

**Rick Rust**

**Public Affairs Project Manager--Aera Energy LLC**

Rick Rust is responsible for public affairs in Santa Barbara County.

Before joining public affairs, Rick spent 17 years on the operations side of the business. His rich field experience brings a strong understanding of the industry and Aera's operations. He was a mechanic in Ventura, a supervisor for heavy oil and diatomite thermal recovery at Belridge, and a supervisor overseeing Aera-wide maintenance plans and strategies. In his Aera Academy role as an instructor, he developed a field operations training curriculum to help employees learn about oil production and the life cycle of an oilfield.



A native of the central coast, Rick Rust grew up in a local farming and ranching family. Rick holds a bachelor's degree in business management from University of Phoenix and an MBA in organizational leadership from National University.