



CEAC Newsletter

Dec 2016 Editor: **Pat DeChellis**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By **John Presleigh**, Director of Public Works
Santa Cruz County



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Counties

It is truly a privilege to serve as your 2017 CEAC President. I want to thank the CLODS for selecting me to ascend through the CEAC Chairs to become President. I look forward to working with Jeff Pratt, Ventura County, CEAC Vice-President; Jim Porter, San Mateo County, CEAC Secretary; and Matt Machado, Stanislaus County, CEAC Immediate Past President on CEAC priorities. I would like to congratulate Jim Porter on being selected as the CEAC Secretary; I know he will do a great job for all of the CEAC members. I expect to work closely with Jeff Pratt to support a number of the CEAC programs. Additionally, there are not enough words to express the gratitude that we all have for Matt and all of his work as CEAC President this past year. Matt was outstanding and I know that he will continue to be instrumental in supporting the many CEAC priorities next year and into the future. I would like to congratulate Mike Penrose, Sacramento County, on receiving the "Engineer of the Year" award and for being such a great Past President this last year. Also, congratulations to Gordon Haggitt, Lake County, for receiving the



President's Message (continued)

"Surveyor of the Year" award. These are much deserved awards for both Mike and Gordon. CEAC is truly an outstanding organization, and the talent that each member brings to the organization is simply incredible.

The 122nd Annual Conference in Palm Springs was a real success! CSAC staff out did themselves (again), including our own Merrin Gerety, in developing the program for the conference. The CLODS BBQ as always was a great success. The CLODS prepared a very tasty lunch for us, including feeding us beans out of the "infamous can". The CLODS also gave us some very enduring moments regarding their history. It was a real honor to have Brian Stacy, our National Association of County Engineers (NACE) President from Pierce County, Washington, attend the Annual Conference. Brian and his wife, Colleen, had a great time in California. Brian is not only a good bowler, but he is also very accomplished on the dance floor.

These conferences would not be possible without the support and sponsorship from the Affiliates. The Affiliates Platinum sponsors include Dokken Engineering, Drake Haglan and Associates, MGE Engineering, Nichols Consulting Engineering, Quincy Engineering, T.Y. Lin International, and WSP, Parson Brinckerhoff. The Affiliate Gold sponsor included Willdan Engineering. Thank you, Affiliates, for your continued support !!!

So, on to the work program for next year! As you all know the State legislators failed to move forward on a Transportation Funding Measure in 2016. It is now up to us as CEAC members to stay focused on continuing support for a Transportation Funding Measure for 2017. Our roadway infrastructure in California is in a state of decline as demonstrated in the 2016 Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Report. Please support CSAC staff as they continue their advocacy efforts on our behalf in securing passage of a Transportation Funding Measure as early as possible in 2017. If you are allowed by your respective Boards, I would request that each of you to seize the opportunity to meet with your State legislators to educate and then advocate on the need for passing a State Transportation Funding Measure as soon as possible.

Another important item that needs our full support is work on the Storm Water Funding strategy, including eventual development of a needs assessment report for drainage and flood control infrastructure in each county. The Flood Control Policy Committee is working with the six CEAC Regions to develop a plan to move forward. We want to make headway into addressing drainage and flood control needs and the lack of funding at the local level. Lastly, it is also important that we continue to work with CalOES to ensure that CDAA funding is available to counties during significant emergency events. CalOES has been a great partner in the past for many declared emergencies, but there have been times when they have declined public assistance when counties needed it most.

Looking forward to seeing you at the 2017 CEAC Conferences.

- **CEAC Spring Conference/PWOI** in San Diego, March 22 through 24
- **CEAC 12th Annual Policy Conference** in Sacramento, August 30 and 31
- **CSAC 123rd Annual Meeting** in Sacramento, November 28 through December 1.

I would like to attend Regional Meetings in all six of the CEAC Regions in 2017. I ask that the Regional Directors give me plenty of notice of their meeting dates so I can adjust my schedule accordingly.

Stay involved and let's have a great year! John Presleigh

Engineer of the Year 2016



Mike Penrose, Sacramento County Director of Transportation and CEAC President 2014-15, receives **“Engineer of the Year”** award from outgoing CEAC President Matt Machado, Stanislaus County.

Surveyor of the Year 2016



Gordon Haggitt, Lake County Surveyor, receives “**Surveyor of the Year**” award from Matt Machado.

Member Spotlight—Newest CLOD & Golden Egg Award Recipient 2016



Our newest CLOD, **Matt Machado**, Stanislaus County Director of Public Works, is congratulated by **Ken Miller**, CEAC President 2000-01, at the CEAC Installation Ceremony on December 2, 2016, at the CEAC Fall Conference in Riverside County (Palm Springs).

Max Bridges, CEAC President 1997-98, presents **Matt** the CLODS Golden Watch.

Incoming CEAC President, **John Presleigh**, presents **Matt** with a CEAC Tile for his outstanding work as President 2015-16.



Golden Egg Award (below) —presented by the CHICS (California's Honorable Intrepid County Sisters) to **Karen Keene**, CSAC Senior Leg Rep, for her Exemplary Service to county engineering for the past 27 years. Karen will be retiring early 2017.

The **Golden Egg Award** was created in 2007 to honor individuals

that have exhibited outstanding and extraordinary efforts or initiative.



CEAC PRESIDENT and INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS 2016-17



John Presleigh, Santa Cruz County, is the CEAC President for 2016-17. His first quote: "I'm your new leader."

Our response: "Of course you are, John."



Mike Penrose, CEAC President 2014-15, installs the CEAC Officers for 2016-17. From l-r, John Presleigh, President; Jeff Pratt, Vice President; Matt Machado, Immediate Past President; Mike Crump, Treasurer; Scott McGolpin, NACE Rep; Dave Gravenkamp, Historian; Pat DeChellis, Newsletter Editor; and Jim Porter, Secretary. Not shown, Mehdi Sadjadi, Treasurer-Emeritus, and Doug Wilson, Parliamentarian.

A FOND FAREWELL from Karen Keene

Dear CEAC Members, CLODS, CHICS, and Affiliates,

Thank you for the fantastic farewell gifts and acknowledgements I received at the CEAC Breakfast on Friday, December 2 in Palm Springs. I truly appreciate all of the well wishes and the kudos....essentially for doing my job, which, by the way, was made a whole lot easier thanks to you! I would have been lost without the CEAC members' willingness to share their technical knowledge on a wide range of subjects with yours truly.



Julie Bueren (left) and Scott McGolpin, (right) presenting Karen with proclamations from Contra Costa County and Santa Barbara County, respectively, acknowledging her work for CEAC and all California counties.

CEAC is a great organization and I am honored to have worked with you the past 27 years. WOW! How time flies! My appreciation for the work you do in your respective counties will not cease. In fact, I'll continue to cheer you on from the sidelines whenever the opportunity arises.

Thanks again for the great send-off and most importantly for your friendship. I'll miss you!

Sincerely, **Karen Keene**



Matt Machado, then CEAC President, presenting Karen with plaque from CEAC acknowledging all of her hard work for the past 27 years.



Karen with Phil Demery, retired (Sonoma and Santa Barbara Counties) and Richard Welton, retired (Fresno County) at the CLODS BBQ

Member Spotlight: Sacramento Motherlode Region

By Panos Kokkas, Regional Director

Director of Public Works, Yolo County, Dept. of Community Services

Since 2014, I have had the privilege of serving as Director of the CEAC Sacramento Motherlode Region, comprised of Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba Counties. We meet three to four times a year, and with our proximity to Sacramento, have been able to capitalize on great guest speakers from CSAC as we grapple with current and upcoming legislation. Some of the outstanding participants have included DeAnn Baker, Kiana Valentine, Chris Lee, Karen Keene, Merrin Gerety and Cara Martinson. Our location also affords us opportunity to include FHWA and Caltrans Local Assistance partners who provide valuable information.



Additionally, the Region benefits most of all from its CEAC members. The counties in our region have assets and challenges similar to others, such as flood concerns and mitigation, snow removal operations, great hiking trails and beautiful scenery. Through our regular meetings, we benefit from the knowledge of those participating, but also from the innovated solutions from our peers. We can all learn something from the following unique projects undertaken by the Region.

In **Nevada County**, a picturesque bridge, constructed in 1895 or 1915, depending on the source publication, connected the mining towns of Washington and Maybert. By the 1990s, the bridge had far exceeded its useful life and was rated among the worst bridges in the state. In 1993, a routine Caltrans inspection restricted the load to 3 tons, the minimum allowed in California allowing only small cars to cross. Due to the historic nature of the bridge, Nevada County reached an agreement with Nevada City for the bridge to be reused as part of a City recreation trail. Earlier this fall, the Maybert Road Bridge was removed from its abutments and placed on a temporary timber bridge adjacent to the existing structure (see picture below and video at: <https://youtu.be/rxHNwZHZW6U>) for disassembly and documentation, ultimately for future transportation to the city.



Nevada County's Maybert Road Bridge – ready for lift off!

Placer County is proposing to replace the existing bridge on Yankee Jims Road over the North Fork of the American River. The project is located between the communities of Foresthill and Colfax in an unincorporated portion of western Placer County, providing a vital secondary emergency access link between the communities. The area is remote and primitive, surrounded by US Bureau of Reclamation land and located within the Auburn State Recreation Area. The bridge is a one lane, single span suspension bridge constructed in 1930 (see pictures on page 9). The current bridge sufficiency rating is 8.1 out of 100, and at one time, was the lowest rated local bridge in the state. As a result, the bridge is also posted for a

Member Spotlight: Sacramento Motherlode Region (continued)

load limit of 3 tons. The area surrounding the site is remote and difficult to access, but rich in environmental, recreational and historical resources. The main objective of this project is to maintain appropriate access between Foresthill and Colfax in the event that the primary access via Foresthill Road is closed.

The decision has been made to leave the existing bridge in place and construct a new two-lane, 250-foot long steel arch rib suspension bridge on a new alignment downstream from the existing bridge.



Yuba County has also been busy with several unique projects including improvements on Hammonton Smartsville Road from Chuck Yeager Road to South Golden Parkway (pictures below). This is a Federal Lands



Access Program (FLAP) project to improve safety and enhance access to Beale Air Force Base.



Yuba County has also completed modifications to Feather River Boulevard to eliminate dangerous conditions on State Route 70. The project eliminated the last signal between Marysville and Sacramento on SR 70, providing unimpeded access for commuters.



Yuba County's Feather River Boulevard Project

While we live and work in different counties and regions, we share the same challenges. I feel fortunate to be able to attend and participate in CEAC conferences and meetings as I always learn from the ideas put forth by others. Our discussions are relevant and helpful to our continuous commitment to provide the best municipal services to our communities. Most importantly, we get to know each other as public servants, colleagues, advisers and friends.

Member Spotlight: Contra Costa Co. Public Works—What's New?

By **Julie Bueren**, Contra Costa County Director of Public Works

This fall the Contra Costa County Public Works Department added the position of Chief Deputy Public Works Director to our leadership team. When the Public Works and General Services Departments merged in 2012, the Department not only doubled in number of employees, it also doubled in scope of services provided. It became apparent that there was need for additional leadership with the broad responsibility for the entire department. This is particularly important for succession planning.



I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Brian Balbas** to Chief Deputy Public Works Director. The promotion of Brian and the simultaneous retirement of one of our other Deputies created two vacancies. I would also like to congratulate **Mike Carlson** and **Carrie Ricci**, Contra Costa's two newest Deputy Directors.

The addition of the Chief Deputy position allowed us to reorganize the Public Works Department and to realign the division responsibilities. The new structure is intended to provide focus to our operations divisions in delivering services to our customers under the leadership of **Joe Yee**. **Steve Kowalewski** will continue in his role leading our transportation programs with a focus on funding, traffic safety, implementing complete streets and green infrastructure programs, streamlining project delivery and working with our Airports Division. As Deputy Director, **Mike Carlson** will continue to expand the Flood Control District's role as a regional partner in delivering projects that provide community benefit in flood protection, environmental enhancement and recreation opportunities. Mike will also assume responsibility for development services, special districts and environmental processing. As Deputy Director, **Carrie Ricci** will oversee the Department's administrative and business programs including personnel, finance, purchasing and contracts, media relations, accreditation and records management. As the Chief Deputy, **Brian Balbas** will be responsible for overall Department administration and will continue to focus on an asset management program for County facilities.

Use the link to Contra Costa County Public Works Department's Org Chart [CCCPWD](#) for contact information for each of the Deputies and Division Managers.

Brian Balbas: Brian attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and received a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering in 1989. He started with the Department in July 1989 in Construction Division, serving as a Resident Engineer on many projects before rotating through every engineering division within the Department. Brian had the opportunity to serve one year as the first City Engineer for the City of Oakley when it incorporated in 1999. He promoted to Deputy Public Works Director in 2007 and Chief Deputy in 2016.



Brian has been active in CEAC and has served as the Chair or Vice Chair of Land Use Policy Committee of CEAC for the last 7 years. He is also active in APWA and is the current Northern California Chapter President. Brian believes that continuing education is important and he recently completed the CSAC Institute Credentialed California County

Member Spotlight: Contra Costa Co. Public Works (continued)

Senior Executive Program.

Brian has two grown sons, Brandon and Brett, who make him very proud every day. He is recently engaged to an incredible fiancée and partner, Nicole. They enjoy traveling and take weekend getaways whenever possible. Camping and hiking are two of their favorite things.



Stephen Kowalewski: Steve graduated from the University of California Davis with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and received his Masters degree in Business Administration from Cal State East Bay. He has been with the Department since 1990. Steve is the Deputy Public Works Director overseeing the Transportation Engineering, Design/Construction, Airports, and Print & Mail Divisions of Public Works. Some of his recent achievements include developing and implementing a balanced scorecard performance measurement system for the Department and leading a process improvement effort to improve the project delivery process.

Steve is active in CEAC and APWA. He has served as the Regional Director for the CEAC Bay Area Region and is currently the Chair of the Scholarship Committee. He has made formal presentations on the Department's balanced scorecard performance measurement system at both the associations' annual conferences. He has also taught a session at the APWA's Public Works Institute on the importance of community outreach and managing stress in the workplace. Steve played an active role in providing a local agency perspective on statewide efforts to develop California's Highway Safety Improvement Plan, the Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment, and served as the County's liaison for the Countywide Bicycle Advisory Committee. He is also serving on APWA's Accreditation Council.

On the human interest side, Steve enjoys supporting his son's youth hockey travel team and is a **HUGE** San Jose Sharks fan.

Joe Yee: Joe received a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from the Cal Berkeley. He began his career with the Department in 1986. With the merger with General Services, Joe has delved into Fleet Services, Recycling and Surplus and Facilities Services.

Joe's success comes from his core professional beliefs and values to:

- Do the right thing and be accountable
- Care about the people we work with and those we serve
- Be positive
- Try to make things a little better than you found it
- Balance work and life commitments



Joe also gives back to the Department through our mentoring program. He believes there are more mistakes than can be made in a lifetime and mentoring allows him to share lessons he learned so others can avoid some of his mistakes and better plan their path to professional and personal success.

Joe is a Bay Area native. He and his wife Holly live in Corte Madera in Marin County. In his spare time, Joe enjoys tinkering and fixing/restoring broken items.

Member Spotlight: Contra Costa Co. Public Works (continued)

Mike Carlson: Mike began his career with the Department in 1987. Mike joined the senior management team in 1999 as the Assistant Director for Construction Division. In 2007, he transferred to the Transportation Division and then in 2009 moved again to lead the Flood Control District. After either impressing the Public Works Director or actually performing his last job well, he was recently promoted to Deputy Director.



Mike earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. He is actively involved in statewide and regional flood, drainage, and clean water issues. He enjoys his work for the County, but values his free time even more. He is married with three children and now considers himself a successful “swammer parent” since he has survived twenty years of competitive swimming by his children. One daughter swam for USC and the other swam for UCLA. Let’s just say holidays are very interesting at the Carlson household.

Carrie Ricci: Carrie graduated from Cal State Hayward with a Bachelors degree in Psychology and received a Masters degree in Public Administration from Cal State East Bay. She started with the Public Works Department in 1996 as a student intern while attending college.



Carrie is a Deputy Director responsible for administrative and business programs including personnel, finance, purchasing and contracts, media relations, the accreditation program and records management.

Carrie is involved in the Northern California Chapter of APWA. She was Chapter President in 2011, co-chaired the Chapter’s annual 2-day conference in 2012 and 2013, and presented at the 2015 conference. She currently coordinates the Chapter’s Scholarship Program with San Francisco State University. Carrie is also involved with APWA National and serves as an accreditation evaluator for public works agencies going through the accreditation process. Carrie is married with two children. When she’s not at work she enjoys running, hiking and travelling with her family.

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News Items

Note from **Scott DeLeon**, Lake County, and No Cal Regional Director: We had lunch yesterday (12-15-2016) in the town of Williams at Granzella's, spearheaded by **Clay Castleberry**, CEAC President 1975-76. It is called "Lunch with Polar Bears". Attendees are encouraged to wear their Santa hats. Turnout was a little light due to a large rainstorm that hit yesterday, and most public works people were dealing with flooding or slide issues all day. This is a very fun event and it is always entertaining (and, educational) to listen to the stories from the retired directors. Although technology has changed the world of "Public Works", the issues and challenges the Directors faced "back in the day", are very similar to what we face today. Clay is to be commended for his efforts to keep this lunch going!



Lunch with the Bears—from l-r, John Joyce, Gary Shaul, Win Westfall, John Wrynski, Mike Crump, Tom Mlcoch, and Mike Asvendo—December 15, 2016

CLAY CASTLEBERRY

At its annual conference in October, the **California Emergency Services Association (CESA)** honored several individuals and organizations for their years of service and dedication to the profession, creating exceptional resources and programs, or for their excellence in response during an emergency. These individuals are nominated for recognition by their peers and are considered to be the best of best in the field of emergency management.

Among those recognized by the CESA was **Jerry Quinn (Consultant, Gerald J Quinn & Associates)** with the President's Award. For almost three decades, Jerry has aided the profession by consistently going above and beyond his role. From communication with elected officials and researching legislative issues, to providing his services pro-bono, to assisting government auditors, Jerry does all he can to educate others and lend his knowledge of emergency management to the benefit of all.

News Items (continued)

CEAC Bylaws Update

On August 18, 2016, the CEAC Board of Directors approved distribution of the revised CEAC Bylaws to the general membership for consideration/ approval by the CEAC membership at the Fall Conference, December 2, 2016, in Riverside County.

The revisions include the new membership dues structure, change of the President Elect position to be called the Vice President, and other editorial changes to provide clarity to the Bylaws.

Per Article VII, Section of the Bylaws, *“Any section or sections of these bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of eligible voting members present at any official meeting of the Association. Such proposed amendments shall be sent to all eligible voting members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.”*

On September 20, 2016, each CEAC member was e-mailed notice and a copy of the revised Bylaws. Per Article VII, Section 2 of the bylaws, *“All votes*

shall be by voice vote in the presence of at least three members of the Board of Directors.”

At the CEAC General Meeting held on December 2, at the Fall Conference, in Riverside County, the membership approved the changes to the Bylaws.

2017 CEAC Membership Dues

Reminder—the 2017 CEAC Membership Dues are due. The following Membership Annual Dues are:

<u>County Population</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>
• less than 100,000	\$ 750
• 100,000-299,999	2,000
• 300,000-499,999	3,000
• 500,000-999,999	5,000
• 1,000,000-1,999,999	6,000
• 2,000,000-2,999,999	7,000
• 3,000,000-4,999,999	8,000
• Over 5,000,000	10,000

2017 CEAC SPRING CONFERENCE

With the League of California Cities' Public Works Officers Institute
March 22-24, 2017
Paradise Point Hotel
San Diego



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“BETTER TOGETHER”

32nd Public Works Secretarial Seminar

April 26, 27, and 28, 2017

at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Modesto

The Annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar is about networking with peers in your field, making contacts, and insightful training. Hosted by public works employees from around the State, it is an exciting and informative program geared towards executive assistants and executive secretaries that support public works department.

Public works is about building and maintaining infrastructure through innovation and collaboration for the betterment of the communities we serve. Working together, 58 counties strong, is our plan for success. Please join us at our 32nd Annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar.



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Merced County



NACE Report – Spring 2016

By **Scott D. McGolpin**, CEAC Rep to the NACE Board of Directors,
Director of Public Works Santa Barbara County

The NACE/AACE Western Regional Conference was held October 26 - 28, 2016 in Laughlin, NV. It's an excellent venue to share information, compare notes and learn from other Western Region States.

It has become a tradition for CEAC and AACE to work together to develop the agenda for this Conference. Thanks to **CEAC President Machado** for organizing a prestigious list of CEAC speakers showing the true strength of CEAC! We had a wonderful turnout but are always seeking to increasing our attendance. Please consider going in 2017; it will be worth it.

We were honored to have the **2016-2017 NACE President Brian Stacy** and his wife, Colleen, from Pierce County, Washington State, join us in Palm Springs at the CEAC Fall Conference. It was a great week with the possible exception of a most unfortunate incident at the Thursday morning breakfast...

As each of you know, California is a 100% state which means all 58 counties are members of NACE. Our 100% membership in NACE continues to be a strong asset as changes are happening in Washington, D.C. The new administration has proposed a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan. Ensuring that California is at the NACE table puts all of us in a position of having a say on how this gets implemented to benefit California.

During the Annual Meeting, our own **Julie Bueren**, Contra Costa county, announced that she will be retiring in 2017 after 35 years of public service. Julie has also decided not to run for another term as the NACE Western Region Vice President.

Julie's time in this role have been exceptional, with everyone in California benefiting from Julie's representation on the national level.

Thank you very much for all of the time you put in, **Julie**, on our behalf!

Please save the following dates to ensure California is well represented at future NACE and Western Region Conferences:

2017 Annual Conference - April 9-13, Cincinnati, OH

2018 Annual Conference - April 22-26, Dells, WI

2017 NACE/AACE Western Region Conference - November 17 - 18, 2016

There is one other conference I did want to mention as I have found it to be one of the absolute best if you really want to find out how Washington D.C. works. The 2017 NACo Legislative Conference will be held in Washington D.C. February 25th - March 1. I highly encourage you to attend if influencing future federal legislation is something you enjoy being involved in.



2016-17 NACE President Brian Stacy and his wife, Colleen, at the CEAC Fall Conference with the decanter given to them by CEAC.



Droppings

from out of the past

BY

Dave “Road Runner” Gravenkamp

CEAC Historian

CEAC Spouse Activities

If you are new to CEAC, say less than 10 years, you are probably not very familiar with the role played by CEAC spouses in the early years. Although I don't have the figures to support, I'd guess that CEAC Spouses made up at least a quarter of those attending our Fall and Spring Conferences.

In those days, spouses didn't attend the CLODS BBQ but instead had a luncheon at a nice restaurant. Lunch was followed by an outing at a popular area attraction. These trips included whale watching in Monterey where most everyone got sick. Other attractions were the San Diego Zoo, Mexico, Wine Tasting, Sacramento River Cruise, shopping, J. Paul Getty Museum, and many more.

Likewise, spouses didn't attend the President's Banquet during the Spring conference, but, again, as a group, had dinner at a

nice restaurant with CEAC providing transportation and a good share of the cost of dinner. Entertainment was often times included.

Spouses also gathered in the CEAC Hospitality Suite to visit, play games, and indulge in a fancy fruit and dessert offerings. Spouses attended the Friday Breakfast at both the Fall and Spring Conferences and participated in a drawing for gifts purchased by the President-elect. No doubt the President-elect's spouse had a hand in buying and wrapping those gifts. I'd estimate about 20 gifts were provided and there were always more spouses present than gifts.

By contrast, a spouse's breakfast was offered at the Spring conference held in Sacramento earlier this year with but two spouses attending. And, at the Friday Breakfast, the spouses of the CLODS by far outnumbered the other spouses.

I'd like to extend THANKS to Dawn Davis, wife of Verne, Merced County, The Whopping Crane, and Delores Sadjadi for their input in providing background for this story.

I realize that jobs, kids, finances, etc., sometimes make it difficult for a spouse to attend our functions, but I think it would be great if more participated.



CLODS HONOR MIKE CRUMP

In the September 2016 Newsletter, we recognized **Mike Crump** 's 22 years of service with Butte County and his retirement effective the end of August 2016.



From left to right, **Bill Chef**, Public Works Director 1984-1994; **Clay Castleberry**, 1965-1984; **Mike Crump**, 1994-2016; **Ron McElroy**, Interim Director 1994; and **Dennis Schmidt**, newly appointed Director.

On December 1, the CLODS celebrated Mike's retirement "in fashion" at the CLODS BBQ.



Mike received the Cow Pie Clock from Dave Gravenkamp, CEAC Historian and Clock Maker. See the **Droppings from the past** in the Sept 2016 Newsletter for the history of the *Cow Pie Clocks*.



Mike with **THE PAINTING** presented by Pat DeChellis, who received IT from Phil Demery at his retirement in March.

CLODS BBQ—RIVERSIDE COUNTY, DECEMBER 1, 2016



Many thanks to **Juan Perez**, Director, Riverside Co. Transportation and Land Management Agency, and his staff for all of their help in making the CLODS BBQ a success once again!!!



CLODS preparing to serve the CEAC members.

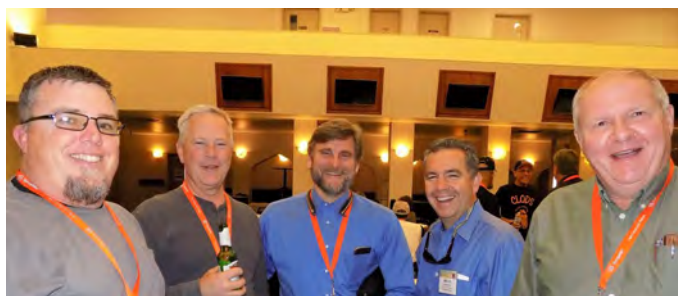


**THANK YOU, CEAC AFFILIATES,
FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT**



The "Bowl" is BACK!!!

CLODS BBQ (continued)



CLODS from l-r, Mike Penrose, Richard Welton, Max Bridges, Mike Walford, Ken Miller, Dave Gravenkamp, Phil Demery, Scott McGolpin (can only see the top of his cap), Don LaBelle, Tim Hackworth, Mike Crump, Pat DeChellis, Tom Mlcoch, Peter Rei, Julie Bueren, Tom Mattson, and Daniel Woldensenbet honoring the 50th anniversary of the CLODS and the 81 CEAC Past Presidents who made up the CLODS as of 2015-16, and sharing with the CEAC members what it means to them to be a CLOD.

CLODS BBQ (continued)



The Match Game, CEAC Style, featuring as the contestants, **Karen Keene**, CSAC Senior Legislative Rep, and Brian Stacy, NACE President; Moderator, **Ken Miller**, CEAC President, 2000-01; and the “celebrity” panelists, **Mike Penrose**, CEAC Immediate Past President; **Matt Machado**, CEAC President; **John Presleigh**, President-elect; and **Jeff Pratt**, CEAC Secretary. The panelists are dressed as FAMOUS CLODS. Can you guess who they are?

See page 26 **Miscellany** for the answers.

Below, from l-r, **Karen Keene**, CSAC Senior Leg Rep,; **Phil Demery**, CEAC President, 2002-03; and **Richard Welton**, CEAC President, 1989-90



Riverside County staff who assisted in setting up and clean up of the BBQ



From l-r, Colleen Stacy, Sandy Miller, Maren Presleigh, Sharon LaBelle, Dee Dee Bridges, and Max Bridges .

CEAC 2016 Fall Conference—Riverside County (Palm Springs)



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE—(from l-r)

Patty McNamee, Quincy; Steve Mellon,
Quincy; and Terry Abbott, Willdan.

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK

County Spotlight—San Bernardino—”We eliminated one of the busiest at-grade railroad crossings in the County. This crossing handles 100 trains a day, some a mile long, and that number will climb to 400 trains per day in the next 10 years.” **Gerry Newcombe**, Director of Public Works



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

GLEN HELEN PARKWAY GRADE SEPARATION PROJECT

Since 1930, San Bernardino County Department of Public Works has maintained Glen Helen Parkway, west of Cajon Boulevard. The Parkway crosses two sets of railroad tracks and an expansive 600' + Cajon Wash in Devore. For many years daily travelers, as well as those seeking an alternate route to avoid congestion on the I-15 and I-215, have experienced long delays at the at-grade railroad crossings waiting for slow moving trains winding their way through the Cajon Pass. BNSF and UPRR have a combined total of four tracks at this location that can see up to 100 trains per day. This little two lane road also serves as the main entrance to the County's Glen Helen Regional Park for camping, fishing, picnicking and horseback riding, while the San Manuel Amphitheater can host events and weekend festivals accommodating up to 65,000 patrons causing traffic jams lasting hours. But that's not all travelers of Glen Helen Parkway have had to deal with. In the early days Cajon Wash flowed freely across the roadway, causing roadway closures during and after storm events. Over the years, the County installed culverts and a 40-foot wide box culvert to handle moderate flows; however, these improvements didn't eliminate flooding problems and road closures of Glen Helen Parkway. Time for a change!

In 2005, a San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG) Nexus Study identified Glen Helen Parkway as the highest priority grade separation project in the region to relieve congestion based on length of delay. After being identified as the highest priority, the County and SANBAG began to work on a funding plan. In 2006, voters passed Proposition 1B, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act. It authorized the issuance of \$19.9 billion in state general obligation bonds for specific transportation programs. The Act included funding for trade corridor improvements, and this project received a \$7.6 million allocation, more than a quarter of the project cost. Once funding was buttoned up, the County began the environmental and design work, and started acquiring right-of-way. The County had a formidable task of negotiating right-of-way settlements and coordinating with the railroads.

Construction of the Phase I improvements was completed in 2015 and today motorists are enjoying the grade separation over the railroad crossings that keeps traffic moving. The new 4-lane with raised median bridge is 420 feet long, 104 feet wide, contains over 4,900 cubic yards of structural concrete, 2.1 million pounds of steel, and over 4,800 tons of hot mix asphalt. Other Phase I improvements included constructing major drainage improvements, erosion control, bridge lighting, street lighting, and relocation of electric, telephone and fiber optic facilities.



County Spotlight—San Bernardino (continued)

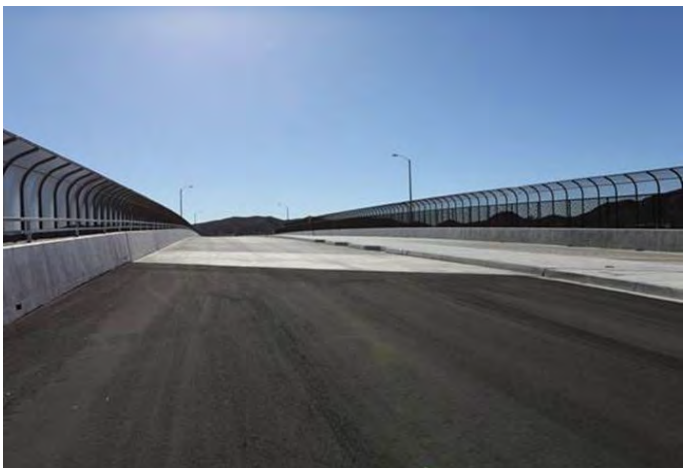
The two year construction project wasn't without its fair share of challenges. Construction activities from October through December were confined to the north and south approaches of the bridge only due to BNSF Railway's Fourth Quarter Shutdown. The Shutdown prohibited all construction activity near the BNSF tracks so as not to impact holiday freight deliveries. Additionally, not all properties could be acquired and demolished prior to construction, and as such, one house and the surrounding property had to be demolished during construction, requiring several other work activities be rescheduled. Rock was



encountered within the shallow part of the bridge foundation causing construction delays. Finally, contaminated material was discovered within the project limits requiring the removal of approximately 12,000 cubic yards of soil and field investigations to verify that the contamination was eliminated. Despite these challenges, the total construction time exceeded the original contract time by only 5%, and total expenditures exceeded the original contract amount by only 3%.

The local CDF, USFS, County Fire and law enforcement agencies are also appreciating the positive impact the bridge provides for emergency vehicles that in the past were delayed in providing essential services to the public and local residents.

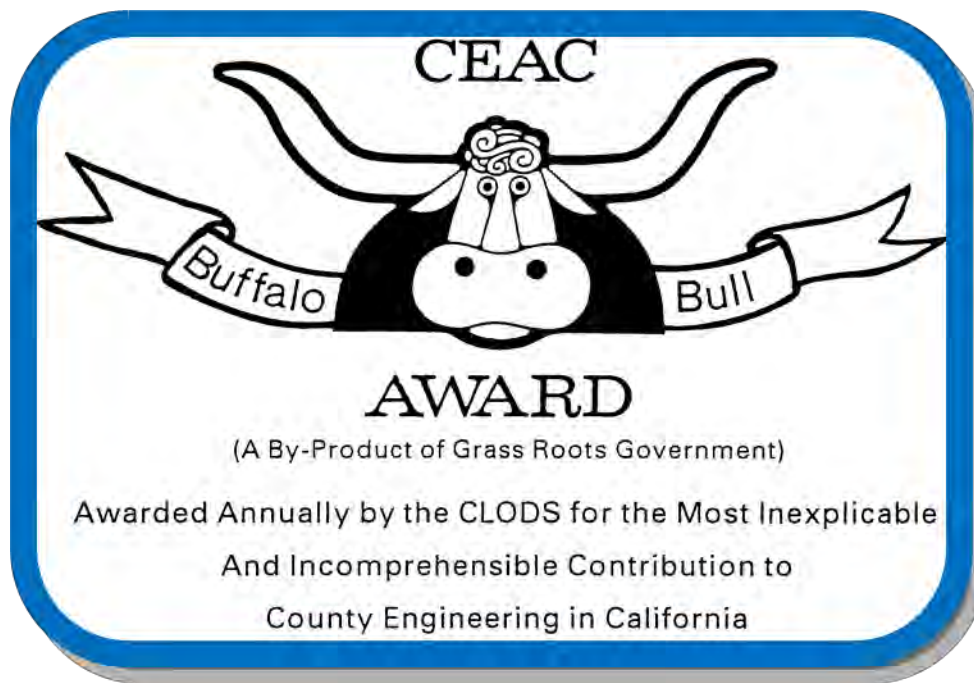
Design work for the project was completed in January 2013, at a cost of \$3.3 million. Acquisition cost \$4.9 million. Phase I construction began in July 2013 and was completed in May 2015, at a cost of \$21.6 million including construction management. Drainage improvements identified for Phase I will be constructed during Phase II, at a cost of \$2.6 million. The total cost for the project is \$32.4 million.



Funding for the Project: SANBAG	\$12,944,256
CTC (Prop 1B TCIF Funds)	7,172,000
San Bernardino County	7,601,455
Transportation – Measure I	1,600,000
Transportation – Gas Tax	480,316
BNSF	1,252,400
UPRR	1,067,000

Phase II of this project is a 675-foot long, 93.5 foot wide bridge over Cajon Wash. Design is currently 65% complete. The new bridge will be aligned south of the existing Glen Helen Parkway, allowing for construction of the new bridge without closing the roadway to through traffic. Drainage improvements, a multi-use trail and landscaping will also be constructed. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2018.

Buffalo Bull Award 2017—Not too late to submit your nominations!!!



It is that time again. The CLODS' **Tres Pinos Committee** is accepting nominations for the prestigious Buffalo Bull Award to be presented to a most deserving "sole" (buffoon) at the President's Banquet during the 2017 Spring Conference.

Thank you to those who have already submitted nominations. Remember Rule #1:

Rule #1: A good defense is a good offense... Get your nominations in because you may have already been nominated.

Remember, all nominations are kept in strict confidence by the committee. A very rare exception to this precedent occurred recently 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 and the location where the concept for the overhead sewage treatment facility was hatched.

Miscellany

Trivia Time III (from Sept 2016 Newsletter)

How many of our readers also have the same birthday as Ricky Nelson and the CEAC Newsletter Editor?

Response received

From Dave Gravenkamp—Not having taken statistics, I'm unable to calculate the probability of other Newsletter readers having the same birthday (May 8) as Ricky Nelson and yourself (the Newsletter Editor). I do, however, recall hearing that when there are 40 or more in a group there is a good likelihood that two will share the same birthday. Assuming there are at least 40 Newsletter readers (a possible stretch), it's probably safe to say that a couple enjoy the same birthday.

But, that wasn't the question. You asked if any readers were born on May 8. That remarkably reduces the odds. Perhaps, a more important question is—"How many read the Newsletter and would take the time to answer if born on May 8?" As evidenced to the response to Trivia I where three submitted a guess, you are probably the only CEAC member (or, affiliate) born on May 8.

Of course, Mr. Gravenkamp was correct, again!!!

Trivia Time IV

Is anyone going to prove Mr. Gravenkamp wrong?

Please e-mail either Merrin Gerety @ mgerety@counties.org or the CEAC Newsletter Editor.

CEAC Match Game Celebrity CLODS (from l-r)

Ed Hanna, **Bull Condor**, CEAC President 1956-57, CEAC Newsletter Editor for many years. Created the Buffalo bull Award, was the co-founder of the CLODS, wrote the CLODS ByLaws, instituted the famous CLODS BBQ at Squaw Valley in 1969, and attended every CEAC conference without a miss for 44 years—played by Mike Penrose.

Bill McIntosh, **The Old Crow**, CEAC President 1963-64, NACE President 1967, the first CEAC Treasurer – Emeritus (holding this position till his death in 2010), and for whom the William D. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award was established to recognize his own lifetime achievements in county engineering; also the "other" co-founder of the CLODS —played by Matt Machado.

Mehdi Sadjadi, **Peacock**, currently CEAC Treasurer-Emeritus (only the second person to hold this title/position), CEAC President 1998-99, CEAC Engineer of the Year 1999, and CEAC Treasurer 1999-2014 —played by John Presleigh.

The Admiral Bird—played by Jeff Pratt.

To provide input for future Newsletters, please forward your ideas to the CEAC Newsletter Editor at CEACNewsletterEditor@gmail.com.

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes



CEAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel
888 Tahquitz Canyon Road
Palm Springs, CA 92262
December 2, 2016



Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order (Presleigh)

- a. Meeting called to order at 10:22 am, Friday, December 2, 2016

2. Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2016 (Pratt)

- a. No action taken (lack of quorum)

3. Correspondence (Presleigh)

Presleigh acknowledged new members Dennis Schmidt and Steve White

4. CLODS Report (Gravenkamp et. al.)

- b. Another good barbeque. Do we really need a program? No comments received. Special Thanks to Riverside County staff – Did a Great Job!
- c. Mehdi Sadjadi's daughter is doing well following health issue. Intends to send acknowledgement to Mehdi of the good news regarding daughter.

5. NACE Report (McGolpin)

- d. Went to 2016 NACE/AACE Western Region Conference in Laughlin, NV Oct. 26-28. Great Attendance.
- e. 2017 NACE Conference in Cincinnati, OH on April 9-13, 2017. CEAC Board to participate. McGolpin advised the Board that CEAC will need another Western Region representative when Julie Bueren retires in 2017. Discussion ensued regarding who appoints the representative. The CLODS appoint the CEAC representative to NACE, but not the Western Region representative. That position is elected by the NACE Western Region membership. Two people from CEAC are interested in Western Representative Position, including McGolpin. DeChellis – Historically, state NACE representatives are considered for Western Regional Representative. California's NACE representative would compete against other state representatives. Gravenkamp mentioned that the role historically rotates between states. However, the process has since changed. McGolpin will research process and report back. Applications are

due on December 17, 2016 and should include a short biography and photograph. Applicant must be a NACE member. DeChellis commented that we shouldn't endorse anyone until all candidates are named. It was further discussed that the two interested members should decide which one will run for election, so that the California members can support one candidate. The other member can be considered by the CLODS for the CEAC NACE representative position. If McGolpin becomes the Western Region NACE representative, Tom Mattson would be interested in the California NACE representative position. Once a candidate is selected, DeChellis emphasized that CEAC membership should strongly support the California candidate. Finally, Julie Bueren was commended for the great job she is doing as our current Western Region representative.

6. CSAC Report (Baker)

Kiana Valentine's maternity leave starts on 12/19/16 for five months. Kiana may join us at PWOI in March 2017. CSAC promises coverage in her absence. May need to contract for help but will evaluate the need over time. Transportation: Swore in new CSAC officers: President Keith Carson (Alameda), First Vice President Leticia Perez (Kern), Second Vice President Virginia Bass (Humboldt), and Immediate Past President Richard Forster (Amador). A meeting with CSAC's Officers and the Governor is set for January 2017. Transportation funding will be a key topic. However, the Governor and legislature have other priorities. Any 2/3 votes may be reserved for Cap and Trade. The current Democratic supermajority does not guarantee passage of any priorities. Baker reiterated that we must keep up pressure at the County level, and County Engineers need to stay engaged. Bell and Frazier are expected to introduce new bills transportation funding bills in December 2016. Hopefully a \$5B package. Citizens do not like the Gas Tax, and the State is evaluating other methods to collect revenue. The federal election will complicate issues as there is uncertainty with what will happen with the Affordable Care Act, social services, etc. Presleigh acknowledged CSAC staff for their great job on putting on the conference. He also acknowledged the great speech Thursday night by new CSAC President Carson (Alameda).

7. Regional Directors Reports

- a. Central Coast (McGolpin) – Latest meeting was in October. New San Benito Director attended.
- b. San Joaquin Valley (Schwarz) – October meeting: elected new President Kevin McAlister (Kings) and Alkhayyat (Madera) as Vice President. Next meeting is on January 20 Kings County.
- c. Sacramento Motherlode (Kokkas) – County Counsel's Association Executive Director provided update on California Supreme Court stormwater decision (unfunded mandates) at last meeting. Next Meeting on January 18, 2017.
- d. Southern California - Sept. 29 meeting in Riverside. Bill Brunet retired that day. Patty Romo (Riverside) was named as the new Regional Director. Talked about current topics: transportation, poor roads, water quality (Clean Water Act), and trying to build coalitions. No meeting date set for their next meeting (yet).

- e. Bay Area (Balbas): Matt Tuggle (Solano) new Regional Director. No report, but will provide information to the Board of Directors on next meeting date when it's set.
- f. Northern California (DeLeon) – No Report. DeLeon named chair of Scholarship Committee. Vincent Gin (formerly of Orange) has moved to the Santa Clara Valley Water District.
- g. DeChellis - would like newsletter articles from each region. DeChellis requested that each region prepare one article per year for inclusion in the Newsletter. Send articles to Pat.

Treasurers Report: (Crump)

- a. Copy of 2017 draft budget included in Board of Director's agenda package. Lake County provided \$8,000 to Treasurer for Public Works Secretarial Seminar (PWSS) that they had been holding. Crump has funds for future seminars. CEAC Web design done. Questions: Panos – Dues not fully represented. Mike C – we're fully paid up, except the City and County of San Francisco (CCSF). Porter volunteered to reach out to CCSF and request that they pay their dues and encourage participation in CEAC (they didn't pay last year).
- b. DeChellis asked whether CEAC has funds in place for Roads Assessment. Crump confirmed that we have funds from CEAC membership, the League of Cities, MPO's and RTPA's. Need to get STP money (off the top) from Caltrans. DeChellis will pursue getting STP funding.
- c. Changes: Membership dues updated to reflect new dues amount. Drainage Impact Study (DIS) – Budgeted at \$50,000. Two year assessment. Will end now absent board action. PWSS sponsorship – up to \$2,000 from CEAC. Crump will keep fund at \$8,000. CEAC contribution will vary but will not exceed \$2,000 annually.
- d. DeChellis: Spring Conference is a revenue generator. The Policy Conference not, but they balance out.
- e. Motion to approve 2017 budget: Pratt
- f. Second: Machado
- g. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Committee Reports

- a. Flood Control (Carlson) - Good meeting. Martinson: Continuation of discussion from August. Committee recommends: 1. Create subcommittee for work on the next iteration of stormwater funding. Each CEAC region to nominate a representative from the six regions. 2. Authorizing Avalon's contract. Subcommittee to meet and delegate tasks to Avalon once contract is executed. 3. Authorize subcommittee to have authority to modify contract within the funds allocated based on priorities and goals. Avalon's contract has expired. The committee initially recommended extending Avalon's contract. Carlson stated that we need to continue momentum going and keep our "foot on the gas." Discussion ensued regarding extending Avalon's contract. Presleigh: do we extend contract now or wait for subcommittee? Pratt: Extend Mitch's contract and keep moving forward. Can CEAC apply for Prop 1 money? Pratt to follow up. DeChellis: the contract can be extended as long as

verbiage in contract is not changed. However, since there is a change of scope desired from the original agreement, Avalon needs to resubmit a new scope of work and a new contract needs to be approved by the BOD. In the interim, the Subcommittee should be tasked to develop an outreach and education plan, and develop goals and expectations for the consultant that can be incorporated into the new scope of work. Martinson committed to moving this forward with the Subcommittee and bringing back a recommendation after speaking with the Subcommittee. Contract to be approved in March 2017 at next BOD meeting. Martinson mentioned that CSAC Officers and Flood Control Committee want to move it forward expeditiously. Subcommittee needs to do work too in addition to consultant. Cara to send a message to Regional Directors for nominees. Pratt volunteered for Southern California representative position. Presleigh wants to participate too. No motion necessary.

- b. Resource Recovery (Martinson) – Meeting was well attended. They had a presentation on Tire Aggregate materials. It was suggested that the presentation should also be made to the Transportation Committee, as most of the roadway design engineers attend that meeting. Also discussed funding formula for Cal Recycle, which needs to be fixed (death spiral). Schedule aggregate discussion with Transportation Committee in March 2017
- c. Surveyor (Smith) - Filled Vice Chair position, and identified volunteers to fill out the committee. Legislative Priorities were discussed, specifically survey monument preservation. CSAC staff recommended retaining Legislative Guidelines 1 and 5 to the Guidelines Document as opposed to the Legislative Priorities (pg. 6). CSLA may sponsor or support these two topics. Cara said CSAC can work on them if they're in the guidelines
- d. Land Use (Balbas) – The committee discussed Legislative Policies and Guidelines. No changes were recommended. They also had a discussion on the Strategic Growth Council recommendation and VMT item. The committee intends to watch it evolve and discuss in future. Rule 20A: PG&E will respond to protests. Response expected on Dec. 12. Bob Bronkall (Humboldt) presented on gates on County roads and maintenance agreements for landscaping on public roads. Bob also presented on cannabis cultivation.
- e. Transportation (Lee) – The committee discussed the future of a funding solution for transportation. Caltrans Local Assistance provided an update on current issues affecting local jurisdictions. CEQA reimbursement (or lack thereof) on federal aid projects was also discussed. There was a presentation on federal lands access grants. Also, Lee mentioned small modifications to CARB items related to VMT change, which he will provide to the committee in the near future.
- f. Oversight (Porter) – Discussed Mutual Aid Agreements currently in place in LA County and San Mateo County. Attendance was sparse due to 7:45 AM start time on last day of conference.

10. Other Committee Reports

- a. Fellowship: None
- b. Scholarship: Made \$204 at the Hospitality Suite

- c. Outside Committees: None
- 11. Life Membership
 - a. No discussion
- 12. Unfinished Business
 - a. CEAC Bylaws (Penrose) – Full membership unanimously approved the Bylaws at Friday morning breakfast meeting.
- 13. New Business/Other Items
 - a. NACE Western Region VP nomination – (Discussed in Item 5b. above)
- 14. Scheduled Conferences
 - a. CEAC Spring Conference/PWOI, San Diego, March 22-24, 2017
 - b. CEAC 12th Annual Policy Conference, Sacramento, August 30-31, 2017
 - c. CSAC 123rd Annual Meeting, Sacramento, Nov. 28 - Dec. 1, 2017
- 15. CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule
 - a. March 24, 2017, 10:30 am (CEAC Spring Conference)
 - b. August 31, 2017, 12:30 pm (CEAC Policy Conference)
 - c. December 1, 2017, 11:00 am (CSAC Annual Meeting)

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 am

MEETING ROSTER

(Those with an * by their name were not in attendance)

John Presleigh	President	Santa Cruz
Jeff Pratt	Vice-President	Santa Barbara
Jim Porter	Secretary	San Mateo
Matt Machado	Past President	Stanislaus
Mike Crump	Treasurer	Butte (retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi*	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (retired)
Doug Wilson*	Parliamentarian	Tulare (retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (retired)
Scott McGolpin	NACE Representative	Santa Barbara
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (retired)
Matt Tuggle*	Bay Area Regional Director	Solano
Scott DeLeon*	Northern California Regional Director	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Motherlode Reg Director	Yolo
Kevin McAlister	San Joaquin Valley Regional Director	Kings
Tom Fayram*	Central Coast Regional Director	Santa Barbara
Patty Romo*	Southern California Regional Director	Riverside
Richard Crompton*	Chair, Transportation	San Diego
Pattie McNamee*	Chair, Fellowship	Contra Costa (retired)

Tom Fayram*	Chair, Flood Control/Water Resources	Santa Barbara
Brian Balbas	Chair, Land Use	Contra Costa
Jim Porter	Chair, Oversight	San Mateo
Scott DeLeon*	Chair, Scholarship	Lake
Mark Schleich*	Chair, Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.	Santa Barbara
Warren Smith	Chair, Survey	San Joaquin
DeAnn Baker	Deputy Executive Director of Leg Affairs	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Valentine*	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Richard Schwarz	Assistant Public Works Director	Merced
Mike Carlson	Vice Chair, Flood Control /Water Resources	Contra Costa
Mike Penrose	Director , Dept. of Transportation	Sacramento
Bob Bronkall	Vice Chair, Land Use	Humboldt
Max Bridges	Former Public Works Director	San Benito