



# CEAC Newsletter

## June 2014

Editor: Ken Miller

### President's Message

By

**Scott D. McGolpin**

It has certainly been a very busy six months since our Fall Conference in San Jose when I was honored to become your President for 2014 - CEAC's centennial year.

Shortly after the fall conference, I had the opportunity to present the *California Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment* to Senate Budget Committee 2. As a member of a panel comprised of transportation professionals from around the state, including Will Kempton, Executive Director of Transportation California, and Andre Boutros, Executive Director of the California Transportation Commission, it was encouraging to hear the Senators agree that the time to address California's transportation maintenance issues is now; that we shouldn't be adding to our system without considering how it will be maintained. I'm hopeful that these statements come to fruition in the near future.

In February, Santa Barbara County hosted the First Annual CEAC President's Retreat. With the goal of performing a mid-year review of legislative priorities, and providing current leadership with a better understanding of their upcoming roles in the association, I invited CEAC's Immediate Past President, President-Elect, Secretary and CSAC staff to Santa Barbara for a day and half retreat. While our three conferences a year are great educational and networking tools, this small-group setting allowed me to share some leadership insight with Mike Penrose and Matt Machado, and for Tom Mattson to share his leadership journey with each of us. I believe we accomplished that, and all of our officers expressed an interest in continuing this leadership retreat into the future.

Sacramento was host to this year's CEAC Spring Conference, held March 25-27, 2014 in conjunction with the League of California Cities Public Works Officer's Institute. This year's conference was attended by over 180 registrants, including full, one-day and sponsor registrations; the largest

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## President's Message (cont.)

turnout we've experienced in many years. Some highlights of the conference included:

- Presentation of the *Inaugural Local Streets and Roads Project Awards*. The awards program recognized the "Best of the Best" local streets and road projects from around California's cities and counties. The award winners showed a tremendous amount of creativity in delivering more "project" with limited resources.
- A big thank you goes out to the CLODS for presenting one of the funniest *Buffalo Bull Award* ceremonies in the association's history. Congratulations to Mike "Tina" Penrose for earning this prestigious award for 2014.
- The spring conference closed with Senator Hannah Beth Jackson's presentation of a *Senate Resolution* honoring CEAC's centennial. A large group of CEAC members and affiliates watched as Senator Jackson presented the resolution to CEAC's officers on the senate floor.

Thank you to each of you who made it to Sacramento. It was a great conference with excellent breakout sessions that were extremely relevant to what we do every day. A big thank you goes out to our outstanding CSAC staff and the 2014 spring conference planning committee who worked so hard to make this a success!

In April, a large contingency from California made the trek to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to attend this year's NACE conference. In keeping with conference tradition, the California delegation hosted another successful Snap-E-Tom Reception. After a few location changes, the delegation got settled in and it appeared that all attendees enjoyed themselves very much! My thanks go out to the California Delegation who made the trip, and helped make this event such a success.

**Our week was capped off with our own Julie Bueren, Public Works Director, Contra Costa County and former CEAC President, CHIC and CLOD, being elected as the NACE Western Regional Vice President. Congratulations Julie!**

Most recently, I attended the *CSAC Legislative Conference* in Sacramento. *California's drought*, and how best to minimize the impacts it may have on California's communities as we move in to the summer months and beyond, was a focus of this year's conference. We all certainly appreciate the State re-prioritizing existing funding to assist us with our drought emergency needs. However, the Governor has proclaimed the drought a disaster twice now, yet we haven't seen any CDAA funding for the hardest hit communities. We have had twenty-eight Gubernatorial Proclamations, and only three have had CDAA funding. As local agencies, we ALL need to let our State Delegations know how important CDAA funding is to counties in times of emergency. The State Budget is improving, and legislators are discussing creating a Rainy Day fund, however, we must insure that is not created at the expense of local agencies and our infrastructure.

During the CSAC Legislative Conference, Kiana Buss, Legislative Representative for CSAC's Housing, Land Use and Transportation Policy Committee, introduced a possible *Mileage Based Road User Fee*. As we continue to see gas taxes decline in California due to the number of alternative fueled vehicles on the road, and with President Obama's goal to double the efficiency of passenger cars on the road by 2025, we will likely see gas tax revenues cut in half eleven years from now. Now is the time to take a serious look at alternative funding options for transportation in the future. Kiana smartly suggested a workshop on transportation funding options at the CSAC Fall Conference; the committee unanimously agreed that this was a very good idea.

Many thanks to each of you for the tremendous public service you provide to the citizens of your county and this great state. The active participation of each of you in our respective CEAC regional activities and CEAC Policy Committees at our conferences is the basis of CEAC's outstanding reputation and service. Thank you for the continued support! I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the Policy Conference, September 17-18 in Sacramento.

*Have a great summer!*  
~Scott~

## NACE 2014 - Baton Rouge, Louisiana

As noted in President Scott McGolpin's message, at the NACE Annual Meeting in April, **Julie Bueren** was appointed as the **NACE Western Regional Vice President**. She fills the remainder of the term left vacated by Brian Stacy who was elected as the NACE Secretary/Treasurer for 2014/15.

Julie has over 33 years of public works experience. She was appointed Director of Public Works in Contra Costa County overseeing a department of 490 employees with a wide range of responsibilities including: The operations and maintenance of a demanding road network, flood control channels, drainage facilities, parks, buildings, and landscape and lighting districts; Review of private sector development projects; Management of special districts providing park facilities, recreation amenities, and sanitation and water districts; Administrative oversight of two county airports; Real estate services for county projects, and to other county departments and outside agencies; and fleet, purchasing, print and mail, and custodial services.

Julie has been active in CEAC for many years and served as CEAC President in 2011, is a CLOD and is one of the founding members of the CHICS. She has served on NACE's safety committee. In 2011, Julie was named as one of APWA's Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year.

Julie was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay area. She earned a Civil Engineering Degree from the University of California, Davis, in 1981. Julie and husband Ralph enjoy cycling, hiking and cross country skiing and operate a small winery in Mendocino County.



*Congratulations Julie,  
You Done Good!!!*



The Snap-E-Tom "Krewe" in Baton Rouge

## Member Spotlight

### New Principal Member

#### Raul Rojas

Public Works Director  
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## Member Spotlight

### APWA Top Ten Public Works Leaders 2014

On May 1st, the American Public Works Association announced the selection of the 2014 Top Ten Public Works Leaders. This year marks the 54th anniversary of the award and is one of the most coveted and prestigious awards presented by the APWA.

Since its inception, the APWA has honored 540 men and women who reflect the highest standards of professional conduct for public works officials. The honoree have been recognized for discharging critical responsibilities in connection to the design, construction, maintenance and /or operation of major public works projects or activities in large and small municipalities.

This years honorees include two of our own CEAC members:

**Ken Grehm, P.E., Director of Public Works for Placer County.**

**Daniel Woldesenbet, Public Works Agency Director for Alameda County.**

The following note regarding the above recognition was received by President McGolpin:

*Scott,  
Please pass on my congratulations to Ken Grehm and Dan Woldesenbet for their selection this year as APWA Top Ten Public Works Leaders. As always, the CEAC organization and its many 'outstanding' public works directors leads the pack. I have very fond memories of visits with CEAC and your wonderful organization.*

*My best wishes to all,*

*Regards, Tony Giancola  
NACE Executive Director (Retired)*

### New Regional Director

Sacramento-Motherlode Region:

#### **Panos Kokkas**

Assistant Director of Public Works  
Yolo County

## 2014 Buffalo Bull Awardee



Mike "Tina" Penrose  
Sacramento County

## Member Spotlight



CEAC officers Matt Machado, Tom Mattson, Mike Penrose, and Scott McGolpin are presented with Senate proclamation honoring CEAC's centennial year by Senator Hannah Jackson.

CEAC members pose with Senate proclamation on steps of State Capital.



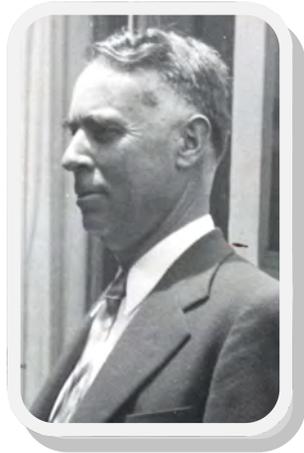
County winners of the 2014 Streets and Roads Project Awards

(L to R.) CEAC President Scott McGolpin, Greg Kelley (Los Angeles Co), Scott Hightower (Butte Co), Richard Moreland and Stephanie Holloway (Placer Co)

## CEAC 100 Years

During its 100 year history, CEAC has been served by individuals that had exceptional talent and not only supported the CEAC organization, but served their counties, communities and local organizations with the highest engineering and professional expertise. Following are brief biographies of three of these individuals:

**Charles Wesley Petit**  
Ventura County  
CEAC President 1923-24



Charles Wesley Petit was born in Ramey, Pennsylvania in 1881. He came to Ventura County when he was one year old, often remarking that he was “almost a native”. He spent his childhood on the Oxnard plains farm of his father, Frank. Mr. Petit was a member of the 10th graduating class of Ventura High School in 1899 and later attended both the University of California at Berkeley and Cornell University.

Mr. Petit became a registered Civil Engineer and served as County Engineer in Ventura for 20 years from 1915 to 1935. He left county service to work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Soil Conservation Service from which he retired in 1944.

He was later appointed to fill a vacancy in the Ventura City Council and was eventually elected Mayor by his fellow councilmen. He ended up serving as the Mayor of Ventura for 16 years from 1953 to 1969.

**Christopher Peter Jensen**  
Fresno County  
CEAC President 1929-30



Christopher Jensen was born in Somersville, Ca. in 1873. Somersville was a small mercury mining town in eastern Contra Costa County, in the hills between the towns of Pittsburg and Antioch. He moved to Fresno with his family in 1877 where he attended local schools, eventually earning a degree from an engineering school in San Francisco.

From 1901 to 1904, Jensen worked for the Madera Sugar Pine Lumber Company, building small gauge railways and flumes to transport lumber from the east county forests to the saw mill in Madera. This work led to his next position as Chief Engineer for the Fresno Traction Company (electric street cars) from 1904 to 1908. In 1908, Jensen went to work as an engineer with the City of Fresno, also providing consulting services for various valley towns. In 1919, Jensen was elected to the position of Fresno County Surveyor and Engineer, a position he would win in the next four elections.

He was a formidable figure in the early days of motorized transportation in Fresno County. As county surveyor and chief road builder, Jensen led a long court fight against the patented paving interests, scoring a win for Fresno County and eliminating the paying of high royalties for highway pavement. He developed the Jensenite paving process, which was widely used and eliminated the payment of royalties to private paving concerns, saving taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars in various sections of Fresno County roads

Jensen passed away in 1937.

# CEAC 100 Years

## John L. McBride

Orange County  
CEAC President 1926-27



John L. McBride (1886-1962) a California native, served the residents of Santa Ana in several appointed and elected positions, including the Board of Education, City Council and City Engineer as well as serving as the Orange County Surveyor.

McBride was an elected Orange County Surveyor from 1911 to 1921. During that tie his work also included managing the county's construction of 40.8 miles pf permanent concrete paving and many miles of asphaltic concrete.

According to historian, Charles Swanner, Mohn McBride commanded Orange County's Company F, Ninth Infantry, National Guard during Mexican Border trouble from June through October in 1916. Swanner recites that the "boys from Santa Ana served creditably".

During McBride's tenure in Orange County, Ben Blow, Manager of the Good Roads Bureau of the California State Automobile Association described the county's 160.9 miles of roadways are "paved up to 22 feet in width, where traffic justifies...for a splendid system". He further stated "the county system now links every town in the county to every other town".

Also during his tenure, the Board of Supervisors commissioned McBride to perform a route survey of the coast within Orange County to be "laid out along purely scenic lines following the curve of the coast, disclosing a continuous panorama of splendid views."

Backed by well defined public sentiment, the men

of Orange County at that time "had one object in mind, to make of Orange County the banner county of good roads in California". This coastal road was completed as a State Highway in 1926.

McBride served as President of the County Engineers Association in 1926-27. He later served as Santa Ana City Engineer and concurrently served several terms on the City Council, concluding in 1956.

*\*This information regarding J.L. McBride was compiled by Carl Nelson, former Orange County Surveyor, and Charles Beal, Orange County Surveyor's Office.*

We are continuing to gather historical information about CEAC's first 100 years and are still searching for photographs of the following CEAC Presidents. Any assistance you could provide in locating any of these in your Department or County archives would be greatly appreciated.

- Arthur E. Cowell, Merced County, 1921-22
- H.F. Cozzens, Monterey County, 1933-34
- Marshall Wallace, Sonoma County, 1950-51
- Earle A. Burt, Los Angeles County, 1951-52
- Joseph H. Mack, San Diego County, 1953-54
- Carl L. Lind, Fresno County, 1957
- Charles S. Dumble, Kern County, 1958-59
- David K. Speer, San Diego County, 1968-69
- Clinton D. Beery, Fresno County, 1972-73
- S.H. Cantwell, San Mateo County, 1977-78

Also, better photographs of the following are also desired:

- Alfred Jones, Los Angeles County, 1941-42
- Robert L. Ryan, Ventura County, 1949-50
- A.E. Rhodes, Jr., Yolo County, 1957-58
- A.S. Koch, Orange County, 1962-63
- H. Van Reyper, Jr., Yolo County, 1969-70

# Droppings



By

**Dave 'Road Runner' Gravenkamp**

CEAC Historian

## **“Regional CEAC Meetings”**

Editor Ken hasn't yet yelled for another "Droppings" so he is either going to 'press' without one or I made the deadline. As the major source of my recent stories are old CEAC Newsletters and as all my copies of old Newsletters are at the CSAC office being scanned, I'll have to 'wing' it.

In the early years of my career with Siskiyou County we were a part of CEAC's Northern California Region, which included the nine most northerly inland California counties. The County Supervisors of the same region also had an organization that met regularly.

This Northern California Region met every other month and rotated amongst the counties. Attendance was always good (even when the meetings were held in Alturas) with the engineers usually having perfect attendance. Meetings were held on Fridays with the engineers meeting alone during the day, but being joined by the supervisors in the evening for a social hour, dinner, and program. Supervisor attendance was also very good and often a county would be represented by all five supervisors.

I recall a specific meeting (probably in the late 60s or the early 70s where Lassen County was the host.

Our meeting during the day was quite typical and in the late afternoon the engineers joined with the supervisors at the Susanville city park for a long social hour. The drink being served was pecan punch. Now I didn't drink, but from what I observed was that one such drink put you 'under the table' and more than one (which almost everyone had) made you uncontrollable. Fortunately, dinner was at a nearby Catholic Parish...as I doubt very many could have driven any distance.

During dinner, bota bags were passed about and wine fights ensued.

Bill McIntosh, Lassen County Road Commissioner, had secured the program, a noted speaker who was instrumental in the design and/or construction of the Golden Gate Bridge. Bill who liked to drink, knew when not to do so. The speaker, after Bill's introduction, began his presentation, which fell on deaf, unruly ears. His presentation was abruptly ended and it was Bill's duty to attempt to pacify the speaker, which I am told, was not an easy task. Fortunately, all of our bi-monthly meetings were not as bad.

As you can see, this *Droppings* has nothing to do with our centennial celebration, but perhaps you will find it of interest to compare it to your regional get-togethers today.

Hope you all have a great summer.

### Note:

For those that may be passing through Yreka in the near future and desire to seek out clocks or clock repair, be advised that as of July 1st, Dave's Clocks will be moving from its current location on 4th Street to a new location at 315 W. Miner St.

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# 2014 CEAC Policy Conference



**Wednesday, September 17 - Thursday, September 18, 2014**

CSAC Conference Center and CSAC Offices  
1020 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, California

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## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2014

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**8:30 am - 5:00 pm**

**Registration hours**

CSAC Conference Center (1020 11th St., 2nd Floor). All sessions will be held at the CSAC Conference Center unless noted otherwise.

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**9:00 am - 10:30 am**

**Land Use Policy Committee**

*Chair: Rick Marshall, Napa County*

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**10:30 am - 12:00 pm**

**Surveyor Policy Committee**

*Chair: Steven Steinhoff, Los Angeles County*

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**12:15 pm - 1:30 pm**

**General Session Luncheon - Communicating Your Public Works Message**

Enjoy lunch and take this opportunity to catch up with fellow public works professionals and friends while hearing tips and tricks for effectively communicating your public works message to both your internal and external audience. Presentation compliments of CSAC's very own communications and outreach staff, David Liebler and Gregg Fishman.

***Moderator:***

*Scott McGolpin, Santa Barbara County*

***Speakers:***

*David Liebler, CSAC*

*Gregg Fishman, CSAC*

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**1:30 pm - 3:00 pm**

**Flood Control & Water Resources Policy Committee**

*Chair: Chris Stone, Los Angeles County*

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**3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**

**Solid Waste Management Policy Committee**

*Chair: Pat Proano, Los Angeles County*

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**4:30 pm - 6:00 pm**

**Hospitality Reception**

CSAC Conference Center  
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**Dinner on your own**

# 2014 CEAC Policy Conference (Cont.)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

8:00 am – 9:00 am

**Registration hours**

CSAC Conference Center (1020 11th St., 2nd Floor) All sessions will be held at the CSAC Conference Center unless noted otherwise.

8:30 am – 9:30 am

**CEAC Breakfast**

9:30 am – 11:30 am

**Transportation Policy Committee**

*Chair: Susan Klassen, Sonoma County*

**Lunch on your own**

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

**Oversight and Special Tasks Committee**

*Chair: Jim Porter, San Mateo County*

CSAC - Peterson Conference Room (1100 K St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

**Board of Directors Meeting**

*President: Scott McGolpin, Santa Barbara County*

CSAC - Peterson Conference Room (1100 K St., 1<sup>st</sup> Floor)

4:30 pm

**Adjourn**

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# Board of Directors



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 Friday, March 28, 2014 ~10:15am – 12:15pm  
 Sheraton Grand Hotel, Falor Room, Second Level  
 Sacramento, Sacramento County

**Call to Order** (McGolpin) Meeting was called to order at 12:00 pm on Friday, March 28, 2014. Due to time constraints the meeting was continued until a later date. The meeting was re-opened at 10:05 am on Friday, April 3, 2014.

**Meeting Roster:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>County</b>
Scott McGolpin	President	Santa Barbara
Michael Penrose	President Elect	Sacramento
Matt Machado	Secretary	Stanislaus
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Tom Mattson	Past President	Humboldt
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
<b>Regional Directors</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>County</b>
Stephen Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Scott DeLeon	Northern California	Lake
Vacant	Sacramento Mother Lode	
Dan Gibbs	San Joaquin Valley	Fresno
Paavo Ogren	Central Coast	San Luis Obispo
Vincent Gin	Southern California	Orange
<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>County</b>
Susan Klassen	Transportation	Sonoma
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Chris Stone	Flood Control/Water Resources	Los Angeles
Rick Marshall	Land Use	Napa
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
John Presliegh	Scholarship	Santa Cruz
Pat Proano	Solid Waste	Los Angeles
Steven Steinhoff	Survey	Los Angeles
<b>CSAC/CEAC Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency/County</b>
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Kiana Buss	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC/CEAC

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<b>Other Attendees</b>		
Mark Schleich		Santa Barbara

**All Officers, Regional Directors, Committee Chairs and Staff are listed. Those shown shaded were not in attendance.**

2. **Approval of Minutes –**
  - November 22, 2013 minutes - Upon a motion by Mehdi Sadjadi and second by Tom Mattson, were **unanimously approved**. Abstained by DeChellis, DeLeon, Ogren.
3. **Correspondence (Scott McGolpin)**
  - a) Regarding the topic of disaster assistance, road commissioner authority and emergency work and procurement, Scott McGolpin as CEAC President sent letters to Cal OES and FEMA expressing our frustration and concern with the existing process and described our current effort of drafting a white paper which will summarize the justification and explanation of Road Commissioner authority, emergency contracting under Public Contract Code and scope of work and pricing as defined by Caltrans as “force account” contracting. The letters requested that both Cal OES and FEMA actively participate in this white paper, building and showing a strong partnership. Cal OES did provide a response in writing stating their support in development of this white paper.
  - b) Also discussed was a change order for the CEAC centennial video consultant to include travel costs at a cost of ~\$770.00. This amount was a part of the budget, no action needed for this CCO. Discussed that future contracts should include a small contingency.
4. **CLODS Report (CLODS) –** Mehdi Sadjadi reported that the Buffalo Bull Award went well. Compliments to Ken Miller. It was the best, funniest award in recent memory. Thanks to Tom Mattson and Rick Tippett for being a big part of the award. In terms of Fall Conference, the CLODS will expect a recommendation for new officers, before Policy Conference. Keep recommendation to just three. The Fall Conference will include the CLODS BBQ.
5. **NACE Report (Patrick DeChellis) –** Upcoming NACE event includes the 2014 Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 13-17. Anticipating a good turnout from California. It appears that the Western VP of NACE will be the next secretary/treasurer for NACE, leaving the Western VP position open. The current NACE President has reached out for nominations. After careful review Julie Bueren has been selected to be the next Western VP for NACE. Additionally, the Western Regional NACE conference in Laughlin, Nevada, will be November 5-7. Patrick highly recommends all that can, should attend. Also discussed was playing the centennial video at the NACE events. Regarding NACE Annual Conference there was discussion about the engineers of the year, project management awards and dinner events.
6. **CSAC Report (CSAC Staff) –** Merrin provided an update on the Spring conference. There were 183 attendees (including full and one-day registrations, and sponsors), 14 sponsors, it was a great event. Extra thanks to Quincy Engineering for the golf tournament. CSAC Legislative Conference is scheduled for May 14-15 in Sacramento. There will be good speakers and very timely topics discussed. The 2015 Spring/Joint Conference with League of California Cities will be

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March 25-27 in Newport Beach Hyatt. Recently kicked off the annual affiliate sponsorship effort – there are already 5 platinum sponsors. The CEAC website is now charging for website job postings; there has been a good response on this tool.

## 7. Regional Directors Reports

- San Joaquin Valley – Dan Gibbs reported that there have been two meetings this year. The most recent meeting included Will Kempton as the speaker. The next meeting will be in April in Kern County.
- Northern California – Scott DeLeon reported that the last meeting in January with 17 attendees. Scott is planning to tour other regions and counties to get to know them.
- Central Coast – Paavo reported that their last meeting was just after the president’s retreat and their next meeting will be in the fall in Monterey, just prior to the fall conference.
- Bay Area – No Report
- Southern California – No Report
- Sacramento Motherlode – No Report

8. **Treasurers Report (Sadjadi)** – Attached are three reports for review, including the final report for 2013, a budget for this current year, and the current treasurer report for 2014. A couple of items highlighted as part of the budget include: Contract for \$15,000 for CalOES / FEMA white paper contract, CSAC contract increased by 2.5%. Motion to approve the Report by Patrick DeChellis, Seconded by Matt Machado – **unanimously approved.**

## 9. Committee Reports

- a) Flood Control and Water Resources – See below under new business. Additionally, there were presentations from a Flood Board member and water board staff.
- b) Solid Waste – Proposed name change in committee to better reflect what they do, i.e. – resource recovery. Good discussion about solid waste in each county. Mark Schleich provided an update on legislative issues
- c) Surveyor – No Report
- d) Land Use – No Report
- e) Transportation – No Report
- f) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee – No Report

## 10. Other Committee Reports

- a) Fellowship – Outstanding job, great hospitality suite. Tip jar to raise money for scholarship was a good idea and raised money.
- b) Scholarship (Steve Kowalewski) – Direct checks can be written off, versus the tip jar.
- c) Outside Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG) – Patrick DeChellis (Bridge Committee) reported on lack of bridge set aside program for on on-system non NHS. Additionally, need to look at performance measures for bridges. Tom Mattson reported on Transportation Coop Committee that their discussion led to need for a safety committee to include 2 CEAC members, Rural County Task Force, 2 League of Cities, Caltrans, FHWA, trying to set a meeting for June. Hot topics include form 1273, audits ongoing. Patrick DeChellis commented FLAP (Federal Lands) process

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coming up, for a call for projects.

11. **Life Membership - None**
12. **Unfinished Business**
  - a) General Service Committee Survey – continuing discussion at oversight
  - b) CEAC Bylaws – Tom Mattson will pursue a phone conference to further discuss.
13. **New Business**
  - a) White Paper: Strategy to Fund Flood Protection and Water Quality Services – **Attachment Four (Action Item)** – Mitch Avalon shared that the flood control policy committee discussed a strategy to fund flood control and stormwater infrastructure. Looming costs, declining state and federal funds, and the fact that tax measures are not easily passed with the 2/3 majority. The committee developed a 3 part strategy. 1) Develop needed legislation to modify prop 218, to be more similar to water and wastewater measures, similar to a utility. To make this change will require a ballot measure. A ballot measure will need a coalition and sponsors, 2) Build coalition of support, for legislation support and a campaign effort. 3) Once stormwater exemption is approved conduct legal analysis to implement through different districts. This strategy was approved by the committee and there is sub-committee being formed now. Funding this initial effort will be excess funds from flood control needs assessment (~\$14,000). Asking for action by board to approve strategy. Motion to support strategy and efforts by sub-committee by Patrick DeChellis, seconded by Tom Mattson – **unanimously approved**. Comment by Ken Miller to have sub-committee develop a budget for the \$14,000.
14. **Scheduled Conferences**
  - a) NACE Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 13-17, 2014
  - b) Public Works Secretarial Conference May 21-23, 2014
  - c) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento County, ~~August 27-28, 2014~~ Changed to September 17-18, 2014 (due to high cost of hotel rooms in August)
  - d) CSAC 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Anaheim, Orange County, November 18-21, 2014
15. **CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**
  - a) ~~August 28, 2014~~ September 18, 2014, 2:30pm (Policy Conference)
  - b) November 21, 2014, 10:00am (Annual Meeting)

Scott McGolpin adjourned the meeting at 11:13 am

Minutes prepared by Matt Machado, CEAC Secretary

# Yurok Tribe to release condors

**C**alifornia condors once soared from Baja to British Columbia.

By 1987, when the last wild condors were trapped for a captive-breeding program, their range was limited to Southern California, and these spectacular birds with a wingspan of nearly 10 feet faced imminent extinction.

In what may become one of the success stories of the Endangered Species Act, the population has grown from 22 to about 415, including 230 in the wild. Condors are reclaiming their historic range in northern Arizona, Mexico's Baja peninsula and in parts of California. The North Coast may be next.

In the traditions of the Yurok Indians, the California condor is sacred — the bird that flies closest to the sun and is best able to deliver prayers.

The modern Yuroks, the state's largest tribe, sponsor fish and wildlife programs dedicated to stewardship of environmental resources. They conducted an extensive evaluation of food supplies and habitat in Del Norte and Humboldt counties, culminating in a recent agreement with state and federal wildlife agencies and the Ventana Wildlife Society to pursue reintroduction of the condor to

its ancestral grounds.

For the tribe, the return of the condor after more than 100 years has both practical effects — its survival depends in part on the health of salmon fisheries that support the tribe — and spiritual significance.

For the wildlife agencies, releasing condors on the North Coast would expand the range of the recovery program.

For the region, it could be an economic boost — a new draw for enviro-tourists, who have flocked to Pinnacles National Park since condors returned to the Central Coast.

Despite its growing numbers, the California condor is still critically endangered, and recovery efforts have been hampered by lead poisoning. The birds eat carrion, ingesting lead from hunters' bullets.

To improve their odds of survival, state legislators enacted a law banning the use of lead ammunition. But it doesn't take full effect until 2019. In their evaluation, the Yuroks studied turkey vultures, another scavenger subject to lead poisoning, and found lower lead levels on the North Coast than anywhere in the condor's present range.

That's yet another reason to hope that California condors return soon to the North Coast.



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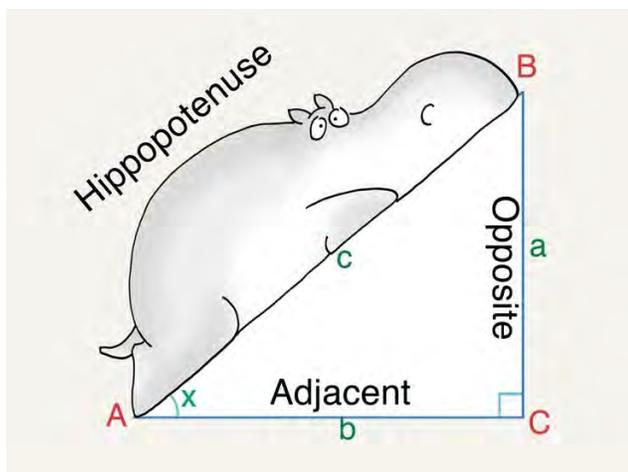
A condor is in flight in 2012 in Big Sur. The Yurok Tribe has signed agreements leading to the first release of captive-bred condors into the northern half of their historic range.

## “Jest a Minute”



Three engineers and three accountants were traveling by train to a conference. At the station, the three accountants each bought tickets and watched as the three engineers bought only one ticket. “How are three people going to travel on only one ticket?” asked an accountant. “Watch and you’ll see”, answered an engineer. They all boarded the train. The accountants took their respective seats, but the three engineers all crammed into a rest room and closed the door behind them. Shortly after the train departed, the conductor came around collecting tickets. He knocked on the restroom door and said, “Ticket, please”. The door opened just a crack and a single arm emerged with a ticket in hand. The conductor took it and moved on. The accountants saw this and agreed it was a quite clever idea.

So, after the conference, the accountants decide to copy the engineers on the return trip and save some money (being clever with money, and all that). When they got to the station, they bought a single ticket for the return trip. To their astonishment, the engineers didn’t buy a ticket at all. “How are you going to ride without a ticket?” said one perplexed accountant. “Watch and you’ll see”, answered an engineer. When they boarded the train, the three accountants crammed into a restroom and the three engineers crammed into another on nearby. The train departed. Shortly afterward one of the engineers left his restroom and walked over to the restroom where the accountants were hiding. He knocked on the door and said, “Ticket, please”.



One afternoon at the height of the Reign of Terror, dozens of aristocrats and artisans were being guillotined before the mob. A viscount was led onto the stage and forced into the guillotine, the blade was released, it fell...and then stopped, inches above his neck. The mob took this as a sign, and demanded the viscount be freed, and so the Committee of Public Safety’s man on the scene let him go. An artist was next. He, too was forced into the machine, and again, the blade fell and stopped inches above his neck. Again, the mob demanded that he be freed.



An engineer was next. As he was led to the machine, he turned to the executioner and said, “I think I can fix this.”

