliciting input and feedback on all of it!



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