



## 2016 San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference

August 3-5, 2016 | Durango and Silverton, Colorado

*“Developing Innovative Partnerships & Solutions”*

The legacy of mining in the San Juan Mountains is stitched into the fabric of our communities today. The metal-laden rocks that form this unique corridor of the Rocky Mountains provided economic opportunities that attracted people to take residence in this harsh environment and build lifestyles that centered on extracting minerals from the mountains. Society’s dependence on these natural resources has created environmental consequences that impact the quality of life and health throughout our local watersheds.

In August 2015, the residents of San Juan and La Plata counties in Colorado and downstream neighbors in New Mexico watched in dismay as the Animas River – considered the life blood of their communities – turned orange as millions of gallons of toxic heavy metal-laden mine waste flowed down from an accidental mine adit breach at the defunct Gold King Mine in Silverton. This incident, which gained prolonged international attention, served as a reminder of the unaddressed environmental impacts left by mining and need for remediation throughout the San Juan Mountains. We were also reminded of the necessity to assess how and where heavy metal contamination is threatening healthy ecosystems so we understand how to preserve and improve water quality and supply.

In its sixth year, the 2016 San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference will continue to build on the shared understanding of the impacts of our local mining history. This year’s conference will consider the Gold King Mine spill to understand how mine disturbances affect our communities, especially our water resources, and ways to engage stakeholders to prepare and implement innovative responses. There will be opportunities to discuss, educate and collaborate on the importance of maintaining a balance between mineral extraction practices and their effects on water systems and other natural resources.

Join us for a daylong conference near Durango on August 4<sup>th</sup> and field trips into the Durango and Silverton mining districts on August 5<sup>th</sup> to observe the anniversary of the Gold King Mine incident with networking and learning about the nexus between mining and water resources and positive ways for our communities in southwest Colorado to prepare and respond.



## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference

*“Developing Innovative Responses to the Legacy of Mining”*

### **Sponsorship Opportunities**

The San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference is a multi-watershed collaboration to create a forum for discussing and sharing innovative solutions to the impacts of mining such as developing reclamation projects and addressing water quality concerns. We seek to bring together mining industry, government agencies, nonprofits and citizens for this important discussion as well as for building partnerships among the diverse stakeholders. This year’s conference will be held in Durango, Colorado on August 3-5, 2016.

Sponsorship support is critical to the San Juan Mining and Reclamation Conference, allowing organizers to create a valuable event with no conference fees charged to participants. By financially supporting the conference, sponsors have the opportunity to distribute information and promotional materials to an expected 150-plus individuals from businesses and agencies across Colorado. The following benefits are available to sponsors at various levels, to provide several options to fit different budgets.

#### **Supporter** **\$100**

We know you support us, and we thank you!

How we will recognize your contribution:

- Name in the conference packet
- Name on the conference website
- Recognition on our Facebook page

#### **Après** **\$250**

We love our water and our beer, too. Consider sponsoring a night of further collaboration over local Durango beer. This is where great ideas are born and partnerships are made.

- Name *and* logo in the conference packet
- Name, logo *and* active link to website on the conference website
- Recognition on our Facebook page
- Discounted exhibitor table (\$100 instead of \$250)

#### **Tapas** **\$500**

People like to eat good food and drink delicious beverages during conferences. Being a food/drink sponsor is a great way to please a crowd.

- Name *and* logo in the conference packet
- Name, logo *and* active link to website on the conference website
- Recognition with active link to sponsor website or Facebook page on our Facebook page
- FREE exhibitor table (instead of \$250)
- Logo on the snack tables

#### **Friend** **\$1,000**

Our friends know we’re putting together a great conference to discuss important issues that will improve our beloved San Juan Mountains.

- Name *and* logo in the conference packet
- Name, logo *and* active link to website on the conference website

- Recognition with active link to sponsor website or Facebook page on our Facebook page
- FREE exhibitor table (instead of \$250)
- Name and logo at the social hour location
- Recognition during conference breaks and social hour

**Media Sponsor** **\$1,500**

Once we leave the conference, our message lives on. We share speaker's presentation online for everyone to learn more about the work being done by our participants.

- Name *and* logo in the conference packet
- Name, logo *and* active link to website on the conference website
- Recognition with active link to sponsor website or Facebook page on our Facebook page
- FREE exhibitor table (instead of \$250)
- Recognition during conference breaks
- Name *and* logo on the conference video
- Name on conference You Tube channel

**EVENT SPONSOR** **\$2,000 +**

You make this conference happen. Your donation will supply the paper packets and support the many hours spent creating this forum. To thank you for your amazing support, we will be limiting this sponsor level exclusively to three organizations/companies.

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- Recognition with active link to sponsor website or Facebook page on our Facebook page
- FREE exhibitor table (instead of \$250)
- Name *and* logo on the conference video
- Name on conference You Tube channel
- Special recognition during conference breaks and social hour
- Recognition in all conference press releases

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