



# CEAC Newsletter

**March 2015**

**Editor: Ken Miller**

## **President's Message**

by

**Michael Penrose**

Sacramento County

CALIFORNIA  
*Counties*

It is an honor to serve and guide the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) as the 2015 President. As we begin our second century as an association, I will work to continue the traditions and legacies of our membership and CLODS (California's Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants) as we embark upon the new opportunities facing our industry as California continues to grow and expand. We must recognize our diverse needs across the state and work creatively together through the participation in our respective CEAC regions, CEAC policy committees, and at conferences.

During 2015, CEAC will focus on a number of activities and efforts important to California counties that will be on-going for several years. In the area of transportation, funding for transportation will continue to be a critical issue. At the Federal level this past year, continuing resolution for MAP-21 was a highlight with discussion of a more comprehensive multi-year federal transportation bill to come in 2015. CEAC will continue to be actively involved in trying to affect and shape portions of a new transportation bill. This requires developing partnerships with other stakeholders on issues of importance to CEAC. We will continue to partner with CSAC, the League of Cities, and NACE to insure that our delegation knows what the Counties and Cities of this great state need from Washington D.C. and the reauthorization bill. This year a contingency of CEAC membership will travel to Washington DC to make our needs and interests known directly to the legislators regarding any new transportation bill.



At the State level, CEAC will seek to build coalitions to support the return of the new HUTA revenues attributable to Off Highway Vehicle fuel sales to Counties, cities, and the State as intended under the Tax Swap. We will also

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work with coalition partners to return Weight Fee revenues to transportation. CEAC will work to support efforts to increase the minimum Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding guarantees for smaller, rural Counties.

CEAC members will begin work on the study of Road User Charges (SB 1077) that was highlighted at the November 2014 CSAC/CEAC conference and will be engaged in this very important committees work this year. A successful outcome yielding the implementation of a road user charge will be critical to addressing the long term funding needs for transportation in California. A road users charge is very likely in this State's future. Along with this, CEAC will work with CSAC to reexamine the association's position on mileage-based user charges.

During 2015, CEAC will continue its support of the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment. This assessment – being expanded and enhanced every two years has been a powerful tool to explain and make the case regarding the needs of the transportation system in California, and has significantly evolved the “fix it first” thinking that is permeating agency and public minds throughout the State. Another priority during 2015 is to lock in another multi-year funding plan for the Local Streets and Roads report to insure that this document is updated every two years and stays relevant to the needs of Counties in the years to come. Based on recent reports, CEAC is optimistic the local streets and roads report could ultimately be used in support of some future Road Users Charge.

CEAC will stay engaged in seeking support for continued federal funding to offset impacts to Counties from federal lands such as the Secure Rural Schools program and the Federal Lands Access Program.

In the area of Land Use, CEAC will continue to support the implementation of SB 743 the “Transportation Impacts Analysis in the CEQA Guidelines”, which will significantly affect mitigation methodologies and requirements associated with development in all counties. It is a complex issue and will benefit from CEAC's engagement with its implementation.

The guidelines for the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities grant programs resulting from Cap and Trade to position counties to take advantage of these funding opportunities is another initiative that CEAC will support during 2015.

In Resource Recovery and Waste Management, there was significant progress made last year with the passing of SB 498 which modified the definition of biomass conversion. This year CEAC will team with CalRecycle and the Air Resources Board's process to implement AB341, which requires the State to achieve a waste diversion goal of 75 percent by 2020, and AB 1826, which creates an organic management program in California.

In the area of Disaster Relief, CEAC will look for opportunities to support legislation that would increase the amount of unencumbered balance in the Disaster Response Emergency Operations Account.

The CEAC Board has approved a two year contract for services with Watershed Resources Consulting. The focus of their services will be to ultimately support a successful ballot measure that would exempt stormwater from the Proposition 218 requirements, thereby opening up a path to adjust/assess appropriate fees to fund stormwater facilities. This will be a two year effort starting in earnest in the 2015.

In the area of County Surveying, CEAC will continue to support legislation that would simplify the collection of the Monument Preservation Fund Fee – CEAC is aiming to complete this task over the next year.

Within CEAC, we will continue to look to expand the inclusion of other County services functions that are now being housed within the County Public Works Departments responsible areas, such as airports, facilities, and others. For the time being those new services areas will be included in the CEAC oversight and Special tasks committee.

Also it is important to acknowledge our Past President Scott McGolpin and his work with the introduction of the CEAC Social Media/Marketing Communication or as I like to call it the “Tweet and

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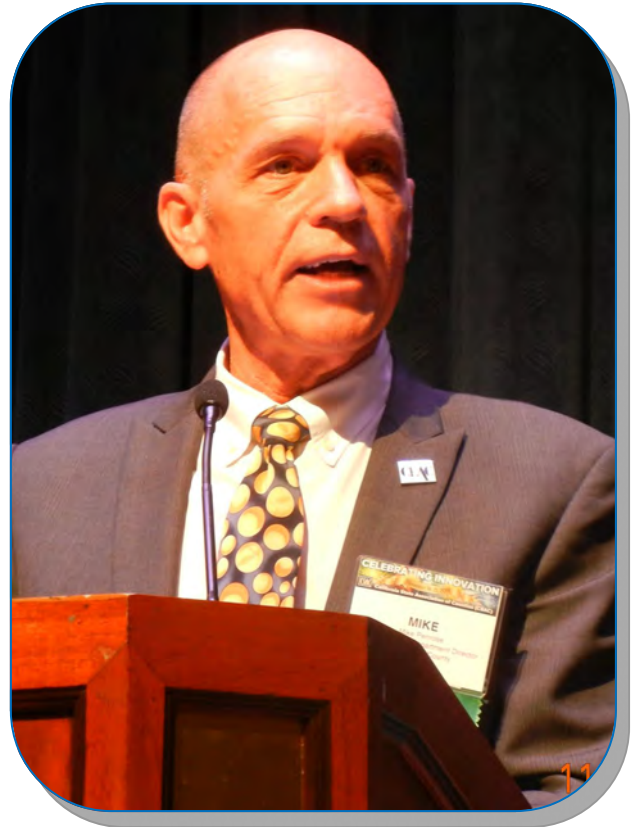
Greet" plan. The importance of evolving our communication and getting our message out is critical. Twitter and Facebook engagement is another step in moving CEAC forward in this area. Over the next year we will continue to identify ways to enhance CEAC messaging and communication to strengthen our organization and the great work we do.

Finally, in 2015 increasing the involvement in CEAC within counties is an important goal. While all 58 counties are members of CEAC, the level of participation by all county members is lower. In many cases, the participation by counties in CEAC is solely at the highest level in those organizations. Over the next year I hope to get greater participation from more counties and to get further down into county organizations to strengthen and grow CEAC.

This is an ambitious agenda for CEAC in 2015, but I know the work can be achieved by CEAC members. I know we have the capacity to accomplish this work. I look forward to doing this work with all of you in 2015.

I hope to see each of you at our Spring Conference in Newport Beach on March 25-27, 2015.

~Mike



2014/15 CEAC President  
**Mike Penrose**  
Director, Department of Transportation  
Sacramento County





# 2014 CEAC Engineer of the Year



Julie Bueren, Contra Costa County Director of Public Works, receiving “Engineer of the Year” award from outgoing CEAC President Scott McGolpin, Santa Barbara County.

# CEAC Surveyor of the Year, 2014



Scott McGolpin, outgoing CEAC President, presents 2014  
“Surveyor of the Year” award to Greg Jones,  
Santa Cruz County Surveyor

## Member Spotlight

### Snow Plow Rodeo

On October 29, 2014 the four counties of Trinity, Lassen, Plumas and Shasta joined together with Caltrans in the 2nd Annual Snow Plow Rodeo at the Lonnie Pool Airport in Weaverville.

The Rodeo focused on education topics in the morning starting with a safety briefing for winter snow plowing followed by breakout sessions on winter operations, including legal liabilities and risk management.

The afternoon activities tested the plowing skills of the operators of plow trucks with front blades and side wings as well as motorgraders.

The skill session ended with Trinity County Public Works declared the overall winner and the recipient of the “Golden Snow Plow Globe.”

KRCR Channel 7 Television News covered the event and reported on it on the evening news.

Rick Tippet, Director of Public Works for Trinity County advised that this was the second Rodeo

event to be held after an absence of about 15 years. Rick said the event has proven to be a good way to kick off the winter season by stressing safety, snow plowing techniques and operator responsibilities for the winter season. It also allows for peers from the counties and Caltrans to share common problems, techniques and solutions, while providing an opportunity for the operators to show off their skills.



An operator in one of the skills competitions trying to negotiate an orange colored bowling ball into a narrow opening.



The snow plow participants and their vehicles from left to right: Caltrans, Trinity Co., Lassen Co., Plumas Co., and Shasta Co.



# Member Spotlight

## New Affiliate Members

**Unico Engineering, Inc.** is a DBE, SB and MBE certified firm providing a wide range of engineering services and solutions in the areas of construction, land development, survey, water infrastructure, storm water management, and community engagement. Unico has offices in Folsom and Rocklin.



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## New CEAC Regional Directors

San Joaquin Valley

**David Leamon**

Deputy Director

Stanislaus County

Central Coast

**Tom Fayram**

Deputy Director Water Resources

Santa Barbara County

## New CEAC Members

**Wade Horton**

Director of Public Works

San Luis Obispo County

Wade will guide the 190-person Public Works Department replacing Paavo Ogren.

Wade comes directly from the City of San Luis Obispo Utilities Department where he served as Deputy Director. He holds a B.S. in Environmental Engineering from Cal Poly University. He held previous positions of senior engineer for Penfield and Smith, field engineer for Modern Continental, and associate engineer for URS Corp/Radian International.

**Tony Stobbe**

Director of Public Works

Mariposa County

Tony comes to Mariposa County most recently from Kodiak, Alaska and was an engineer for many years with the U.S. Coast Guard. He holds a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, an M.S.C.E. from the University of Illinois and an M.B.A. from U.C. Berkeley. He also holds a professional engineering license in Ohio.

**Jeff Crovitz**

Director of Public Works

Calaveras County

At the time of his selection by the Board of Supervisors, Jeff worked as Vice President/Project Manager for MGE Engineering. He holds a B.A. in English from U.C. Berkeley and an M.S.C.E. from California State Polytechnic University. His work background includes over 25 years in engineering including nine years with Caltrans and four years as the Public Works Director/City Engineer in the City of Placerville.

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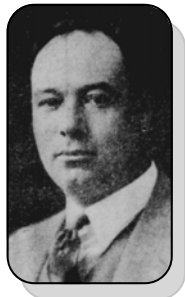


## CEAC 100 Years

The following is a continued effort to bring you a little history of our organization and individuals who have contributed to the organization over our first 100 years. In doing research on our prior Presidents and members, many have been found to have undertaken endeavors beyond the areas of surveying and engineering. The wars of the last century, politics, community activism and sports are just a few of the areas that have influenced the lives and backgrounds of our members.

If any readers of the newsletter have stories or biographies of past or current members that they find unique or compelling, please pass them along so that they can be shared in future issues.

**Rodney E. Messner**  
CEAC President 1932-33  
Marin County



Rodney Messner was born in 1892 in Geyserville, Sonoma County. At the tender age of on 16 he moved to San Rafael where he studied and later undertook the practice of engineering. For a time he was employed in the construction of the Alpine Dam and then entered the engineering department of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad Company.

He later joined the engineering division at the State Division of Highways where he supervised, as resident engineer, the building of the original state highway from Waldo Point to Sausalito.

An opportunity came in 1926 to run for and be elected to the position of County Surveyor for Marin County, a position he held until his untimely death in August of 1941 at the very young age of 49.

His first years of work as County Surveyor were most difficult as he came into office at the time a bond issue in the amount of \$1,500,000 (quite large at the time) had been voted in, and it was his responsibility to carry out the engineering features of this

work. The bond project work included the Sir Francis Drake Highway and other roads in and about Novato and Pt. Reyes. Later work included the study and improvement of Whites Hill Road.

His obituary recalled that “Mr. Messner had given efficient and faithful service in his 27 years of public service. He was a man of high type, thorough in his work as County Surveyor, and was admired for his faithful devotion to a stricken wife. Falling under heavy strain, Mr. Messner was taken to the hospital suffering from a dangerous abdominal infection. His condition was too serious for physicians to attempt an operation...He lingered for six days, with doctors and nurses working over him, but to no avail, and the patient who but a short time previously was active about his work, breathed his last”.

**Owen Hugh O'Neill**  
CEAC President 1939-40  
Santa Barbara County



*Following are excerpts from an article that appeared in the Santa Barbara Independent.*

Owen O'Neill was born in 1873 in La Graciosa, the first settlement in the Santa Maria Valley, near and south of the present day Guadalupe.

[Note: His father was a native of Ireland and a graduate of the University of Dublin. He became embroiled in a rebellion against English rule and was sentenced to a penal colony in Tasmania. He escaped and made his way to the U.S., where he served in the army in the mid-1850s. He later taught school in Northern California and earned a medical degree.]

The family eventually moved to Santa Barbara where O'Neill took a variety of jobs to assist the family including ranch hand, postal clerk, and typesetter for the local Santa Barbara Herald newspaper.

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In 1902, he went to Mexico where he worked on a rubber plantation. For about eight years, O'Neill spent time going back and forth between Mexico and Santa Barbara. In 1904, while on duty with the Naval Militia of Santa Barbara, he lost the sight of one eye when a trainee's rifle loaded with blanks discharged into his face. One of his main jobs during his time in Mexico was as foreman for a copper mining company. The outbreak of revolution in 1910 caused him to return to the U.S. While in Acapulco, however, he met his future spouse, Zaida Frisbie, and they married in Benson, Arizona in 1910.

The couple moved back to Santa Barbara in 1912 where they, over time, raised a family of twelve children. It was here that he began working for the county engineer in Santa Barbara. In 1915, O'Neill ran for the position of County Surveyor and won, defeating his friend and longtime incumbent for the job. O'Neill held this position until 1946 when he retired. Following retirement, he ran for and was elected to the Santa Barbara City Council and served in that position until 1949.

He was a man deeply involved in civic affairs during his career. He help found the Old Spanish Days Fiesta in 1924. In 1939, he acted as editor for the preparation of the "History of Santa, Barbara County, State of California: Its People and Its Resources," a book of more than 900 hundred pages that remains a work of major importance on the history of the area.

Owen O'Neill passed away in 1967 at the age of 94.

**Martin A. Nicholas**  
CEAC President 1960-61  
San Bernardino County



Martin Anthony Nicholas was born August 15, 1909 in Allenhurst, New Jersey. He graduated from Englewood New Jersey High School in 1929 and subsequently received a B.S. in

Civil Engineering from Columbia University in New York in 1934. He did graduate work at various military engineering schools between 1938 and 1943.

During the years from 1930 to 1936, Martin won numerous titles for rowing, including the Middle Atlantic States Single Sculls Championship. In winter sports, he held many outdoor and indoor speed skating titles, including the Middle Atlantic States and New Jersey State championships. He was also a member of the U.S. Olympic Speed Skating Team in 1932.

From 1934 to 1940, Martin was an engineer with the consulting firm of W.G. Clark and E. Blackwell in Tenefly, New Jersey. Beginning in 1938 he trained in the National Guard at Fort Belvoir. He was called to active duty with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in September 1940 and experienced a varied career in his five plus years as a military officer during World War II, rising from the rank of Lt. to Lt. Colonel. His final tour of duty was in China where he was responsible for maintaining over 5,000 miles of road, with the cooperation of the Chinese Government, including the 500 mile vital "Burma Road", which was under almost incessant attack by the Japanese in an effort to halt the flow of supplies into China from the south.

Following the war, he spend a short time with his former employer before relocating to the west coast. In 1947, he worked as a civil engineer/surveyor for Engineering Services Corporation in Los Angeles.

In April 1948, he accepted a position as Design Engineer with San Bernardino County. Shortly thereafter he was appointed Deputy County Surveyor in January 1951, and in January 1953 was appointed Road Commissioner and Chief Flood Control Engineer by the Board of Supervisors. In 1959, the position was changed to County Engineer. He retired from County service in October 1973 only to be immediately hired as the Director for San Bernardino Associated Governments charged with the responsibility to coordinate and plan for countywide transportation needs, a position from which he eventually retired in January 1973. Martin Nicholas passed away August 16, 2003.

# Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



## CEAC Board of Directors Meeting

120th Annual Meeting

Friday, November 21, 2014 ~ 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Disneyland Hotel, Adventure Room (Adventure Tower)

1150 West Magic Way

Anaheim, Orange County

1.

**Call to Order** (Penrose) Meeting was called to order at 11:03 a.m. on November 21, 2014.

### Meeting Roster:

Officer	Office	County
Mike Penrose	President	Sacramento
Matt Machado	President Elect	Stanislaus
John Presleigh	Secretary	Santa Cruz
Mike Crump	Treasurer	Butte
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Mehdi Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Scott McGolpin	Past President	Santa Barbara
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
Regional Directors	Region	County
Steve Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Scott DeLeon	Northern California	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Mother Lode	Yolo
David Leamon	San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
John Presleigh	Central Coast	Santa Cruz
Vincent Gin	Southern California	Orange
Committee Chairs	Committee	County
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
Steve Kowalewski	Scholarship	Contra Costa
Pat Proano	Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.	Los Angeles
Steven Steinhoff	Surveyor	Los Angeles
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
DeAnn Baker	Director of Legislative Affairs	CSAC



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Other Attendees		
Rick Tippet		Trinity
Kevin Onuma		Orange
Julie Bueren		Contra Costa
Phil Jones		Orange
William Brunet		Imperial

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

2. **Approval of Minutes** – Upon the motion by Mike Penrose, seconded by Doug Wilson, the September 18, 2014, minutes were approved.
3. **Correspondence** – (Penrose)
  - a) none
4. **CLODS Report** – Miscellaneous Updates: Ken Miller reported that they had a great BBQ, and stated his appreciation for the Host County for setting things up at the annual meeting. Ken also reported that they have a new CLODS member – Scott McGolpin. Also, it was requested that the President ask the CLODS to host the Spring Conference. There was an announcement that Richard Welton, Fresno County, suffered a heart attack and has turned the corner (former CEAC President in the 1990's). Also, it was reported that Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi (Treasurer Emeritus) was doing better after his surgery and that he made the right decision on not attending the annual meeting. For clarification purposes to all, Ken also announced that the CLODS were officially formed in January 1966.
5. **NACE Report** – Pat DeChellis reported that the annual NACE conference will be in April 2015 at Daytona Beach, with the hotel being on the beach. Pat would like to see a strong turnout for the conference, which will also be jointly held with APWA members. CEAC is expected to host the Snappy Tom (like a mini CLOD'S BBQ and has been hosted by CEAC for many years). Julie Bueren reported that NACE is exploring a structural change in how they want to look at their membership (similar to CEAC's approach that your organization belongs to CEAC, whereas NACE has individual members).
6. **CSAC Report** - Karen Keene reported that the new CSAC officers were installed the previous night and the new President is Supervisor Vito Chiesa from Stanislaus County. Supervisor Chiesa is interested in working on water and road issues and is expected to be a good leader for CSAC. CSAC Vice President is Supervisor Richard Forster, Amador County; newly elected second Vice President is Supervisor Dave Roberts, San Diego County; Immediate Past President is Supervisor John Gioia, Contra Costa County. CSAC is looking forward to working with this group. The CSAC officers retreat is scheduled in a couple of weeks where they will be discussing 2015 priorities, including Proposition 218 and the federal transportation funding issues. There is a report back in January 2015 to the CSAC Executive Committee and to the Board of Directors in early February 2015. The report back is just in time for the NACO trip in February 2015. Merrin Gerety reported that the CEAC-CSAC contract had a small cost of living increase, and no amendments are expected. New Treasurer Mike Crump reported



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that they did not foresee any problems with the contract which was signed in January 2013. The contract automatically renews every year thereafter, unless it is terminated.

## 7. Regional Directors Reports

- Bay Area – Steve Kowalewski had no report.
- Northern California – Scott DeLeon reported that there is a meeting scheduled in December 2014 in Red Bluff. Scott also reported that Rick Tippet from Trinity County held the Second Annual Snow Plow Rodeo in October 2014 (with six counties participating), and it included safety training and competition between crews and their use of snow plows. Trinity County won the competition. The event is moving to Plumas County next year. It was a fun event, and Rick Tippet was able to secure some sponsors for the event. Pictures of the event will be forwarded onto Merrin Gerety.
- Sacramento Mother Lode – Panos Kokkas had no report. The next scheduled meeting for the Sacramento Mother Lode is in January 2015.
- San Joaquin Valley – Matt Machado reported that they met eight times and that they recently gave a presentation on JOC contracts. The new President and Regional Director for the Region is David Leamon. The next meeting is in January 2015 in Kings County.
- Central Coast - John Presleigh reported that there were two resignations of Directors of Public Works at San Benito County and San Luis Obispo. There is an interim Public Works Director in San Benito, and the new Public Works Director for San Luis Obispo will be Mr. Horton (formerly the Deputy Director of the City of San Luis Obispo Utilities Department). A Central Coast meeting was scheduled in early November 2014, but with the resignations and others being out of the area, the meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled early next year.
- Southern California – Vincent Gin reported that they held their regional meeting at the conference with about 35 attendees. There was a meeting held in Riverside during the summer, and San Bernardino is expected to host the next meeting. The regional meeting held at the conference included a discussion by a lobbyist giving the group some Sacramento perspective, as well as ideas on how to engage CSAC better.

8. **Treasurers Report** – Mike Crump reported that there were two items to look at – the Treasurers Report as of November 12<sup>th</sup> and proposed budget which needs to be adopted today as the 2015 budget. The budget starts on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and it was reported that there was approximately \$100,000 in necessary expenditures. Mike Penrose reported that there are needed expenditures for the CLODS Golden Anniversary and a lobbying trip to Washington DC (Officer's attendance). Additionally, Mike Penrose requested budget information regarding the Local Streets and Roads Needs Report. Mike Crump reported that invoices to the Counties will be going out in following week and it will include the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment and a Drainage Study Assessment. Mike Crump also pointed out that there are contingency funds available for some of the unanticipated expenditures. Rick Tippet asked about a \$750 shortfall from Del Norte County, and a follow up discussion occurred about getting the counties to participate in paying their membership dues invoices. Matt Machado pointed out that the scholarship address included the Past Treasurer's address. Mike Crump would update with a new scholarship address. Merrin Gerety requested that the Spring Conference allocation be increased to \$15,000 to cover costs, and a motion was made to include in the budget. Pat DeChellis made a motion to



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approve the CEAC budget with an amendment to increase the budget from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to cover costs for the Spring Conference. Upon the motion of Pat DeChellis, seconded by Scott McGolpin. - **Unanimously approved**

10. b. This item was taken out of order of the agenda: 10 b). Scholarship – Steve Kowalewski reported that they received 15 student applications, with three students receiving scholarships of \$2,000 each (Engineering Scholarships: Kiana M. Negoro, California State University Fresno; Elizabeth Jachens, California State University Chico. Survey Scholarship: Marco Castaneda, California State University Fresno). Steve stated that it was great that the Public Works Directors were able to take pictures with the students. Steve also reported that they would try to do more outreach for the Engineer of the Year and Surveyor of the Year awards. It was also reported that the CEAC Scholarship fund is a good charity to donate to.

## 9. Committee Reports

- a) Flood Control and Water Resources – Karen Keene reported that the committee meeting on the Flood Control and Water Resources was brief. Mitch Avalon gave a report at the meeting on the Storm Water Funding strategy. The contract with Mitch Avalon will be going to Mike Penrose for review and signature. Karen also discussed a recent meeting that was held with the Department of Water Resources and Fish and Wildlife in which Vincent Gin, Chris Stone and Tracy Clay attended with Karen where they independently met with the Deputy Director from the Department of Water Resources and the Deputy Director of Fish and Wildlife. The discussions with Water Resources included issues related to counties dealing with their operation and maintenance on flood control facilities. The discussions with Fish and Wildlife included issues related to the bird nesting policy. Vincent Gin also provided an update to the Flood Control and Water Resources committee regarding the letter that CEAC/CSAC drafted jointly on the Waters of the U.S. policy. A brief report was also provided by the Department of Water Resources regarding their investment strategy and moving forward with the implementation of their recommendations from their Flood Future report. The committee approved the recommended priorities for the 2015/2016 with no changes. Under Flood Control, Karen reported that there were three priorities including supporting legislation that would amend the balance of funding for disaster recovery, supporting legislation that would allow state and federal regulatory agencies to offer service agreements with large volume public entities and utility applicants to fund additional personnel for expeditious permit processing, and lastly the issues of Proposition 218. Karen also reported that the Transportation and the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Committees would have some suggested changes to their priorities and the CEAC Board of Directors would have to give approval of these suggested changes once they are final at a future Board Meeting.
- b) Resource Recovery & Waste Management – Cara Martinson reported that the committee had a good conversation regarding legislation items for next year, and that agencies are seeing funding reductions due to the diversion of recyclable materials and the resulting reduction in tipping fees. It was also discussed that the state was looking at funding issues related to supporting CalRecycle. There were several changes due to the cleanup in priorities and the need to add AB 32 as an item to follow, in addition to AB 341 and AB 1826. Cara also reported that the language needs to be change on the alternative to 939 fees.



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- c) Surveyor – Matt Machado reported that there was a good conversation on State Codes 8771 and 8764 regarding the setting of monuments and the need for follow up legislation. Steve Steinhoff will be following up on this proposed legislative clean up language with CLSA on when to set a monument and the durability of a monument.
- d) Land Use – Rick Tippet reported that there was good attendance, and that Karen Keene put together a good ground water basin discussion. Ken Lanning from the San Diego Water Authority provided a good presentation on the new state legislation regarding ground water. There was also a discussion on OPR levels of service. Lastly, there was a discussion on Rule 20A and developing a better working relationship with PG and E, and if necessary a follow up with the PUC. It was announced that Rick Marshall is stepping down from the Chair of the Land Use Committee.
- e) Transportation – Susan Klassen reported that it was a well-attended meeting, and that action was taken on the legislative priorities and policy guidelines, with only a couple of minor changes that Kiana Buss will transmit to the Board. There was a discussion on AB 2471 (change order legislation) and a survey will be done for CEAC members to try and identify obstacles in complying with the legislation. There is one new proposal for school zone safety by Contra Costa County that would expand the area of the school zone by the local agency with a supporting traffic study, as well as a proposed increase in points against your license if a violation occurs in a school zone. The committee voted to move this item forward as a legislative item, and the Board will have to take action on this item. There is some outreach still necessary with the CHP and the CTCDC. There was a report from Caltrans Local Assistance, Erwin Gojuangco, San Diego Region, regarding what is new with Caltrans. There were five of six committee report updates given.
- f) Oversight and Special Tasks – Jim Porter said that you were all here, however, it was mentioned that there were time constraints with the Oversight Committee. Jim stated that the Oversight Committee is taken on a good direction with some of the new items.

## 10. Other Committee Reports

- a) Fellowship - There was \$225 in the tip jar for scholarships. No other reports.
- b) Scholarship - An update was previously given (after Item 8).
- c) Outside Committees - Mike Crump reported that he will step down from the Bridge Committee and that a new northern county representative will be advertised for. Merrin will work on advertising for this position. Reports taken on remaining committees.

## 11. Life Membership – A discussion on the points system for Life Membership was discussed. Peter Rei was voted on to receive a Life Membership. Mike Penrose asked for a report back on the notification process for Life Membership. A second candidate for Life Membership will be discussed at the next Board of Directors meeting. The Regional Directors are supposed to be responsible for assessment for Life Membership qualifications.

## 12. Unfinished Business

- a) Proposed General Services Committee – Mike Penrose reported that these are tied into Oversight.
- b) CEAC Bylaws – Mike Penrose reported that they are forthcoming.
- c) CEAC Affiliate Dues/Invoice – This item was discussed at policy, and a subcommittee has been established to address the dues with the affiliates. The affiliates have requested that



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they only write one check to cover everything. There was a general discussion about liability, additional revenue, and the hospitality suite. Scott McGolpin, Panos Kokkas, and Mike Crump will make up the subcommittee to work on this item. There was a general discussion on what to do with the hospitality suite for the Spring Conference and how the hotels are requiring changes to program (the hotel will require the alcohol to be bought from them and that they will provide the bartender). Mike Penrose requested a report back from the subcommittee on the hospitality suite prior to the Spring Conference. Pat DeChellis requested additional information from the affiliates and how they will be involved.

- d) Institutionalizing Communications in CEAC – The two items below were previously discussed at the Oversight Committee.

1. Communications ad hoc committee and 2. Communications element at conferences

## 13. New Business

- a) Washington DC trip for MAP 21 Reauthorization – Mike Penrose requested that the Board of Directors support the Washington DC trip to lobby for Map 21, and requested a recommendation for those that will attend. Doug Wilson suggested that the trip not be scheduled at the same time as the NACO legislative conference. Pat DeChellis started a general discussion about who should attend, including those that have good contacts with legislative or committee members. The timing of the meeting is also critically important. The Board of Directors approved a trip to Washington DC for purposes of lobbying for Map 21.

## 14. Scheduled Conferences –

- a) CEAC Spring Conference/League PWOI, Newport Beach, Orange County, March 25-27, 2015  
b) NACE Annual Conference, Daytona Beach, Florida, April 19-23, 2015  
c) CEAC 10th Policy Conference, Sacramento, Sacramento County, September 16-17, 2015  
d) CSAC 121st Annual Meeting, Monterey, Monterey County, December 1-4, 2015

Pat DeChellis requested that the PWSS (Secretary Conference) to be added to the agenda schedule. The next PWSS is scheduled for May 27, 2015, and is being held jointly by Mendocino/Lake County. The next PWSS is the 30<sup>th</sup> annual meeting, and it was requested that the President make a presentation at the conference. Arizona engineers may be coming to the Spring Conference in Newport and that we will be treating them as a member/affiliated agency and offering them the member rate. The remaining conferences for 2015 were discussed with dates.

## CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- a) March 27, 2015 (Spring Conference)  
b) September 17, 2014, TBD (Policy Conference)  
c) December 4, 2015, 11:00 a.m. (Annual Meeting)

Mike Penrose adjourned the meeting at 12:26 p.m.  
Minutes prepared by John Presleigh, CEAC Secretary.

# Droppings



By

**Dave 'Road Runner' Gravenkamp**

CEAC Historian

## **"County Route Marker Program"**

After Bill McIntosh retired in 1987 as Public Works Director for Lassen County and subsequently moved to Walnut Creek, he and I traveled the State attending annual meetings, spring conferences, a NACE meeting in 2002, CLOD retirements and even a funeral or two. It was on these trips that he suggested I do the history of the County Route Marker Program.

Always looking for a subject on which to write, I did write about the route marker program history in the Winter 2006 CEAC Newsletter. Either Bill didn't read the Droppings or forgot, as he continued to suggest that I do a story on the Program. My memory not being all that great, I told him I thought I already had. In fact, I questioned what was so great about route A-1 in Lassen County as Siskiyou County had an A-one, two (A-12). Bill insisted that there was but one A-1 in the entire state, in fact I believe he said the entire nation. Since A-one, two sounds a lot like A-one too, I'll call it a draw and declare both of us right.

The following is my 2006 report on the Route Marker Program. This one's for you Mac.

*It all started in 1956 when Bill McIntosh, Lassen*

*County Road Commissioner, proposed at the CSAC/CEAC meeting in San Diego the idea of creation a uniform County road sign. The idea was almost immediately shot down by Sam Kennedy, Los Angeles County Road Commissioner, as being too expensive to change all of the County's street name signs. Al Koch, Orange County, thinking there may be some merit to Bill's proposal suggested the formation of a committee, which was subsequently established with Bill as the Chair. Other committee members included the Los Angeles County Traffic Engineer, and representatives from the California State Automobile Association and the Southern California Automobile Club.*

*After much work and discussion, the Committee proposed the creation of the "County Route Marker Program" with a uniform sign to indicate County routes of major importance. The basic goal was to identify specific County roads for travel to areas not served by the State Highway system. Later, it was determined that a more worthwhile program would be to provide a system of signed County routes that would guarantee the motorist a safe trip. With a signed route, the traveler would know that he/she was on the desired route, that the road was constructed and maintained to a reasonable standard, and the road could be traveled with confidence. Basic criteria were established for routes to be included in the Route Marker Program as follows: Roads must be of major importance to the traveling public; Roads must connect with major County roads or State Highways, or lead to a logical terminus; Roads must be constructed, maintained and signed to a reasonable standard; A route into or through a city, town or another county must continuous to a logical terminus and must be approved by the affected local agencies.*

*After establishment by action of CSAC in 1958, a special "Board of Review" was established to administer the program. The original Board was composed of two County Engineers, two County Supervisors. And two Automobile Club representatives. The original Board included: Bill McIntosh, Chairman; Irv Mohar, Chief Deputy Road Commissioner, Los Angeles County; George Barkley, Riverside*



## Droppings (Cont.)

*County Supervisor; Charles Coupe, Yuba County Supervisor; Royal Kellogg, Chief Engineer of the State Automobile Association; and Gran Parmelee, Manager of Signs for the Southern California Automobile Association.*

*At the National Association of Counties, NACO, meeting in 1967 in Detroit, CEAC presented the Route Marker Program to the membership and proposed that it be expanded as a nationwide program. The proposal was adopted by NACO and is presently included in the FHWA Traffic Manual.*

*The first California County Route signed under this program was A-1 in Lassen County assigned to joint Highway 14 from State Route 36 in Susanville to U.S. 299 at Adin in Modoc County. When joint Highway 14 was added to the State Highway System, the A-1 designation was shelved until "Eagle Lake Road" in Lassen County was completed from State Route 36 to the Eagle Lake Marina and redesignated as A-1. The route was later extended to State Route 139 at the north end of Eagle Lake. Upon his retirement in 1987, the Lassen County Board of Supervisors dedicated the route to Bill and in 2000 they renamed the route the "William D. McIntosh Highway".*

*Have Counties added any routes under the Marker Program in recent years? Is there still a Board of Review? How does a County make such a designation?*

I have now been retired for over 12 years and have lost track of what is happening or has happened with the Route Marker Program in recent years. You may want to consider the Marker Program for your County if you haven't already for the benefits provided to the motoring public.



**The "OLD CROW"  
Bill McIntosh**

*"It takes only one drink to get me drunk.....The trouble is, I can't remember if it's the thirteenth or the fourteenth."*

*~ George Burns*

*"Ditto"*

*~ The "OLD CROW"*

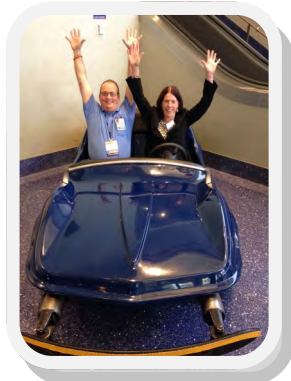
### **Note: Bedroll Conference**

**Tom Hunter advised that this year's conference will be held July 29-31 at Lake Almanor. Mark you calendars.**

## Fall Conference Photos



Spectacular Location



Driverless Car Technology



Great Hospitality



The New "Hat" Box



Our Glorious Leader ????



The "Hat"



New Junior CLOD McGolpin



## CLODS BBQ



### *The CLODS*

L. to R.: Peter Rei, Ken Miller, Pat DeChellis, Max Bridges, Daniel Woldesenbet, Doug Wilson, Win Westfall, Julie Bueren, Tom Mattson, Mike Crump, George Johnson, Mike Walford, Dave Gravenkamp

*The CLODS wish to thank Orange County Public Works Director, Shane Silsby, and Orange County staff for all your arrangements and help, plus the sharing of your beautiful Irvine Regional Park, that made the 2014 CLODS BBQ a wonderful and successful event.*



# More CLODS BBQ



*Thank You  
Orange County*





## “Jest-a-Minute”

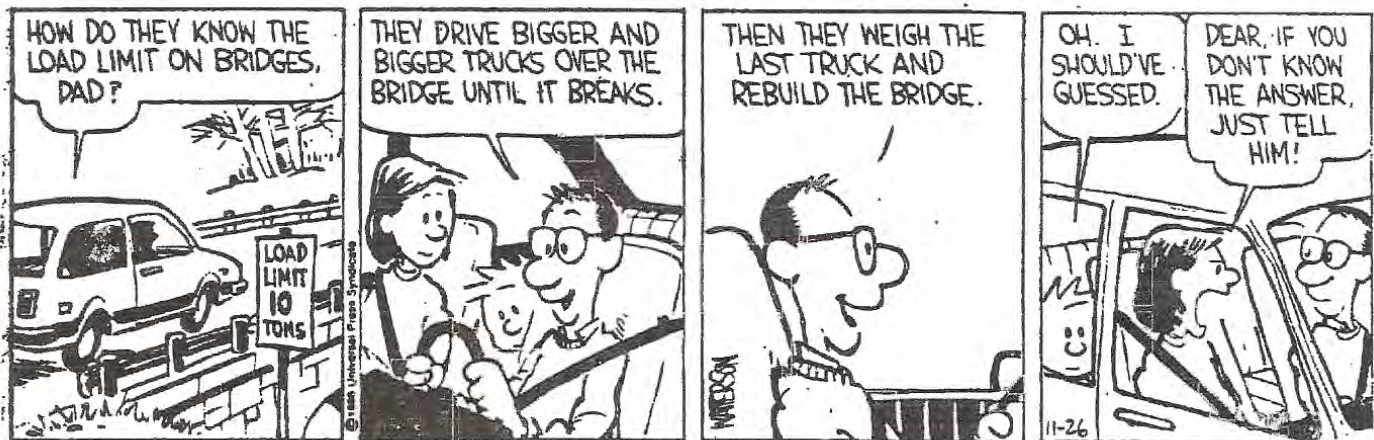


An old man called his girlfriend and said, “I’m so forgetful these days. I know I proposed to you last night, but I can’t remember whether you said yes or no.”

Sweetly, she replied, “ I’m so glad you called. I knew I turned someone down last night, but I just couldn’t remember who it was.”



We should probably look busy,  
here come the big wigs!



Unknown Contra Costa County  
Deputy Director of Public Works.  
*Candidate for Buffalo  
Chicken Wings Award?*



Recently Observed Signs

