



CEAC Newsletter

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President's Message

by

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CALIFORNIA
Counties

It has been an honor to serve as CEAC's president, supporting counties and CEAC's members. It is striking how unique each of our counties is, and yet how similar our jobs and issues are within our counties. In serving as president, I realized the strength of the CEAC organization is in the diversity of our members and our unity of purpose. This was especially evident as I worked with CEAC leadership and membership during 2015 to focus on a number of key areas of concern to Counties in California, two of which were transportation and storm water.

The most prominent concern for counties was securing transportation funding. Leadership and membership worked at both the state and federal level on a number of legislative and budgetary proposals. At the federal level, a new federal transportation bill was in "the works" all year and CEAC members identified the most important areas to be addressed in the legislation, including a multiyear bill, dedicated funding for on system bridges, environmental streamlining, additional funding for the HSIP, and NHPP/STP funding parity. When it appeared there was serious momentum happening in Washington to take up and fund a new transportation bill, CEAC representatives traveled to Washington to advocate for changes we believed should be incorporated into a new bill. The trip to DC was successful in that our issues were heard and I believe at least some of them will be addressed in a new bill. Though there was apparent momentum and consensus on the need for a new bill, as of today the legislature and the President have been unable to enact a new transportation bill. Instead the existing transportation bill, Map-21, has been extended three more times with short term resolutions. We can only hope that something will come together by the end of 2015.

Here in California, there was a great deal of activity regarding potential new transportation funding. Beginning earlier this year, Speaker Atkins



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announced there was a need for a transportation bill that would increase transportation revenues for the State, Counties, and Cities. CSAC staff and CEAC representatives engaged early in the effort with the Speaker to articulate the needs and identify potential transportation projects and programs that would be implemented with any new funding that could come available at the State level. While Speaker Atkins never introduced a bill, other focused efforts regarding additional transportation funding surfaced as the year progressed. Senator Beall, and Assemblyman Frazier both introduced bills that would potentially generate new transportation funds in the state. In addition, the Governor established a special session on transportation funding in the spring. CSAC staff and CEAC members were heavily engaged in all these efforts. Unfortunately, similar to activity at the federal level, no agreement has been reached and no new funding has been identified at the state level.

CEAC has continued its support of the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment in 2015. This assessment being expanded and enhanced every two years continues to be 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 multi-year funding plan for the Local Streets and Roads report has been adopted to insure that this document is updated every two years and stays relevant to the needs of Counties in the years to come.

On the storm water front, efforts to increase storm water services funding began this year with Watershed Resources Consulting working for CEAC to pursue relief from Prop 218 requirements for fee changes for storm water services. While the original strategy to change the Prop 218 requirements does not appear to be feasible, there are still efforts underway to see if there is another approach that can be taken that will provide for the same outcome. This will be a multiyear process to complete.

This past year we had four outstanding conferences full of great content and providing the opportunity to coalesce on common areas of concern to our counties statewide. Thanks to Merrin Gerety for all of her work on the spring PWOI, Fall Legislative conference, and the Annual conference. Thanks to Matt Machado, Tom Hunter and the CLODS for their work on the Bedroll conference.

In closing, I want to thank the CLODS for inviting me to be part of the CEAC leadership team a few years ago which has allowed me the honor to assume the role of President. Thank you to the Board of Directors of CEAC, the Chairs and Vice Chairs of our committees and our Regional Directors. This organization is as strong as it is today due to the leadership each of you brings to your roles at CEAC. Thank you to our members, sponsors, and affiliates. Finally, I want to thank CSAC staff – Merrin Gerety, DeAnn Baker, Kiana Buss, Karen Keene, Cara Martinson and Chris Lee. Our organization could not be as strong or as effective without these outstanding folks working with CEAC.

Please join me in welcoming our 2016 president, Matt Machado from Stanislaus County. May we all provide him the support needed to continue to move CEAC forward in 2016. Thank you for your public service and for all of your support this past year.

~Mike

Member Spotlight (Circle of Service Award)

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October 22, 2015

Mehdi Madjd Sadjadi
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Dear Mehdi:

The California State Association of Counties would like to honor the California Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants (CLODS) with our prestigious Circle of Service Award for your ongoing work on behalf of California Counties. We would like to present this award during our upcoming Annual Meeting in Monterey.

As you approach your 50th Anniversary, your organization has continued to support a strong relationship between CEAC and CSAC from a technical, advisory and supportive role. Our staff has always viewed the CLODS as a great resource – not only on CSAC issues, but also as mentors for the CEAC membership. You play an integral role in connecting the County Engineers Association to its past, and your involvement ensures a continuity of excellence in the future.

We would like to present you with the Circle of Service Award at our General Session, set to begin at 10:15 am on Wednesday, December 2, in the San Carlos Ballroom of the Monterey Marriott. Please confirm your ability to attend with Merrin Gerety.

Thank you for all your contributions to CEAC, CSAC and the county family as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Matt Cate'.

Matt Cate
Executive Director

cc: Julie Bueren, Contra Costa County
Ken Miller, CEAC Newsletter Editor
Dave Gravenkamp, CEAC Historian

Member Spotlight

New Member:

Kris Balaji

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Mr. Balaji is a Registered Professional Engineer in the State of California, and holds a Master of Science Degree in Structural Engineering from West Virginia University, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Annamalai University in India.

He has over fifteen (15) years of professional engineering and executive management experience with the State of California, Department of Transportation (Caltrans). During his employment with the State, Mr. Balaji held the following positions: Executive Assistant to the Chief Deputy Director; State Traffic Engineer; Administration, Maintenance and Operation positions in the Executive Development Program; Chief of Federal and State Transportation Programming; and professional level positions in Design, Construction, and Transportation Engineering.

In 2007, Mr. Balaji transitioned to the private sector where he was employed prior to his recent appointment in San Joaquin County.

California State Association of Counties 121st Annual Meeting



CLOUDS Barbeque

December 3, 2015

Celebrity Chefs will be on hand to create an array of Monterey style food delicacies fit for Kings, Queens and CEAC Members!



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In Memoriam

Sidney H. "Sid" Cantwell

San Mateo County
CEAC President 1977-78
Honorable CLOD

Sidney H. Cantwell, a resident of Palo Alto, California, passed away on September 6, 2015 at the age of 92.

Born in San Francisco to Sidney (Sr.) and Helen (Behrens) Cantwell on October 19, 1922, Sid graduated from Burlingame High School in 1940. He attended San Francisco Junior College and worked at W.A. Bechtel Company before completing Flight Preparatory School in San Luis Obispo, Ca.

He served in the Navy as an aviator during World War II, flying with squadron VPB 114 in specially modified B-24 bombers, patrolling for submarines. He remained active in the Naval Reserves, retiring after 25 years, earning the rank of Captain.

After the War, he completed his civil engineering studies at San Jose State and joined the San Mateo County Engineering Department in 1948. Sid became Chief Deputy in 1963 and was elected to the office of Director in 1970. He was the last elected to this position as it later became an appointed office. Sid retired as Director of Public Works in March of 1982.

Sid married Carol Walker of Burlingame in 1943. In 1947, they moved to Menlo Park where they raised their nine children. They later divorced and in 1991, Sid married Pauline Gunderson. Sid and Pauline traveled extensively abroad and in the U.S., including yearly visits to Pauline's hometown of Waddington, New York.

In March, 1981, he successfully challenged a provision in San Mateo County's retirement plan that prohibited including his war service time towards his county retirement pay. The Supreme Court later affirmed the lower court's decision, ruling in his favor.

Sid was an avid golfer and was a member of the Shoreline Seniors at Shoreline Golf Links in Mountain View.

Sid is survived by his wife of 24 years, Pauline of Palo Alto, his nine children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was their hero.



In Memoriam

Norman L. Hawkins, Jr.
Honorary CLOD
October 27, 1920 - October 14, 2015

Norman Hawkins, Jr. was born in San Francisco on October 27, 1920. He attended local schools and graduated from George Washington High School in 1937, graduating first in his class. From 1937 through 1941 he was a student at U.C. Berkeley and attended Armstrong School of Law receiving a J.D. Degree.

Norman served as a U.S. Navy officer during WWII from 1942 through 1945, including combat tours in the South Pacific. At the end of the war, Norman Hawkins, Jr., entered a salvage business that had been started by his grandfather, John L. Hawkins, and his father, Norman L. Hawkins, Sr., about 1932. This was a successful salvage business in the Coalinga area that salvaged materials such as pipe, valves, boilers, pumps, motors and an assortment of oil field fittings that were accumulated and offered for sale. A fortuitous acquisition of 100 tons of war surplus camouflage netting and channel u-post stakes in 1948 launched Hawkins-Hawkins Co., Inc. and a beginning in the traffic safety device field.

The State Division of Highways encouraged the company to use their 100 tons of surplus metal for manufacturing guideposts for City and County purchases and use. Hawkins was the first to enter the private sector as a producer and seller of all-metal guideposts. This led to expanding the product line from a single product to encompass reflectors, traffic signs, paints, signposts, street name signs, sign fasteners, etc.

Norman Jr. led a company expansion into Hawkins Traffic Safety Supply that invested more and more into manufacturing locally within their own facilities. Manufacturing eventually grew to include roll forming of channel u-posts and highway guard rails, automated paint lines and curing ovens, aluminum treatment tanks, threading machines, slitters, shears, punch presses, silk screening, die casting, molding, sign refurbishment, and dozens of other specialized and unique production capabilities.

Norman married Rose Marie (Courtney) of San Francisco in 1944, which followed with the building of their lifetime Lafayette home in 1950. Norman enjoyed adventure: motorcycles, sports cars, boats, airplanes, travel camping, hiking, fishing, skiing, golfing, cooking and family above all.

Norman is survived by three children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



In Memoriam

Donna Ellen Castleberry

Spouse of

Clay Castleberry, CEAC President 1975-76

&

Mother of

Steve Castleberry, Nevada County Public Works Director

Donna Ellen Castleberry, matriarch of the Castleberry Warner family, passed away on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at the age of 84. Donna was born to Bill and Ellen Warner on November 12, 1931 as a 3rd generation Lassen County native. She grew up with her twin older brothers, Bill and John, in a family of loggers.

She moved to Oroville in the early 1950s, where she met and married her friend and partner for life, Clay Castleberry. Donna was fiercely loyal to her family and the Warner/Castleberry cousins. She dearly loved her two grandkids, likely because they are the worlds best grandkids.

She was an artist, volunteer, designer, and traveler, living by the words “live to go”.

Donna is survived by her husband of 59 years, Clay, her son and daughter-in-law Steve Castleberry and Nieret Mizushima, grandchildren Cole and Kei, and brother John Warner.

In lieu of flowers, consider a visit with Clay once he gets settled in at Country Crest in Oroville.



CEAC Scholarship Program



Gail Farber, Director of Public Works, Los Angeles Co. and Pat DeChellis, Deputy Director present a \$2,000 check from the 2015 CEAC Scholarship Program to **Crystal Faqih**, a resident of Corona, CA and a junior at California State Polytechnic University–Pomona. Crystal is a Civil Engineering major and scheduled to graduate in June 2017.

She achieved recognition on the University President's 'Honor List' for the 2013/2014 academic year.

Crystal is active in the Society of Women Engineers, SWE, and is currently the internal Vice-President of Engineers Without Borders, EWB.

Frank Honeycutt, Transportation Div. Manager (left) and Wade Horton, San Luis Obispo Co. Director of Public Works provide a scholarship award to **Bridget Garlinghouse**, a senior Environmental Engineering major at California State Polytechnic University-San Luis Obispo.

A resident of Oregon, she will graduate in June 2016 and is interested in pursuing a masters degree in Environmental Engineering as well.

Bridget has interned at Carollo Engineers and the County of San Luis Obispo and gained a wide range of experience in construction, specification writing, NPDES programs, and wastewater treatment.

While at Cal Poly, she has been involved in numerous activities including Chi Epsilon, Civil Engineering Honor Society, Masters Thesis Project, Engineers Without Borders, Habitat for Humanity and the Society for Women Engineers.



A very happy and smiling **Alyssa Herperger** in receipt of a CEAC Scholarship award from Daniel Woldesenbet, Director of Public Works, Alameda Co.

Alyssa, a resident of Canada, is a senior Civil/Environmental Engineering major at the University of California, Berkeley. Following graduation in the spring of 2016 she intends to pursue a masters degree in Geotechnical Engineering.

Alyssa has interned at the City of Calgary and worked at the City of San Francisco Department of Public Works. This past summer she interned at MWG Global in Walnut Creek.

She has been active in the ASCE on campus and last year participated in the ASCE Construction Competition in Reno, NV.

She is currently President of the Civil Engineering Honor Society.



CEAC 100 Years

This column is a continuing effort to provide information about our organization and leaders over the first 100 years of existence.

As noted in past Newsletters, CEAC members over the years have been a force in a multitude of ways in addition to the normal California county surveying and engineering functions we usually expect.

Our members have been a strong voice in national county engineering as well through the National Association of County Engineers, NACE. The NACE organization was originally formed at a meeting in Salt Lake City in July 1956. Two of our CEAC members were part of that groundbreaking event, these being John Lambie, Los Angeles County, and A.E. “Dusty” Rhodes, Yolo County. John Lambie subsequently was a co-signer on the NACE Charter in June 1959 and became the first NACE President from California in 1960.

Since that time four more NACE Presidents have come from California including: William D. “Bill” McIntosh, Lassen County in 1967; Donald B. Head, Sonoma County in 1986; C.F. “Budge” Campbell, Mendocino County in 1994; and Phillip Demery, Sonoma County in 2011.

In addition to these Presidents, CEAC members have been recognized by NACE for their contributions to county engineering as “Urban” or “Rural” County Engineers of the Year. These include: David K. Speer, San Diego County, in 1968; William McIntosh, Lassen County in 1971; James T. Pott, Santa Clara County, in 1973; Bruce McClain, Monterey County, in 1977; Leland Steward, Santa Barbara County, in 1980; Michael Walford, Contra Costa County, and Budge Campbell, Mendocino County, in 1993; Richard Welton, Fresno, in 1994; Henry Hirata, San Joaquin County, and Dave Gravenkamp, Siskiyou County, in 1998; and Phil Demery, Sonoma County, in 2012.

A number of our members have served as NACE Western Region Vice-Presidents and also on many NACE committees that have been instrumental in shaping not only the NACE organization, but also national policy and programs relative to public works engineering.

Through the years, CEAC has been supported by numerous organizations, affiliates, and individuals that have contributed greatly to the success of our organization. Following are three of those individuals, one that represented an organization providing outstanding educational engineering resources for our counties, one representing the State Division of Highways (Caltrans), and a third representing an affiliate member that has provided both direct assistance to CEAC and assistance to many of our counties through its consulting engineering business.

Harmer Davis
I.T.T.E.
Honorary CLOD



Harmer E. Davis, passed away December 24, 1998 in Walnut Creek, California at the age of 94.

He was the founder and guiding light of what is now the University of California Institute of Transportation and pioneered highway engineer training throughout the State of California.

In 1947, prior to the Collier-Burns Act, Davis began the nation's first program combining research and teaching to help train Highway Engineers. His students upgraded California's roads and airports in the years after World War II. Davis' model was later copied by several states throughout the nation.

He was a strong supporter and friend of CEAC. It was not surprising for a County Road Commissioner to look up from his desk and see Harmer being escorted into his office, sit down and discuss Highway Engineering Training and its necessity for hours.

Born in Rochester, N.Y., he attended Charlotte High School in New York and graduated from Huntington Park High School in California in 1923. In 1928, he graduated from the University of California

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Berkeley with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and received his M.S. in Civil Engineering from the same school in 1930. He devoted the rest of his life to the University of California Civil Engineering Programs and as Director of the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering.

Vic Sauer, long time friend described Davis as follows: "An outstanding individual in every respect. One, which every CEAC member should bow his or her head, and say *Thank You* in memory of this professor and engineer who contributed so much to Civil Engineering and the education and training of Highway Engineers!"

Harmer is an Honorary Life Member of CEAC and an Honorary Member of he CLODS.

Alan S. Hart
State Div. of Highways-
Caltrans
Honorary CLOD



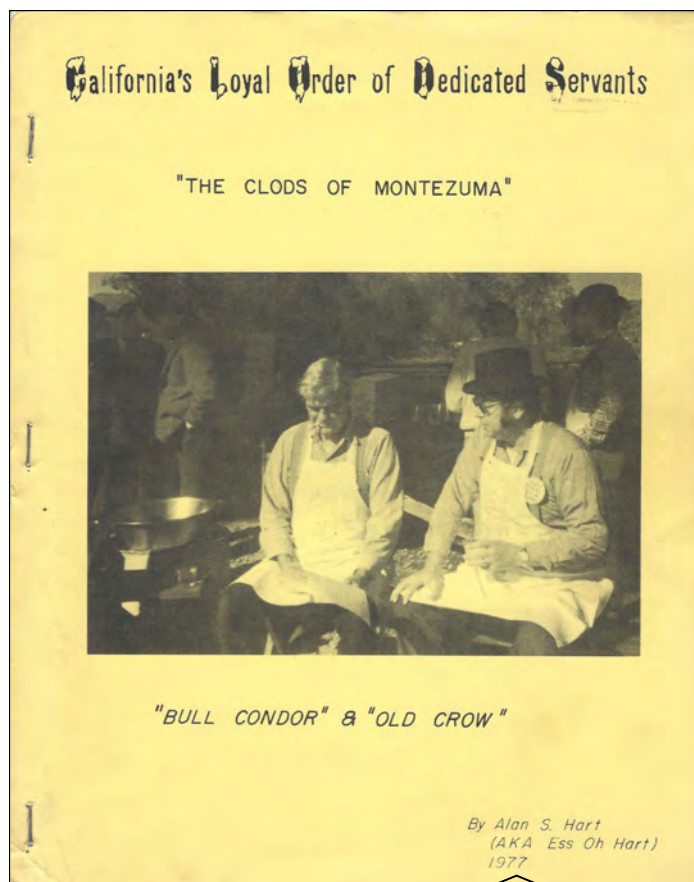
Alan Hart was born in Santa Rosa in December 1907. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in May of 1930 and immediately went to work for the California State Division of Highways, District 3, in Sacramento.

The last 21 years of his career, which was approximately half of his career, was spent as a District Engineer in four different Districts. He started in the smallest, Bishop, and progressed through Eureka, Marysville, and finally to the metropolitan District of San Francisco.

A Highly respected highway engineer throughout the State and Nation, Alan retired December 30, 1971, with accomplishments to numerous too describe. The fact that a portion of Interstate 80 over the Sierra mountains bears his name, the Alan S. Hart Freeway, speaks for itself and is a tribute to an outstanding individual.

Alan Hart passed away suddenly on June 8, 1994, at the age of 86.

Alan was one of three original Honorary CLODS and is the author of "The CLODS of Montezuma," which is a history of the CLODS published in 1977.



By Alan S. Hart
(AKA Ess Oh Hart)
1977

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Win Westfall
Willdan Group, Inc.
Honorary CLOD



Win Westfall received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Southern California in 1962 and a Master of Business Administration from Pepperdine University in 1980.

Win has over 35 years of experience as a line manager for consulting engineering firms, and has served as city engineer for seven California cities. He is currently a registered engineer in California and has been a registered civil engineer in Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada and Washington.

Mr. Westfall is a fellow of The Society of American Military Engineers and has been active in numerous other professional associations. During 1997, he served as the National President for The American Public Works Association (APWA), the first private consultant to hold this position. Mr. Westfall has served on and chaired committees for the American Council of Engineering Companies, and in 2004 was made an Honorary CLOD of the County Engineers Association of California.

Mr. Westfall has served as the trustee of the APWA Education Endowment Fund since 1999 and was on the California Transportation Foundation board of directors from 2005 to 2012.

Mr. Westfall is an Independent Chairman of the Board of the Willdan Group, Inc. He has served as Chairman of the Board since May 2006, and has been a member of the board of directors since 2001. Mr. Westfall was President and Chief Executive Officer from May 2006 to February 2007, Senior Vice President of Corporate Relations from January 2004 to May 2006, and a regional manager in northern California from 1998 through January 2004.



George Macomber, Stanislaus County
CEAC President 1946-47



Clay Castleberry, Butte County
CEAC President 1975-76

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 Capitol Event Center
 1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor
 Sacramento, Sacramento County, CA



1. **Call to Order** (Penrose) Meeting was called to order at 2:03 on September 17, 2015.

Meeting Roster

Officer	Office	County
Michael Penrose	President	Sacramento
Matt Machado	President-Elect	Stanislaus
John Presleigh	Secretary	Santa Cruz
Scott McGolpin	Past President	Santa Barbara
Mike Crump	Treasurer	Butte
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou County (Retired)
Regional Directors	Region	County
Steven Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Scott DeLeon	Northern California	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Mother Lode	Yolo
David Leamon	San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
Tom Fayram	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
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
Brian Balbas	Land Use	Contra Costa
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
Steven Kowalewski	Scholarship	Contra Costa
Pat Proano	Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.	Los Angeles
Steven Steinhoff	Survey	Los Angeles
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
DeAnn Baker	Legislative Director	CSAC
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
Others	Title	Agency/County
Julie Bueren	Western Regional Vice President	Contra Costa/NACE

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

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2. **Approval of Minutes** (Presleigh) – Upon a motion by John Presleigh, seconded by Pat DeChellis, the March 27, 2015 minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.
3. **Correspondence** (Penrose) – Michael Penrose reported that they had a few correspondence items including identification of members for the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC), and there is a request out for a rural alternate for the Active Transportation Program-Technical Advisory Committee (ATP-TAC).
4. **CLODS Report** (CLODS) - Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi reported that the CLODS appreciated an invitation from the President for the Annual Meeting. Additionally, Mehdi also reported that they have identified a slate of officers to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Mehdi also reported that it will be the CLODS Golden Anniversary next year, and this critically important event will run from the Annual Meeting 2015 to the Annual Meeting, 2016.
5. **NACE Report** (DeChellis) – Pat DeChellis reported that the NACE Western Regional Conference is November 4-6, 2015 in Laughlin, Nevada. The next NACE Annual Meeting is in April 2016 in Tacoma, Washington. Pat highly recommended that all attend these two conferences. Pat stated that these types of (transportation) meetings provide information on what the rest of the country is doing. Pat also reported that he will be retiring from Los Angeles County and that there will be a need to select a new CEAC representative to the NACE Board of Directors. The nominee will be put forth to the general membership at the Annual Meeting, 2015. Pat DeChellis retirement is expected to be on March 30, 2016.

Julie Bueren requested consideration on the issue of NACE dues. Pat DeChellis also requested the Board's input on the NACE dues issue (not an action item) that would go back for consideration at the Fall NACE Conference on October 26, 2016, in Kansas City. Julie reported that NACE is struggling financially and the dues are only \$150 per member. In comparison, the dues structure for CEAC is per County or organization. Per Julie, this means that we are able to bring more people to the CEAC meetings, etc., which allows the membership to keep growing. The NACE due structure is antiquated and does not provide for real growth. Julie reported that the membership committee for NACE has been looking at this and is looking at a new dues structure more in line in what CEAC does (organization based) and what NACO does (more population based). Julie is requesting feedback on this item. Julie prepared a handout regarding proposed changes (with the idea that we would continue with 100 percent County membership to NACE). Julie reported that NACE is comprised of many small Counties and that there was some concerns about those agencies ability to absorb a new dues structure. Mike Crump asked if NACE had completed an analysis of the new dues structure and what it would do for their budget. Julie said that NACE had completed a budget analysis (NACE's budget is based on dues and conferences).

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There was a general conversation about the extra amount that would be needed for the NACE dues, and what it would do to the overall CEAC dues. Mike Crump gave a general overview of the CEAC budget and the future need to raise dues based on new costs, etc. Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi reported that there are concerns about smaller Counties and their ability to pay additional costs for both future increases in CEAC and NACE. Julie reported that smaller counties would only see a \$50 increase and larger counties would have higher dues based on population. Doug Wilson reported that NACE should be looking at better financing between the dues and the NACE conferences. Additional conversations included what to do with the smaller counties and their ability to pay dues. Pat DeChellis reminded us that in order to be a player with NACE that we have to have a 100 percent membership commitment. Mike Penrose reported that we have sufficient funding in the budget to cover this increase this year for NACE, and that we would have a future discussion on this matter at the Annual Meeting. Pat suggested that we keep the smaller Counties dues the same and to raise the rates for those Counties over 1 million in population. Julie reported that we could keep the rate structure for smaller Counties and that we should decide how we will treat the CEAC dues (with the inclusion of the NACE dues). There were additional conversations on how we should cover the cost for not raising the dues for smaller Counties (larger Counties would make up the difference). Mehdi suggested that we should review the entire rate structure for CEAC. It was decided that we provided enough input for Julie Bueren to discuss this item further with NACE. **Action Item: Future discussion regarding NACE dues at the 2015 Annual Meeting.**

6. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff) – Karen Keene reported that from a personnel level, CSAC is fully staffed again. Karen also reported that the legislature adjourned last week but left a few items that still need to be addressed, such as transportation funding and Proposition 218. Karen reported that CSAC is also working on their 2016 State and Federal priorities, and will be presenting on this item at the Annual Meeting/Annual Meeting in December. The Annual Meeting will include a number of workshops, including one on road users charge. There will be additional workshops on Cap and Trade, Marijuana, and the drought.

Merrin Gerety reported that they have identified a potential date of August 17-18, 2016, for the next Policy Conference (roughly a month earlier than this year). The conference center is available for approximately \$4,000. Registration fees and sponsorship income for the 2015 Policy Conference was approximately \$17,000. With a conference center rental at \$2,700, Merrin expects to break even on the 2015 Policy Conference and reported that we had about 120 attending the Policy Conference with 33 counties represented, and 12 sponsors. There was a 70/30 split between public and private attendees. Last year there were about 130 attendees, with some no shows as well. Merrin will move ahead with the 2016 conference. Pat DeChellis reported that this is the most important conference that we have and will continue to advocate for keeping the costs down and that

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we should all be bringing our respective staff. There were some general discussions regarding the speaker at this year's conference (more of a trainer on public outreach – the pros and cons of the speaker were also discussed).

Chris Lee reported that transportation funding was added as a priority for legislative items, and updated the item related to outstanding loans to reflect current conditions. Additionally, a tweak was made to Number 9 for local streets and roads assessment to make it applicable to this year. Chris Lee reported that they kept the same things moving on land use, and that they will continue moving forward on environmental streamlining as well in special session. Karen Keene reported that there was a need to modify the priority for storm water funding, and that they will be advocating for a change to Proposition 218, in light of the recent polling on new fees and charges. Language was added to support an alternative funding approach. Upon the motion of Panos Kokkas, with a second from Steve Kowalewski, the CSAC Report was approved unanimously.

7. Regional Directors Report

Bay Area - Steve Kowalewski reported that they were supposed to have a regional meeting on August 3, but it was cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for November 4 at the Laughlin Conference. There was already two other meetings held this year (scheduled quarterly).

Northern California - Scott DeLeon was unable to attend the meeting.

Sacramento Mother Lode - Panos Kokkas reported that they had a recent meeting that included John Harvey as a speaker, and there was a presentation on UC Davis pavement preservation. Merrin Gerety gave an update on CSAC items. The next meeting is scheduled for June 2016.

San Joaquin Valley – David Leamon reported that they meet eight times a year, and the last meeting was in August and they plan on meeting the following week. The final meeting of the year will be in October 16, and they are looking for a volunteer for Regional Director and Valley Road Commissioner.

Central Coast – Tom Fayram reported that a meeting is set for September 25 at Lake Nacimiento, and a spring meeting is planned in San Luis Obispo.

Southern California – Vincent Gin reported that their region met on August 27 and it was hosted by Riverside County (centrally located). Eight of nine Counties attended and they continue to struggle with Mono County in attending the meeting. A guest speaker from

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Ventura Consultant gave a presentation on outreach and social media. After the meeting, there were a few Counties that stayed to discuss El Nino planning, etc.

8. Treasurers Report (Crump) – Attachment Two

Mike Crump reported that the budget is attached in the agenda package. The membership dues were estimated at \$131,250, but the actual was \$109,250. Mike also reported that the dues were set per calendar year, and that all Counties paid their dues including San Francisco. The Local Streets and Roads Assessments were paid by all, with the exception of Lassen County (promised to do so). The Drainage Assessment was also mostly paid for, with the exception of a few small Counties and San Francisco. The Policy Conference income, Annual Meeting, and Affiliate dues are now collected by both Merrin and Mike. The affiliate dues collected were \$12,250, Sponsorship collected \$21,500, Policy Conference collected \$6,000, and the Annual Meeting collected \$11,000. The total for Affiliates, Dues, and Sponsorships was \$50,750 (up to date a week ago). With the Annual Meeting coming up it is expected that more Sponsorship funds will be collected. Mike also reported that dues have not been increased, and it is proposed that dues be increased next year based on the 2010 census for Contra Costa, Stanislaus, and Placer Counties.

Mike Crump also reported per the bylaws that the Treasurer is supposed to be bonded in an amount satisfactory to the Board of Directors. The question raised by Mike is whether this needs to be done, and if so, how much the Treasurer should be bonded for. Mike stated that he wanted this to be brought up as an official record at the Board and was looking for direction. Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi reported that it was expensive to bond the Treasurer and this is why it wasn't done in the past (and complicated), but believes that it should be reviewed. Mike Crump reported that he will conduct some research on the bonding costs, etc. Pat DeChellis reported that it should be looked at for purposes of meeting the intent of the bylaws and made a recommendation to bring this item back at the December meeting to investigate the cost for bonding the Treasurer. Pat made a motion on this item, seconded by Presleigh. The recommended amount for the cost of the bonding to be around \$1,000 to \$1,500, but it should be reviewed for the true fund balance. This item was passed unanimously. **Action Item: Mike Crump to conduct research on bonding costs, etc.**

9. Committee Reports

Mike Penrose stated that since we all attended the various Committees, he requested only an update on the Oversight and Special Tasks Committee due to the discussion on the CEAC website update.

- a) Flood Control and Water Resources – Resource Recovery and Waste Management
- b) Surveyor

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- c) Land Use
 - d) Transportation
 - e) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee – Jim Porter reported that there was a recommendation to approve the recommendation in the report to the Board of Directors on the website update.

10 Other Committee Reports

- a) Fellowship – No report
- b) Scholarship (Kowalewski) – Steve Kowalewski reported that they completed the outreach for awarding the \$2,000 engineering scholarship. Twenty-two applications were received and they were reviewed by Steve, Vincent Gin, and Scott DeLeon. It was also reported that there were no applications received for the surveying scholarship. There was a general discussion on how the committee would target next year's application process to try to get more surveying students to apply. There were three applicants selected from Cal State Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and from UC Berkeley. The checks will be handled out appropriately and there will be a presentation at the Annual Meeting. There is also a request for County Surveyor of the Year and Engineer of the Year award nominations. Steve requested that they at least receive one nomination from each region. **Action Item: Steve Kowalewski will send out an official request for nominations shortly.**
- c) Outside Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG) – Pat DeChellis reported that we should make it clear to the various committee members that they should be in attendance and should give a report during the conferences. No other committee reports were requested.

11. **Life Membership** – No update, more in the Annual Meeting.

12. Unfinished Business

- a) CEAC Bylaws (Mattson) - Mike Penrose reported that the CEAC bylaws are being worked on by Tom Mattson and one more conference call should take care of this matter for discussion purposes at the Annual Meeting. **Action Item: Conference call to finalize CEAC ByLaws Update**
- b) Hospitality Suites at Conferences (McGolpin) - Scott McGolpin reported that there were discussions on insurance and liability at past conferences in regards to the Hospitality Suite issues. It looks like more hotels in the future will require that we utilize their in house services.

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13. New Business

- a) Washington D.C. Reauthorization trip, February 2016 - Mike Penrose reported that there is a continuing need to advocate for legislative items and it should be budgeted at appropriate times.
- b) CEAC Website Redesign – Contract Approval (Porter) – Jim Porter reported that there was a good discussion on the recommended redesign of the CEAC website. The Oversight Committee recommended that the proposal be approved as a \$40,000 contract with Black Dog Marketing. Matt Machado made a motion to approve this item, with a second by Pat DeChellis. The item was passed unanimously. **Action Item: Merrin Gerety will supply an invoice to Mike Crump for payment to move this contract forward.**
- c) CEAC dues and assessments (Gin) – Vincent Gin reported that the dues have not been adjusted since 1991 we may have sacrificed some items or opportunities. Vincent wanted to initiate a discussion on this and to think about perhaps a new or different structure for the future payment of dues, so we could promote more opportunities for such things like the advocacy trip to Washington D.C. and to build on the communication program (perhaps have interns, etc. to develop programs). Vincent did provide some breakout for a new due structure for larger Counties. **Action Item: Mike Penrose requested that a subcommittee be set up to study this item further (volunteers to study this item include Mike Crump, Julie Bueren, Vincent Gin, Panos Kokkas, Mike Penrose, Matt Machado, and Richard Tippet)**

14. Scheduled Conferences

- a) NACE/AACE Western Region Conference, Laughlin, Nevada, December 1-4, 2015
- b) CSAC 121st Annual Meeting, Monterey County, December 1-4, 2015
- c) CEAC Spring Conference/ PWOI, Sacramento, March 9-11, 2016
- d) NACE Annual Conference, Tacoma, Washington, April 24-28, 2016
- e) CEAC 11th Annual Policy Conference, Sacramento, August 17-18, 2016
- f) CSAC 122nd Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, Riverside County, November 29-December 2, 2016

15. CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- a) September 17, 2015, 2:00 (Policy Conference)
- b) December 4, 2015, 11:00 am (Annual Meeting)
- c) March 11, 2016, TBD (Spring Conference)

Mike Penrose adjourned the meeting at 4:02 pm.

Droppings



By

Dave 'Road Runner' Gravenkamp

CEAC Historian

"Memorable Barbeques"

Do you remember your first CLODS BBQ? Or perhaps the upcoming event to be held this December in Monterey will be your first.

My first was actually the very first CLODS BBQ held at Squaw Valley in 1969. The fare was steak and of course beans, but not yet served out of the toilet bowl. Other notable "stuff" missing from that first BBQ were CLODS' aprons, caps, and shirts. Most of the CLODS wore their "Drinking Team" shirts. The only recollection I have is of Ted McConville, Orange County, attempting fishing with a fly rod on an on-site trout pond.

BBQ #2 was pool side at the Hotel del Coronado, in San Diego in 1970. Fish stew and little else was the main and only course served that day. I bragged to anyone who would listen that I'd caught the fish for the stew. Ted McConville had sailed his boat down to San Diego and took several of us fishing in Mexican waters. I later learned that our fish had been dumped and was not used in the stew. The thing I remember most about this BBQ was that several CEAC officers and other by-standers found their way into the pool, fully clothed, into the pool. It's a safe bet that the CLODS will never host another BBQ on the Hotel "del" grounds.

The 1971 event, BBQ #3, was held on the shore of the Pacific Ocean at Seaside, just north of Monterey. The fare for the event was wild pig. I don't recall anything of significance at the BBQ, but the day following was probably the darkest day in CEAC/CLODS history. It was on this day that Howard van Reyper, Yolo County, and Bill Jones, Solano County, perished while sailing Howard's homemade sail boat back home from the conference. It seems as though good things often come out of bad. This tragedy spawned the CEAC Memorial Fund, which has helped many deserving engineering students meet college expenses over the last 45 years.

There was no BBQ at Palm Springs in 1972, rather a lunch at a restaurant following a ride to the top of a mountain on the Palm Springs Tramway.

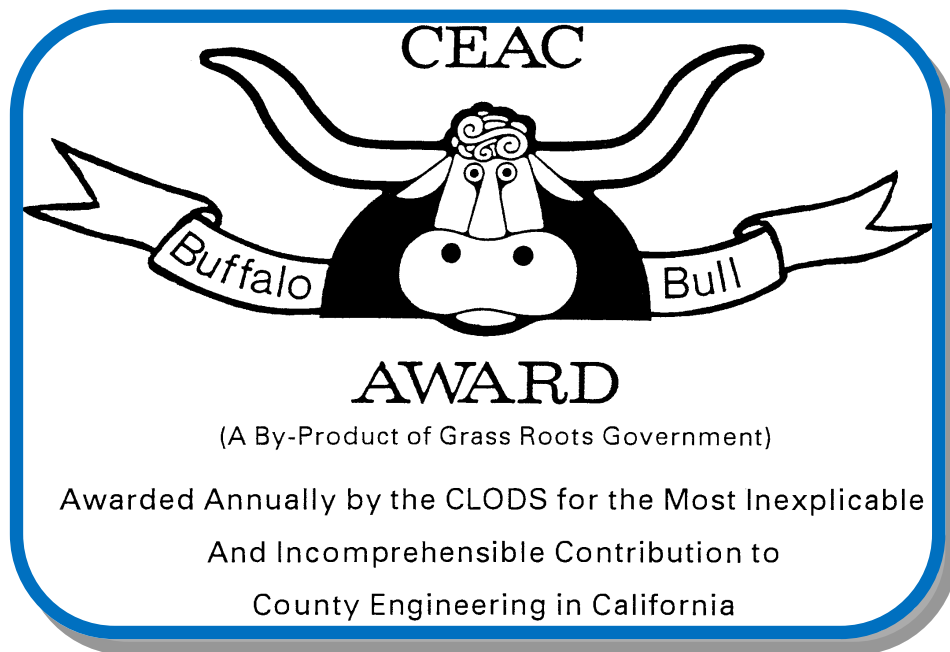
The 1973 BBQ was held under the Sacramento River bridge in Redding with hobo stew being the luncheon treat. Rumor had it that the main ingredient was road kill, but I guess we'll never know. A D.C. dignitary, I believe from NACO, was invited to speak, but gave up after repeated interruptions by the attendees.

What made these four BBQs memorable? The fact that they were the first four was no doubt significant, and also the locations and unusual menus made them equally memorable. It was clear that Ed Hanna's hand in organizing the BBQs played a huge role in making them unforgettable.

This year's BBQ will be held in Monterey (or reasonably close) on December 3rd and will mark the kickoff of the CLODS' year long "golden anniversary" celebration. Hopefully, there will be a good representation of CLODS, both those working and retired. I hope to see you there and who knows, you may be feasting on a different and unusual cuisine. We have lots of road kill in the north part of the state.



Buffalo Bull Award 2016



Once again, the CLODS' Tres Pinos Committee is soliciting your nominations for the prestigious Buffalo Bull Award to be presented to a most deserving "sole" (buffoon) at the President's Banquet during the 2016 Spring Conference.

Remember, all nominations are kept in strict confidence by the committee. A very rare exception to this precedent occurred once-upon-a-time (last year in fact) when a couple of boastful and blustery nominators bragged that they had in fact nominated their own boss. The committee hopes they are still employed.

Any and all nominations should be sent directly to the CEAC Newsletter Editor, who will in turn send them to an unknown P.O. Box in Tres Pinos, California to be opened sometime early next year by the Tres Pinos Committee in a secret meeting at Borovich's Irish Hacienda.... A favorite watering hole of the committee & the location where the concept for the overhead sewage treatment facility was hatched.

Rule #1: A good defense is a good offense.....get your nomination in before someone can nominate you?

"Jest-a-Minute"



Three Decisions: Golf Or Sex

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. "Boy, I'd give anything to sink this putt," the golfer mumbles to himself.

Just then, a stranger walks up beside him and whispers, "Would you be willing to give up one-fourth of your sex life?"

Thinking the man is crazy and his answer will be meaningless, the golfer says, "Sure," and sinks the putt.

Two holes later, he mumbles to himself again, "Gee, I sure would like to get an eagle on this one."

The same stranger is at his side again and whispers, "Would it be worth giving up another fourth of your sex life?"

Shrugging, the golfer replies, "Okay" and he makes an eagle.

On the final hole, the golfer needs another eagle to win. Without waiting for him to say anything, the stranger quickly moves to his side and says: "Would winning this match be worth giving up the rest of your sex life?"

"Definitely," the golfer replies, then he makes the eagle and wins the match.

As the golfer is walking to the club house, the stranger walks alongside him and says, "I haven't really been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm the Devil, and from this day forward you will have no sex life."

"Nice to meet you," the golfer replies, "...I'm Father O'Malley."

The County Engineer received a government form to fill out with the instructions: "List the names and addresses of all employees broken down by sex." The Engineer wrote, "None, our problem is absenteeism."

Jake was on his deathbed. His wife, Susan, was maintaining a vigil by his side. She held his fragile hand, and tears ran down her face. Her praying roused him from his slumber. He looked up and pale lips began to move slightly.

"My darling Susan," he whispered.

"Hush, my love," she said. "Rest. Don't talk."

He was insistent. "Susan," he said in his tired voice. "I have something I must confess to you."

"There's nothing to confess," replied the weeping Susan. "Everything's all right, go to sleep."

"No, no. I must die in peace, Susan. I was involved with your sister, your best friend, and your mother."

"I know," she replied. "That's why I poisoned you."

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM by Mike Peters



My husband is in a coma, but he'll be in tomorrow if he feels better.



Bye Bye
Thanks
KAM

Happy Thanksgiving

