



*Welcome to*

# **SPRING EDUCATION DAY 2025**

**Tuesday, March 25**

**Welcome  
Reception**

*5:00 pm - 6:30 pm*

**Wednesday, March 26**

**Educational  
Sessions**

*8:30 am - 3:45 pm*

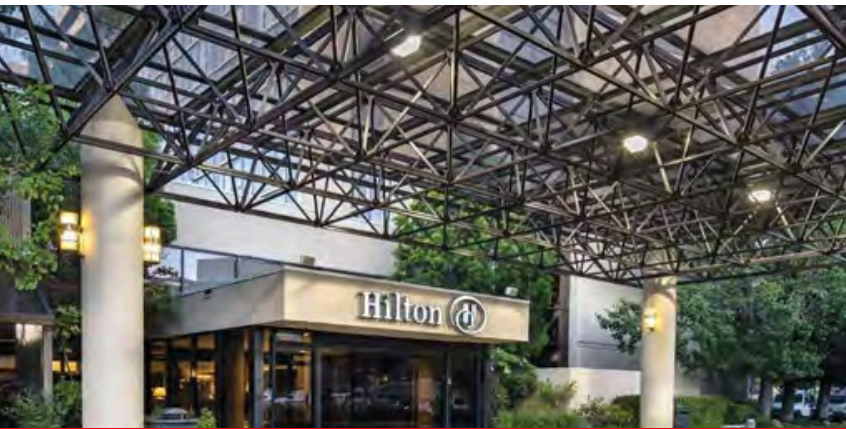
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General Safety  
Specialist Certificate

SDLA Governance  
Foundations Workshop

SDRMA Fundamentals





WELCOME TO

# SDRMA's 2025 Ed(ucation) Day

“  
*Today is all about  
empowering you*  
”

We are thrilled to have you join us for this special event, where learning, collaboration, and growth take center stage. Today is all about empowering you—our valued members—with the tools, resources, and insights to navigate risk management effectively and enhance your organization's success.

From engaging sessions led by industry experts, to opportunities for networking with peers, this day is designed to provide actionable strategies, spark innovation, and inspire connections. We're excited to share updates, best practices, and the latest on how SDRMA continues to support you through tailored solutions and member-focused programs.

Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to invest in education and growth. Together, we build stronger communities, and SDRMA is proud to stand alongside you every step of the way.

Let's make this a memorable and impactful day—welcome to Spring Education Day 2025!



Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson  
SDRMA Board President



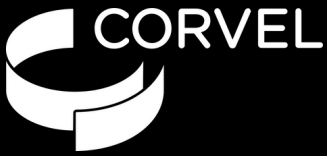
Brian Kelley  
SDRMA CEO

*If we can't mitigate, anticipate, or transfer a risk, bad things can happen. Don't roll the dice with your risk management needs.*

*SDRMA: you can bet on us.*



# TUESDAY, MARCH 25 - WELCOME RECEPTION



*With Entertainment By:*



Charlie Green,  
Senior Vice President

## Our Commitment

*Trusted risk solutions partner for 30 years.*

Minimizing risk is just the beginning. Our ultimate goal is to maximize potential. We do that by starting at the heart of any business: people. We help our clients provide comprehensive care to their employees while reducing costs and improving outcomes. Because when people are well, businesses thrive.



# WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26 - OPENING SESSIONS

**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**     **Atrium/Solarium**

- BREAKFAST BUFFET

**8:30 AM - 9:30 AM**     **Tahoe/Berryessa/Eagle**

- WELCOME & ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
- CSDA/SDLF ACKNOWLEDGMENTS & AWARDS

**9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**     **Tahoe/Berryessa/Eagle**

OPENING SESSION: "I SEE CRIMINAL PEOPLE: SEEING CRIME IN SPECIAL DISTRICTS"

**10:30 AM - 11:00 AM**     **Tahoe/Berryessa/Eagle**

NETWORKING BREAK

Speakers:

Brian Kelley, CEO **SDRMA**  
Sandy A. Seifert-Raffelson,  
Board President **SDRMA**  
Megan Hemming, Chief Professional  
Development Officer **CSDA**

Speaker:

Timothy Nugent, Sr. Investigator & Founder  
**Aletheuo First Investigative Solutions, LLC**

*Visit our SDRMA Department and  
Partner Booths and learn more about  
maximizing your experience!*



For the remainder of the Spring Education Day, please follow the schedule for the classes you chose upon registration.

- Option 1: SDRMA General Safety Specialist Certificate Program,
- Option 2: SDLA Governance Foundations Workshop, or
- Option 3: SDRMA Breakout Sessions



## OPTION 1: SDRMA GENERAL SAFETY SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM *Folsom*

### SDRMA GENERAL SAFETY SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE PROGRAM - Part A

The Safety Specialist Certificate Program was developed with specific course criteria that focuses on the importance of an effective safety program. Attendees will learn about the critical elements of the Injury & Illness Prevention Program as well as other pertinent safety regulations and risk control best practices.

Speaker:  
**Enriqueta Castro**  
Risk Control Manager  
SDRMA



12:00 PM - 1:00 PM *Atrium/Solarium*

### LUNCH/NETWORKING BREAK

Don't forget to visit our staff tables to learn all that you can about SDRMA: Finance, Health Benefits, Member Services, Underwriting, Claims, and Risk Control.

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM *Folsom*

### SDRMA GENERAL SAFETY SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE PROGRAM - Part B

After lunch, we will resume the second half of the SDRMA General Safety Specialist Certificate Program. Upon completion, participants will earn a certificate that can be renewed after 2 years, and member agencies are eligible for Credit Incentive Points.

Speaker:  
**Enriqueta Castro**  
Risk Control Manager  
SDRMA

2:15 PM - 2:30 PM *Atrium/Solarium*

### NETWORKING BREAK

Gather your best hand and bring them to the Member Services table for tabulation. Winners announced at the end of Education Day.

2:30 PM - 3:45 PM *Folsom*

### CAL/OSHA 101

During this informative session, attendees will learn about new and upcoming regulations, the Cal/OSHA inspection process, when to report serious injuries, and other useful tips.

Speaker:  
**Patrick Corcoran, MPH, CIH**  
Senior Safety Engineer  
Cal/OSHA Consultation

## OPTION 2: SDLA GOVERNANCE FOUNDATIONS WORKSHOP

11:00 AM - 3:45 PM *Zinfandel*

### SDLA GOVERNANCE FOUNDATIONS WORKSHOP\*

This course teaches the foundational knowledge and skills that identify and define the essential building blocks of a successful board, focusing on the critical elements of governance: effective trustees, board mindset, structure, process and protocols, individual/ team standards, and the board's role and responsibilities.

**SDLF**  
**SPECIAL DISTRICT  
LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION**

Speaker:  
**Hilary Straus**  
General Manager  
Citrus Heights Water District

\*Free to SDRMA members; additional fee to CSDA Members for Governance Foundations workshop

# OPTION 3: SDRMA BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION 1A *Tahoe*

### **SDRMA Fundamentals 101**

This session is your gateway to discovering the full value of your membership! Learn about the wide range of resources, tools, and cost-saving services like the Credit Incentive Program, our multi-program discount and more! Join this session and start unlocking savings and opportunities today!

## BREAKOUT SESSION 1B *Berryessa*

### **Meet and Greet SDRMA's In-House Workers' Compensation (WC) Team**

Join us in meeting SDRMA's in-house Workers' Compensation team as they share insights into the life cycle of a Workers' Compensation claim. Learn how we collaborate to deliver exceptional service to our members and their injured employees, with a focus on facilitating a timely and successful return to work for injured employees.

## BREAKOUT SESSION 1C *Eagle*

### **Board Member Liability**

The goal of this session is to provide current and newly elected or appointed Board members with a working understanding of the role of an elected officials and potential liability issues facing them. We will also discuss strategies to reduce or avoid liability exposures.

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## BREAKOUT SESSION 2A *Tahoe*

### **SDRMA Fundamentals 201**

Wondering how your coverage works or the best way to schedule your assets to ensure you're fully protected when it matters most? Join us to discover everything you need to know about our package program offerings. Don't miss this opportunity to gain clarity, confidence, and peace of mind.

## BREAKOUT SESSION 2B *Berryessa*

### **Interactive Process and Workers' Compensation**

Join us to gain a clear understanding of your obligations regarding the Interactive Process throughout the life of a workers' compensation claim under both the ADA and FEHA.

This session will provide guidance on facilitating neutral and compliant interactive engagements between members and employees with known disabilities. Learn how to identify options for returning employees to work, with or without accommodations, and work towards the shared goal of finding accommodations that enable employees to perform their jobs effectively. We'll also emphasize the importance of open communication and the exchange of essential information between all parties.

Speaker:

**Maria Williams**  
Member Services Manager  
SDRMA

Speakers:

**Danny Peña**, WC Manager  
**John Peshkoff**, Senior WC Specialist  
**Tamara Bakkie**, Senior WC Specialist  
**Martha Warren**, Senior WC Specialist  
**Marietta Harrison**, Future Medical Claims Specialist  
**Cher Darling**, WC Claims Assistant  
SDRMA

Speaker:

**Debbie Yokota**  
Chief Risk Officer  
SDRMA  
**Carl L. Fessenden**  
Shareholder  
Porter Scott

Speaker:

**Wendy Tucker**  
Underwriting/Program Manager  
SDRMA

Speaker:

**Steve P. Monjaras**  
Disability Compliance Consultant  
Return-to-Work Partners  
**Julie T. Carbonara**  
Partner Karlin, Hiura & LaSota, LLP  
**Danny Peña**  
WC Manager  
SDRMA

# OPTION 3: SDRMA BREAKOUT SESSIONS - CONTINUED

1:00 PM - 2:15 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION 2C *Eagle*

### **Medical Premiums Continually on the Rise: Added-Value Programs That Can Positively Impact Renewals**

Each year medical premiums are on the rise, but what can an agency do to have lower renewals/premiums? Come learn about Added-Value programs SDRMA's benefits program has in place to help mitigate claims and lower renewals. Even if your agency doesn't offer medical benefits through SDRMA, this session is open to all attendees.

Speaker:  
**Brent Graham**  
AVP Program Services Manager  
Alliant Insurance Services  
**Alana Little**  
Health Benefits Manager  
SDRMA



2:15 PM - 2:30 PM

## NETWORKING BREAK *Atrium/Solarium*

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2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

## BREAKOUT SESSION 3A *Eagle*

### **SDRMA, CSDA, and CSDAFC: How Does the Alliance Alphabet Soup Work Together?**



The California Special Districts Alliance is a collaborative partnership between the California Special Districts Association (CSDA), CSDA Finance Corporation, and Special District Risk Management Authority (SDRMA). Empowering special districts by providing comprehensive support in risk management, advocacy, professional development, and financial solutions. Together, we ensure members have the tools, resources, and protections needed to thrive and serve their communities. Attend this session to learn more about the California Special Districts Alliance.

Speaker:  
**Maria Williams**  
Member Services Manager  
SDRMA  
**Michael Meyer**  
Senior Member Services Specialist  
CSDA

## BREAKOUT SESSION 3B *Folsom*

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## BREAKOUT SESSION 3C *Tahoe*

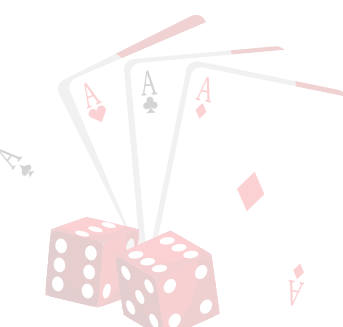
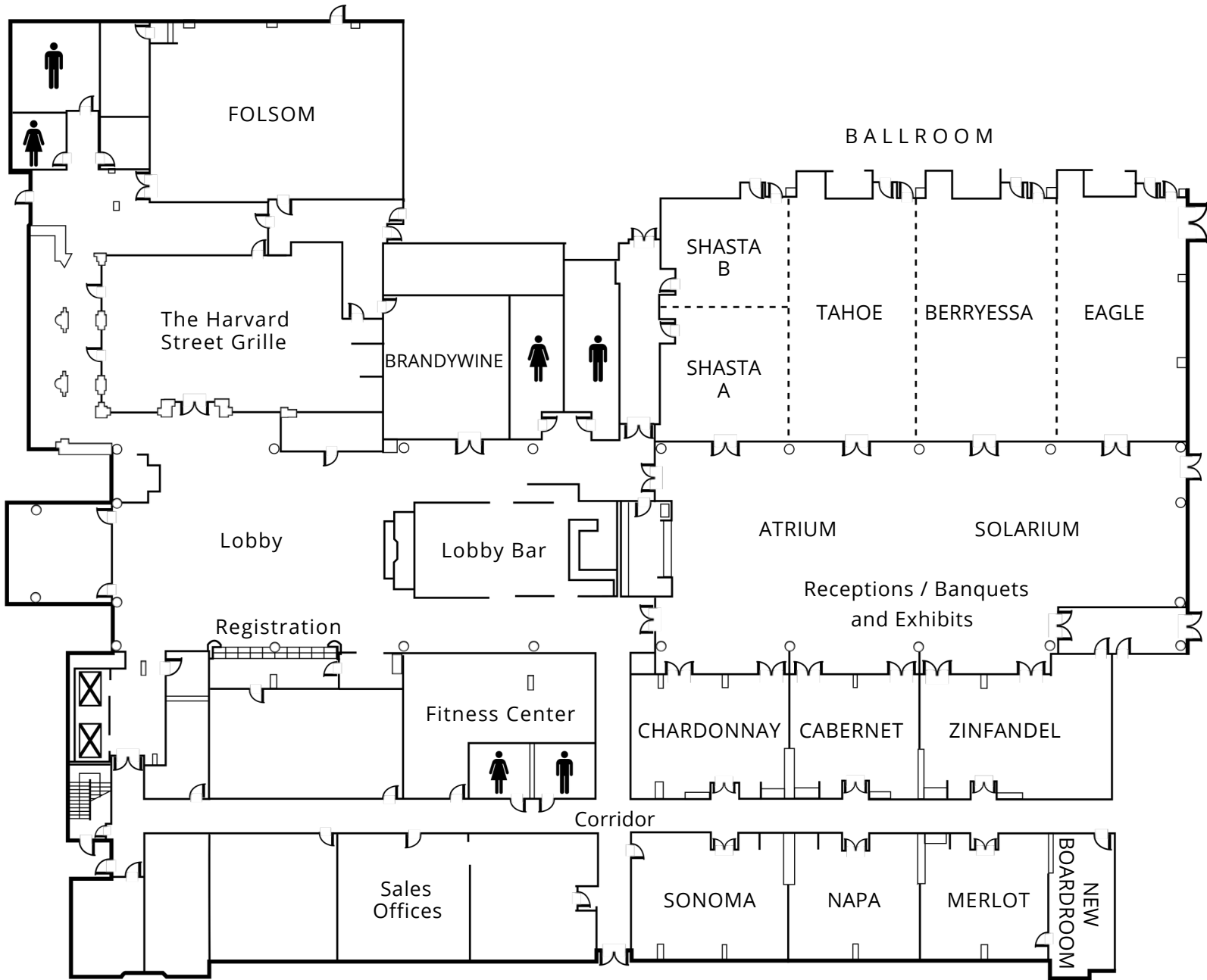
### **Employment Law Update**

Stay ahead with key updates! This session covers 2024's new employment laws and significant case law developments, equipping you with essential insights to navigate the evolving legal landscape.

Speaker:  
**Roberto Lozano**  
Liability Claims Manager  
SDRMA



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