

**SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER
AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE
DEPARTMENT OF PRODUCTION
AMENDED AUGUST 7, 2012**

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I **NAME**

- Section 1 This organization shall be known as THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CHAPTER of the American Petroleum Institute, sponsored by the Department of Production of the American Petroleum Institute.

ARTICLE II **OBJECT**

- Section 1 The object of this organization is to foster a spirit of cooperation among those directly or indirectly engage in the production of oil and /or gas by promoting a free exchange of ideas among members, to promote a more cordial understanding by the public of the close economic relationship that exists between the petroleum industry and other lines of business, to assist in promotion local petroleum vocational training activities, and to promote a forum for the discussion of local problems related to the production of oil and gas or other topics of current interest.
- Section 2 This Association is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purpose within the meaning of section 501(C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- Section 3 Notwithstanding, any other provision of these articles, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (C) (2) of the Internal Revue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revue Law).

ARTICLE III **OFFICERS**

- Section 1 The elective officers of this organization shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Membership Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually as prescribed by the Bylaws.
- Section 2 The continuing officer of this organization shall be an Advisor, who shall be the most recent Past Chairperson.

ARTICLE IV **ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

- Section 1 The Advisory Committee of this organization shall be composed of twenty (20) members, holding office for two (2) consecutive years. Ten (10) members shall be elected each year, as prescribed by the Bylaws. In addition to these Advisors, the

Immediate Past Chairperson shall be an advisor. The Chapter Chairperson may appoint up to ten (10) additional Advisors, from those who have previously served, to serve during the Chairperson's term of office, if such are needed and have particular qualifications that would be of advantage to the Chapter.

- Section 2 The Immediate Past Chairperson, and additional appointed past Advisors, shall have equal voting rights with the twenty (20) regular Advisors and the current Officers.

ARTICLE V **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

- Section 1 The officers of this organization, with the Advisory Committee, shall constitute an Executive Board which shall conduct routine business, recommend policies, act for the Chapter in case of emergency, and fill vacancies in office by appointment, or by calling a Chapter election. The normal line of progression in case of vacancy during term of office will be by succession of the chairs. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson are the only offices considered in the succession of chairs. The Membership Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer offices are independent functions and may be held for consecutive years by the same member.

- Section 2 The Treasurer will prepare a budget for the calendar year to be submitted for approval to the Executive Board during the first quarter of the calendar year. The Board approved budget is to be submitted to the General Membership for final approval at the first general meeting held after the Board approval.

- Section 3 The Executive Board is authorized to spend a maximum of \$1,000.00 on special items, excluding approved budget items, without membership approval, provided funds are in the treasury. The expenditure is to be reported to the general membership at the first general meeting after the expenditure is approved by the Board.

ARTICLE VI **GOVERNING REGULATIONS**

- Section 1 This Chapter shall abide by all the rules and regulations established by the American Petroleum Institute for the guidance of its affiliated Chapters as set forth in the Guide for API Production Department Chapters (Latest Edition) and as further prescribed by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII **QUORUM**

- Section 1 The Members in good standing, of the San Joaquin Valley Chapter, present at a general or special meeting shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 2 One-third (1/2) of the Board Members must be present at a meeting of the Executive Board to constitute quorum.

ARTICLE VIII **AMENDMENTS**

Section 1

The Constitution may be amended at any general meeting by an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting, provide that the proposed amendment shall have been first presented to and approved by the Executive Board.