



# DCA MID YEAR

**JULY 20 - 23, 2026**

**EVERLINE RESORT & SPA  
LAKE TAHOE, CA.**





Escape to Everline Resort & Spa in Lake Tahoe. Nestled in Olympic Valley at the base of Palisades Tahoe, the site of the 1960 Winter Olympics and one of North America's largest ski destinations. The resort is surrounded by breathtaking alpine scenery. Everline Resort offers a refined yet welcoming retreat, with year-round experiences for families, friends, and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

The DCA Mid Year Meeting is your opportunity to reconnect with peers who have become lifelong friends while building new relationships within the industry. Throughout the week, hear from industry experts and gain valuable insights on the issues shaping our industry and your business. As a DCA member, you are encouraged to take part in committee meetings, an essential forum for guiding the future of both the association and the industry. Be sure to attend the DCA Town Hall for important updates, as well as the business session covering key economic trends and forecasts impacting the gas industry.

Beyond the meeting rooms, explore a range of offsite experiences unique to Lake Tahoe. From outdoor adventures to moments of relaxation, these activities are designed to help you connect with nature, recharge, and enjoy meaningful time with those around you.

### Registration Fees

Member Couples:	\$2,500 (single or couple)
Guests 21 & older:	\$1,250
Age 16 – 20:	\$850
Age 6 – 15:	\$350
Age 5 & younger:	No Charge

Registration placed after June 19, 2026, will increase to the following rates.

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Member Couples:	\$2,600 (single or couple)
Guests 21 & older:	\$1,350
Age 16 – 20:	\$900
Age 6 – 15:	\$350
Age 5 & younger:	No Charge

### DCA Mid Year Meeting Registration is Online

Go to [dcaweb.org/events/mid-year-meeting](https://dcaweb.org/events/mid-year-meeting) and click "Register Now". Follow the online instructions to complete your registration. If you have questions, please contact [info@dcaweb.org](mailto:info@dcaweb.org).

### Hotel Rates & Reservations

#### Room Category:

Deluxe Guestroom (King or Queens)	\$299.00
Fireplace Suite	\$399.00
Deluxe Fireplace Suite	\$469.00

Additional Suite rates upon request

Discounted Resort Fee of \$20.00 per night includes the following:

- Premium internet access in guestrooms and resort public areas
- Village of Palisades Tahoe shuttle service (first-come, first-serve)
- 24 hour access to resort health club facilities
- Access to dry steam sauna in hotel spa
- Complimentary golf club storage
- Tennis court fees
- Daily recreation, poolside activities and lawn games
- 10% discount on all non-sale apparel items at Squaw Creek Sports Pro Shop

Room rates are exclusive of 12.195% tax.

Want to arrive early or stay a few days later, the room rates apply for up to three days before and three days after conference dates, subject to availability.

### How to Place Hotel Reservations

#### GROUP LINK:

<https://www.hyatt.com/events/en-US/group-booking/RNODH/G-R3GC>

The reservation link will add the \$20 resort fee per night to the total nightly rate.

If you would like to extend your stay on either side of the event dates or request suite accommodation, please call the reservations department directly. Let them know you will be attending the Distribution Contractors Association meeting. Call the reservations department by phoning **1(800) 404-8006**.

**Reservation Cutoff date is Friday, June 19, 2026.** Reservation requests after the cut-off date will be accepted at the group room rates on a space-available basis.

A one-night room/package & tax deposit is due upon reservation. This deposit will be charged to the credit card provided upon booking. The Everline Resort & Spa has a 3 day prior to arrival cancellation policy. All cancellations must be made within 3 days prior to 11:59pm local time before date of arrival to receive a full refund on the credit card provided. Some cancellation policies may vary based on the room package booked.

### Time & Weather

Temperature: Average daytime is in the high 70s° Evening: mid 40s°  
Always a chance of showers. Temperatures drop in the mountains when the sun goes down, so remember to bring clothing layers. Also, it can be windy near the lake and at higher altitudes.

Sunrise: 5:50 am Sunset: 8:20 pm Time Zone: Pacific Daylight Time

### Hotel & Airports

Everline Resort & Spa  
400 Resort Road  
Olympic Valley, CA 96146

Reno-Tahoe International Airport (RNO) is the closest international airport to Lake Tahoe, located 50 miles from the resort. Driving time to Lake Tahoe is approximately 1 hour.

Another nearby airport is Sacramento International Airport (SMF), located 115 miles from the resort. Driving time from Sacramento to the resort is approximately 2 hours.

Renting a car is recommended from both airport destinations for the most convenient travel experience. While Uber and Lyft services may be available, availability can vary depending on the time of day and demand. It is highly recommended to schedule Ubers or Lyfts if using to depart the resort and return to the airport.

### Attire

The attire for the Mid Year Meeting is casual. Clothing and footwear should be appropriate for the temperature, chance of showers and activity. For any activities on the water, a light jacket is always recommended as well as for any outdoor evening events.



# Preliminary Schedule of Events

## SUNDAY, JULY 19

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Executive Committee *
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Board of Directors *
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Leadership Council Joins Board of Directors *
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Board of Directors' & Leadership Dinner *

## MONDAY, JULY 20

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Town Hall
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Business Session
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Welcome Dinner

## TUESDAY, JULY 21

7:30 am – 9:15 am	Welcome Buffet Breakfast
9:30 am – 10:15 am	Safety & Risk Management Committee Meeting
10:15 am – 11:15 am	Trenchless & HDD Committee Meeting
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Workforce & Leadership Development Committee Meeting
12:30 pm – 5:30 pm	Optional Activity: Fly Fishing **
12:35 pm – 4:35 pm	Optional Activity: Guided Kayak **
12:40 pm – 4:40 pm	Optional Activity: Guided Hike **
12:45 pm	Optional Activity: Golf Outing, Links at Everline **
Evening	Free Night

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

7:30 am – 9:15 am	Group Buffet Breakfast
9:30 am – 10:45 am	Innovation & Technology Committee Meeting
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Government Relations Committee Meeting
12:30 pm – 4:30 pm	Optional Activity: Sailing on Lake Tahoe **
12:35 pm – 4:35 pm	Optional Activity: Brewery Tour **
12:40 pm – 4:40 pm	Optional Activity: Guided Hike **
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Closing Dinner

## THURSDAY, JULY 23

Departure arrangements on own

\* Closed meeting

\*\* Optional Activity



## Free Night

If you're looking for a fun and easy way to spend your free evening (Tuesday) during the Mid Year Meeting, we encourage you to check out Bluesdays in The Village at Palisades. This lively summer concert series is a local favorite and a great option for all ages.

Held every Tuesday evening, Bluesdays brings talented blues artists from across the country to the stage for a night of outstanding live music in a relaxed, outdoor setting. It's free to attend and offers the perfect opportunity to unwind, explore the Village, and enjoy a memorable Tahoe summer evening.

### [The Village at Palisades Tahoe Map](#)

The Village at Palisades Tahoe is located approximately one mile from the resort. It is safe to walk but highly suggest utilizing the shuttle after sunset. The hotel shuttle is complimentary and available to and from the Village on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please confirm times with the front desk for the final pickup time from the Village.

If you want to dine somewhere other than the Village, head closer to the lake in Tahoe City, where you can enjoy dinner and take in a beautiful sunset over the water at one of the many waterfront restaurants.

Please keep in mind that July is peak season in Lake Tahoe, and reservations are highly recommended.

### [Lake Tahoe Restaurant Guide](#)



# Mid Year Speakers

## Business Session Discussion Monday, July 20

### Dan Shumate



Dan Shumate, DCA Associate Member and managing Director of FMI Capital Advisors. Dan focuses on mergers and acquisitions in the utility transmission and distribution sectors as well as business continuity transactions for construction and engineering companies. And, if that is not exciting enough, Dan, served as a captain and pilot of Black Hawk helicopters for the Tennessee Army National Guard.

### Mark Bridgers Principal, Continuum Capital



Mark Bridgers is a consultant to the design and construction industry and leads a Utility Vertical Market team. He works primarily with gas/electric utilities, power generators, pipeline companies, and energy companies to support the planning, design, and construction of capital assets. In addition, he frequently works with the service providers to these firms including overhead or pipeline contractors, industrial and mechanical contractors, engineering firms, and value-added material and equipment suppliers. As a recognized expert in capital construction and operational challenges, Mark has delivered expert testimony in regulatory proceedings, was honored with the American Gas Association (AGA) Silver Award of Merit and was peer-selected for membership in both the Society of Gas Operators (SOGO) and the Guild of Ancient Suppliers.

## Opening Breakfast Tuesday, July 21

### Christophe Fox



In 2018, Christophe launched his career as the youngest performer to win the “D.C.’s Magician of the Year.” Soon after, he committed to creating engaging short-form content. This venture quickly propelled Christophe to amass over 1 million followers and over 100 million views within the next two years. Now, he focuses on providing the highest level of entertainment for live events nationwide for a clientele that includes celebrities, politicians, and Fortune 500 companies.

## Safety & Risk Management Committee Tuesday, July 21

### Guest Speaker: Mitch Cowart, Caterpillar Presentation: *Do We Really Value Safety?*



The construction industry talks a lot about safety — but does that message actually land with the people it’s meant to protect? Mitch Cowart challenges the industry’s conventional thinking and presents a fresh approach rooted in deeper human values and motivations. Expect a candid conversation that may change how you think about safety culture from the ground up.

# Mid Year Speakers

## Trenchless & HDD Committee Tuesday, July 21

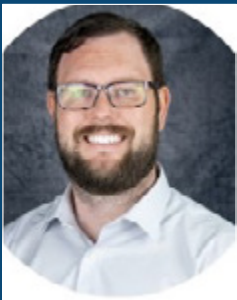
Guest Speaker: Dr. Sam Ariaratnam, Arizona State University  
Presentation: *Horizontal Directional Drilling: Past, Present, and Future*



With 29 years in construction engineering and a passion for HDD that spans three decades, Dr. Sam Ariaratnam is one of HDD technology's most respected global voices. A professor at Arizona State University and active industry consultant, he has led research projects worldwide and lectured around the globe. In this session, he'll deliver a comprehensive look at where HDD has been, where it stands today, and where it's going — essential perspective for anyone working in trenchless technology.

## Workforce & Leadership Development Committee Tuesday, July 21

Guest Speaker: Fred Arnold, Executive Director, Learning Alliance Corporation  
Presentation: *Workforce Development – Bridging the Technological Gap*



As Executive Director of the Learning Alliance Corporation, Fred Arnold leads a hands-on training institution built around one goal: equipping professionals with the skills the industry actually needs. Through strategic partnerships with SETE, PCCA, APCA, and the FBA, LAC aligns credentials with employer demands and delivers strong placement outcomes. This session will address how distribution contractors can meet the workforce challenges that come with an aging workforce and rapid technological change.

## Innovation & Technology Committee Wednesday, July 22

Panel Discussion: DCA Member Contractors & AI Solution Providers  
Panel Topic: *Real-World AI Applications and Lessons from the Field*



What does AI actually look like on a job site? This panel cuts through the hype and gets straight to what matters — real tools, real results, and real lessons learned from contractors already deploying AI in the field. Panelists will cover what's working, what isn't, and where the technology is headed. Whether you're exploring AI for the first time or already mid-implementation, you'll leave with practical insight and a clearer path forward.

## Government Relations Committee Wednesday, July 22

Guest Speaker: Sam Hall, Common Ground Alliance (*invited*)  
Presentation: *Updates from CGA's Damage Prevention Institute (DPI) and Damage Prevention Action Network (DPAC)*



CGA will provide updates on two programs central to DCA members' work in damage prevention. DPI addresses systemic inefficiencies in the damage prevention process through participant accreditation, performance measurement, and peer reviews. Launched in January 2023, the program has strong contractor participation — but greater operator involvement, particularly around facility mapping and GIS adoption, remains a key priority.

DPAC advances damage prevention through legislative advocacy, public awareness, 811 promotion, stakeholder partnerships, and industry training. As excavators now represent CGA's largest stakeholder group, the conversation has expanded well beyond "call before you dig" — with a growing focus on improved facility mapping by operators. This is a discussion worth showing up for.

# Optional Activities



## Golf Outing at The Links at Everline Golf Course

Tuesday, July 21

Tee Times: 12:45 pm – 1:35 pm

Experience serenity and challenge at The Links at Everline, a premier championship golf course set beneath the majestic Palisades Tahoe. Surrounded by six breathtaking Sierra peaks, this meticulously designed course blends seamlessly with Olympic Valley's natural beauty. Created by renowned architect Robert Trent Jones Jr. to preserve its wetlands and wildlife habitat. Crafted over a decade, The Links at Everline offers both stunning scenery and a demanding play, with its rugged terrain, elevation changes, and natural hazards providing a true test for golfers of all skill levels.

This is a golf outing, not a tournament. Tee times are consecutive between 12:45 and 1:35 pm. You will select your tee time during the DCA registration. Boxed lunch included.

\$295 per person; club rentals \$50

Transfer time: walking



## Guided Fly-Fishing Adventure

Tuesday, July 21

Departure: 12:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Let the experienced guides show you to the coveted locations along the Truckee River for walk & wade fly-fishing. Their local knowledge allows you to try your hand at catching wild rainbow trout, wild brown trout, and possibly cutthroat. Learn techniques such as streaming, nymph, or dry fly depending on conditions, of course using catch & release.

All fishing equipment: rods, tackle, boots and waders, and fishing license included.

\$345 per person

Transfer time: 15 minutes

Note: Boxed lunch included.

Please bring: Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen), weather appropriate clothing, wool socks, base layer (light comfortable pants, shorts, leggings – jeans not recommended); Small pack for personal items.  
Minimum age: none



## Clear Kayak Tour

Tuesday, July 21

Departure: 12:35 pm – 4:35 pm

Experience Tahoe in this fantastic clear kayak tour offers stunning views of the High Sierra and crystal clear water. Quick lesson before heading out for a paddle. Along the way, your guides will discuss geology, ecology, and other aspects of the natural world as well as fascinating human history topics. Depending on the lake's conditions, you may paddle along the expansive shoreline of King's Beach or the picturesque coastline towards Carnelian Bay. Gaze through your clear kayak upwards of 70 feet down to Tahoe's lake floor on this picturesque tour!

Participation requirements: Must know how to swim, life jacket provided; Minimum age: 8.

\$230 per person

Transfer time: 20 minutes

Note: Boxed lunch included.

Bring sunscreen, brimmed hat, sunglasses, water shoes, and swimsuit. Dry bag recommended.



## Guided Hiking in Olympic Valley

Tuesday, July 21, and Wednesday, July 22

Departure: 12:40 pm – 4:40 pm

One of Lake Tahoe's best half-day hikes, the Shirley Canyon trail takes you along the creek through the forest past flowing waterfalls and blooming wildflowers with endless natural beauty for you to enjoy. The trail opens into huge granite boulders on the way to the stunning high alpine Shirley Lake. This is a moderate/intermediate hike which will be customized for the level of the group.

Participation requirements: Minimum age: 6.

\$140 per person

Transfer time: 10 minutes

Note: Boxed lunch included.

Bring sunscreen, brimmed hat, sunglasses, hiking boots with good traction, small backpack, and light jacket.



## Sailing on Lake Tahoe

Wednesday, July 22

Departure: 12:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Lake Tahoe offers a unique sailing experience with a consistent afternoon breeze that creates a fantastic environment to highlight the performance of the Santa Cruz 50' monohull "Tahoe Cruz."

The Santa Cruz 50' was a top race boat in its day, designed for high-performance, off-shore racing. Join us in comfort and style with no better way to take in nature's beauty than with the wind in your hair and a drink in your hand. Lake Tahoe is the second largest lake in North America at 22 miles long and 12 miles wide with the clearest water you've ever seen surrounded by picturesque mountains.

\$265 per person

Transfer time: 20 minutes

Note: Boxed lunch included.

Bring sunscreen, brimmed hat, sunglasses; children 12 & under required to wear life jackets.



## Truckee Brewery Tour

Wednesday, July 22

Departure: 12:35 pm – 4:35 pm

Whether you're a craft beer enthusiast or seeking authentic mountain flavors, Truckee's breweries offer something extraordinary on this guided brewery tour. You'll visit 2 local breweries in the Truckee area, where you'll sample a diverse selection of beer styles while learning about the art and science behind each pour. Enjoy exclusive, behind-the-scenes access as brewery experts share insights into their unique brewing techniques and the craftsmanship that goes into creating the perfect ale. Along the way, your knowledgeable guide will also provide engaging commentary on the region's natural landscape and local history.

\$195 per person

Minimum age: 21; i.d. required

Transfer time: 15 minutes

Note: Boxed lunch included.

# DIY Activities On Property



## Hotel Resort Activities:

<https://www.everlinerestort.com/resort-activities/activities/summer/>

Recreation Office open daily from 8am – 8pm; 530-584-4024

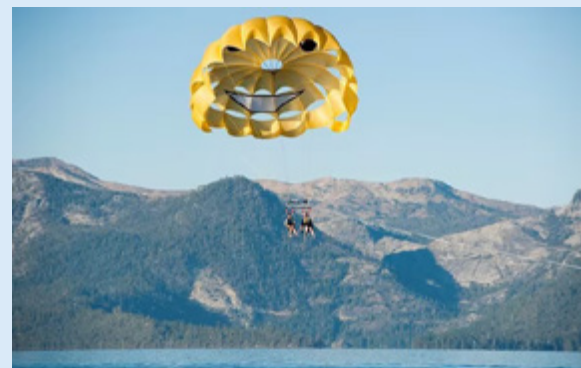
A few of the hotel offerings:

- **Archery** - Sharpen your aim and enjoy a fun, hands-on experience with our guided archery class, perfect for all skill levels! \$25 per person (12 and older)
- **Bikes** - The resort offers cruiser bikes, mountain bikes, e-bikes, kid carts (note: all bike rentals are on a first-come first-serve basis.)
- **Hiking** - Explore the resort's nature trail, linking you to various trails around Olympic Valley's peaks.
- **Pickle ball** - Sign up for Pickleball, available Monday through Sunday from 11 AM to 7 PM.
- **Stand-up Paddleboarding** - Inflatable stand-up paddleboards available on a first-come, first-served basis and weather permitting.
- **Swimming** - Oasis Pool Complex features a large recreation pool, plunge pool, 90-foot waterslide, children's pool and 3 outdoor all-season whirlpools.

## Tahoe Area:

Parasailing - Soar above Lake Tahoe's crystal-clear waters with our exhilarating parasailing adventure! Enjoy gentle take-offs and landings, breathtaking views, and the chance to capture unforgettable moments. Fly solo or tandem or ride along as an observer while friends and family float up to 1,000 feet tethered safely by our expert crew.

<https://www.zephyrcove.com/zephyr-cove-marina/parasailing>





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