CWEA Santa Clara Valley Section
Laboratory Committee Meeting

"Advanced Chromatographic Solutions for Environmental Samples Analysis"

Date/Time	Location
November 13th, 2026, **10:00am to 2:30pm**	**Santa Clara Valley Water District,** **(Blossom Hill Annex - Evergreen Room)** **1020 Blosom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95123**

Attendees:

Surjit Saini (Chair)
Xin Xu (Co Chair)
Ngoc Le (Secretary)
Ricardo Valadez (Technical Program Coordinator)
Ekong Bassey (Technical Program Coordinator)

(Coffee) Meet and Greet: 9:30am to 10:00am

Introduction: 10:00am to 10:10am

- Host: Surjit Saini

Presentation: (10:15am to 11:25am)

- *Optimizing Chromatographic Conditions for Drinking Water.*
  - Chris English (Senior R&D Manager, Restek Corporation)

Break: 5 mins (11:25am to 11:30am)

Presentation: (11:30am to 12:10pm)

- *Microplastics in the environment-Overview of analytical techniques (with focus on Pyrolysis GC–MS (Py-GC–MS) to identify and quantitate microplastics).*
  - Ed George (Environmental and Food Safety Regulatory Marketing Manager, ThermoFisher Scientific).

Lunch Break: 45 min (12:10am to 12:55am) – Courtesy of Restek

Presentation: (12:55pm to 1:35pm)

- *PFAS Regulations update and automated sample preparation workflows for EPA 1633.*
  - Ed George (Environmental and Food Safety Regulatory Marketing Manager, ThermoFisher Scientific).

Presentation: 1:35pm: to 2:05pm)

- *Navigating the Methylene Chloride Ban: Modern GC Strategies for Environmental Semi volatiles.*
  - (Agustin Pierri PhD, Laboratory Technical Director, Weck Laboratories)

Closing/Announcement: (2:05pm to 2:30pm)

- Host: Surjit Saini