CEAC Board of Directors
Friday, August 21, 2026 | 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting
21st Annual CEAC Policy Conference
Capitol Event Center
1020 11th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814
Friday, August 21, 2026 | 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

12:40 p.m. Call to Order (Hoevertsz)

1. **Approval of Minutes** (Sneddon)

a) February 27, 2026 - ***Attachment One - Action Item***

- Motion to approve: Randall, 2nd DeChellis. Approved, 1 dissent (Madjd-Sadjadi)

2. **Correspondence** (Hoevertsz)

3. **CLODS Report** (CLODS)
    - The newsletter is good
    - Good turnout for CLODS dinner.
    - CLODS came up with the slate of officers for next year to be presented at Chula Vista for the membership for vote.
    - The board has added one more member to our board of directors, Mr. Machado. The position is NACE executive Committee member.
    - The CLODS barbecue location is yet to be finalized.

4. **NACE Report** (Dashiell)

- June NACE report highlights (report attached)
- Budget stable following 2025 dues increase; possible 3% increase in 2027 but expected to be absorbable
- Fall board meeting in Omaha, Nebraska, in conjunction with Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance and CASE
    - Open to any member who wants to attend
- Next NACE conference: Cleveland, Ohio, April 5–8
- FEMA Review Council released final draft report recommending FEMA reforms
    - Hyperlink shared via Matt Machado's newsletter; board encouraged to read it
- Bylaw change vote needs to be re-initiated for the fall general membership meeting
    - Item was sent to last year's president but may not have been followed through

5. **CSAC Report** (Gerety)
    - CSAC building (1100 K Street) is under full renovation: gutting interior, adding rooftop conference center
        - Historical building: exterior must be maintained; seismic upgrades required
        - Potential to host CEAC meetings there in future, though unlikely to be ready by August next year
    - Temporarily housed at 980 9th Street (near library)
        - Conference rooms available; one larger than current meeting space
    - Deb Kurtti no longer with CSAC; Porsche Green returning on contract to assist with

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annual meeting
- Annual meeting at Gaylord Pacific, Chula Vista (brand new property)
  - Registration open; rooms available now
  - Valet and self-parking expensive; Uber/Lyft from airport recommended (~20 min)
  - Hospitality suite confirmed; all supplies must be brought in (same as San Jose)

6. **Regional Directors Reports**
   a) Bay Area (Vanessa Garrett): 3 virtual meetings since February; October meeting potentially in person at Sonoma County
      - Recurring topics: environmental permitting, licensed engineer recruitment, highway bridge program

   b) Central Coast (David Grim): quarterly meetings with 20–30 attendees across 4 of 5 counties
      - Monterey County consistently participating
      - Challenge: finding in-person event formats that draw broad attendance
      - Enterprise software replacement a major topic; Santa Cruz leading, others watching
      - FEMA mediation (vs. appeals) working better for some in the region

   c) Northern California (Colt Esenwein): Field Summit/Bedroll Conference increased attendance (65), significantly up from prior year
      - 94% satisfaction; food standout thanks to Tehama County staff
      - Consultant roundtable and public works director peer session was well received
      - Survey results sent to president; planning broader program for next year's summit (Matt Randall & Colt Esenwein)
      - Next quarterly meeting: October 22, 2026 in Redding (reclamation updates from Tyler, Rob Lawrence, Shannon)
      - Northern Region director remaining in role despite moving to Butte County (Sacramento Motherlode), with regional blessing

   d) Sacramento Mother Lode (Matt Randall): one virtual meeting; good attendance from Placer, El Dorado, Tuolumne, Calaveras
      - Strong overlap and shared issues with Northern Region; collaboration continuing

   e) San Joaquin Valley (Najee Zarif): 3 meetings since February; Stanislaus, Merced, and Madera Counties hosted
      - Public Works Administrative Professionals Seminar or PWAPS (hosted by Fresno/Stanislaus in June): ~50 registrants, strong feedback
      - Next PWAPS: Sonoma; then Tuolumne; then Santa Barbara (TBD)

   f) Southern California (Merrin Gerety for Tom Koutroulis): Working with LA, San Bernardino, and Riverside Counties, on the South Coast AQMD and rule 1302. There was a rule update that now includes composting as an essential public service with the use of Covered Aerated Static Piles (CASP) systems. Prior to the rule amendment, entities would have to pay out potentially millions of dollars in Emissions Reduction Credits (ERCs). Simultaneously, we are also working on standards for the use of drones for methane emissions monitoring

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and reporting under the new CARB rule for Landfill Methane Regulations (LMR) with the goal of submitting it prior to the end of the year for consideration.

7. **Treasurer's Report** (Johnson) - ***Attachment Two - Action Item***
   - 54 of 58 counties have paid dues; Mariposa now confirmed paid
   - Outstanding: Alpine, Kings, San Francisco, Sierra
     - San Francisco historically difficult; personal outreach via son-in-law (mayor's office, budget team) offered
     - Sierra: contact made through fellowship; situation appears in hand
     - Kings: new assistant director previously at Kings for 15 years; outreach underway
     - Alpine: Motherlode region; prior outreach attempted; will follow up again
   - Budget includes funds for CEAC website update
     - Black Dog Marketing has sent a draft; needs content and design review
     - Input requested from board members in next few weeks; goal to complete before annual meeting.
     - Scott McGolpin volunteered to assist as historian, flagging outdated content.
     - Discussion on restoring full county roster (directors, assistants, division heads) to website
     - Proposal: editable form or members-only page to keep contacts current; automation option raised
   - Motion to approve: Dashiell, 2nd Machado. Approved with one dissenting vote

8. **Committee Reports**:
   a) Administrative (Joan Araujo)
      - Issues span transportation, flood control, and other areas; too broad for transportation committee alone
      - Data collection and legislative guardrails identified as key workstreams
      - Joint and several liability flagged as a specific legislative target (Low-water crossing and flood detour liability cited as concrete examples)
   b) Flood Control and Water Resources (Jason Uhley)
      - Working to get an executive order to facilitate maintenance ahead of El Niño. Typically, they don't issue the executive orders streamlining the maintenance work until after disasters happen, but it's a lot better if an EO could be issued before.
   c) Infrastructure and Development
   d) Resource Recovery and Waste Management (Toby Mitchell):
      - SB 1383 audits underway at LA and Ventura counties
      - Monitoring SB 54 (plastics recycling) implementation; burden on local government still a concern
      - Franchise fee litigation: one firm suing multiple jurisdictions; no clear pattern; even 5% fees being challenged
   e) Surveyor
   f) Transportation (Alicia Winokur)
      - Met with Caltrans; FHWA rep re-engaged and interested in future meetings
      - Goal to bring Cal OES onto panel
      - Proposal to shift FEMA discussion toward sharing successes and workarounds rather than complaints
      - Steve Burger, LA County is retiring in January; Mary Reyes, LA County is the proposed replacement.

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g) Fellowship
h) Oversight -none
i) Scholarship (Alicia Winokur): Application open, deadline October 16, 2026
   - Doing outreach to colleges and universities with civil engineering and land surveying programs
   - Changed schedule last year that drove applications from 0 to 30+; broadening university reach this cycle
   - Full CEAC mailing list email going out next week

9. **Unfinished Business**
   a) CEAC Affiliate sponsorships (Johnson/Gerety)
10. **New Business**

Resubmit bylaw change notice for fall general membership meeting
- Update the date to 30 days prior and reissue; prior submission to last year's president may not have been acted on.

Review CEAC website draft and provide input to Merrin
- Black Dog Marketing draft is ready; input needed within the next couple of weeks, before the annual meeting.

Initiate tort liability working group
- Agreed in principle at the meeting; scope covers transportation, flood control, and legislative reform.

11. **Life Membership**

12. **Announcements**

Scheduled Conferences

a) **132nd CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference,** South San Diego Chula Vista Gaylord Chula Vista, November 30 - December 4, 2026
b) **2027 CEAC Spring Conference** (in conjunction with the League of California Cities' Public Works Officers Institute) - Hyatt Regency Orange County, March 15-19, 2027
c) **2026 NACE Annual Conference** – Cleveland, OH, April 5-8, 2027

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

a) 132nd CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, South San Diego, December 4, 2026
b) 2027 CEAC Spring Conference - Hyatt Regency Orange County, March 19, 2027

1:41p.m. **Adjourn**

Dutifully submitted by Chris Sneddon August 31, 2026

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Meeting Roster
Voting Board Members: Officers & Regional Directors

Officer	Office	County/Organization
Johannes Hoevertsz	President	Sonoma
Blossom Scott-Heim	Vice President	Tuolumne
Chris Sneddon	Secretary	Santa Barbara
NP David Leamon	Immediate Past President	Stanislaus
George Johnson	Treasurer	Riverside (Retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Mike Penrose	Parliamentarian	Sacramento (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (Retired)
Howard Dashiell	NACE Representative	Mendocino
Matt Machado	NACE Secretary & Treasurer	Santa Cruz
Scott McGolpin	Historian	Santa Barbara (Retired)

Regional Directors	Region	County
Vanessa Garrett	Bay Area	Sonoma
David Grim	Central Coast	San Luis Obispo
Colt Esenwein	Northern California	Butte
Matt Randall	Sacramento Mother Lode	Placer
Najee Zarif	San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin
NP Tom Koutroulis	Southern California	Orange

Non-Voting Members: Committee Chairs and CSAC Staff

CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Policy Area
Mark Neuburger	Legislative Advocate	Housing/Land Use and Transportation (HLT)
NP Jordan Wells	Legislative Advocate	Agriculture, Energy and Natural Resources (AENR)
NP Charles Delgado	Legislative Advocate	AENR
NP Caitlin Loventhal	Legislative Analyst	AENR
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Executive Director	CSAC/CEAC
Alicia Winokur	Transportation Chair	Mendocino
Panos Kokkas	Director of Transportation	Trinity
Jason Uhley	Flood Control Chair	Riverside
Dan Newton	Public Works Director	Tehama
Tobie Mitchell	Resource Recovery Chair	Ventura
Joan Araujo	Administrative Chair	Ventura
Martin McIlroy	Fellowship Committee	MGE Engineering

NP – *Not Present*

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NACE June 2026 Report,

by Howard N. Dashiell, California State Representative



Meeting in Omaha, Nebraska on October 12-14

Greetings to my fellow California Association of County Engineers (CEAC) members and affiliates.

The National Association of County Engineers (NACE) fall Executive Committee and Board meetings have co-located with Short Span Steel Bridge Alliance (SSSBA) and NACE members are invited to attend the next SSSBA Semi-Annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska on October 12-14 to discuss the latest research, technical advancements and educational initiatives in steel bridge design and construction. This meeting will be co-located with the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Executive Committee and Board meetings being held Tuesday, October 13th.

CEAC members who by extension are also members of NACE enjoy exclusive online access—register for events at a discounted rate, and can search for members by name, city, or type of business. The NACE Job Board is only available to member counties. Members also receive special "members-only" access to webinars. NACE Committee pages are also members only. Members also receive monthly NACE News as well as regulatory and legislative updates.

CEAC has designated yours truly as representative to NACE and is obliged to attend the Spring NACE Board Meeting co-located with the NACE Spring Annual Conference AND a fall NACE Board of Directors (BOD) meeting in September or October of each year. Since the Fall of 2023 I have enjoyed serving as your California representative to NACE – or pursuant to the NACE By-Laws California's *Director at Large* to represent California as a full voting member on the NACE BOD with no term limit as long as CEAC confirms their slate of officers each fall. NACE Directors at Large can designate a proxy to attend and vote at NACE meetings and this October 12th to 15th in Omaha, Nebraska to represent California.

One of the biggest challenges during my time was NACE Budget sustainability which was largely delt with by a dues increase in 2024-25 which based on current projections has stabilized the NACE "Fund Balance" in a positive range with the necessary buffer to offer the Annual Conference at a "*break even*" or modest revenue which does not require past revenue levels in order to sustain the organization. Bottom line - at last report we are in good shape financially.

NACE's new Strategic Priority #1 is ADVOCACY at the federal level often in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo) - to that end much effort has been placed on FEMA reforms which raise thresholds for federal declarations BUT streamline funding. The current proposal was shared with the membership, and I strongly encourage that you review the current proposal at: https://www.naco.org/news/fema-review-council-releases-final-report-recommending-sweeping-changes#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=5c1339ed-e400-4dbf-acec-4cd82d040100

Each April, county road and transportation officials from across the country gather for the NACE Annual Conference, featuring a unique opportunity for networking with industry peers, outstanding technical sessions, and renowned speakers. Future NACE Conferences:
2027, Cleveland, Ohio dates April 5th to 8th, 2027
2028, Michigan, location & dates TBD
2029, Iowa/Nebraska, location & dates TBD