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President's Message

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All Materials Submitted are Subject to the "3 R's":

Review
Revision
Rejection

It is my honor and privilege to serve as CEAC's 2019 President. This organization has a long history, many traditions, and is truly great because of the women and men who have participated in it over the last 104 years. The Past Presidents, or CLODS as they are known have carried on those traditions and have been instrumental in our success. These men and woman (yes, that's spelled correctly) have managed to be leaders in their organization, leaders in CEAC, and not get fired. That's not an easy task. But they all managed to do it and have been more than helpful in tutoring their more junior colleagues on how to do all this. Thank you in advance for your helpful hints, reminders, and general positive attitude that you bring.

I'd like to acknowledge Jeff Pratt for his vision and leadership as your 2018 President. Jeff knew what he wanted to accomplish: enhance the relevance of the organization by providing additional opportunities to showcase the outstanding work that we all do, increase communications among our members, and as a result increase membership. Luckily, Jeff has an unlimited amount of energy and many more ideas to implement. Plus, he's just a fun guy to be around. Plan on seeing more of Jeff in 2019, particularly around communications aspects and how we better promote the excellent work we're doing.

I became involved in the organization when I joined San Mateo County as the Director of Public Works in 2007, and have been struck ever since by the dedication, energy, and incredible knowledge of the membership, the CLODS, CSAC staff, and of course our own Merrin Gerety. The organization has many traditions that have been carried on through the decades. Some might seem a bit quirky, like awarding buffalo droppings to a deserving recipient for their less than stellar actions during the year or serving chili from a toilet bowl at the CLODS barbecue. But the fellowship and laughter that these traditions bring bonds us into something that I've not seen replicated in any professional organization that I've been a part of. And I'm proud to be a part of this.

This is not an easy profession to be successful in. Leaders must balance the technically correct path forward with the politically correct path forward, working their magic to make sure that the two paths merge at some point. This is not a skill learned in an engineering program in college, or at least was not taught when I went to school. Somehow, these skills are learned through experience and a bit of coaching from those who have been through it. It is stressful and rewarding all

President's Message (continued)

at the same time. And it's something we should all share and pass on to the next generation of leaders who are among us today. It is one of the key benefits of participating in CEAC, the fellowship and information sharing that occurs when we get together. Although it is not specifically defined in CEAC's mission, it is something that this organization does well: preparing the next generation of leaders.

So what can you expect to see in the upcoming year? Well, the work that Jeff Pratt started is still in progress and I'd like to see it continue over the next year. Specifically, the Oversight Committee drafted Charters for each policy committee that includes not only a commitment to evaluate policy issues but also provide presentations that showcase innovative projects or programs being implemented by various counties. This is valuable to the membership in that we can learn from the best practices of others and learn from the challenges that occurred during implementation. Also, we will be exploring the formation of an Administrative Policy Committee. This new committee will address many of the issues that don't involve ribbon cuttings such as safety and disaster response training, interactions with federal and state agencies, human resource issues, budgeting, IT, and other issues that we deal with regularly but don't fit neatly within the confines of our current policy committees.

Finally, I've noticed that many of my peers are getting older and see many new (and younger) faces that will be our next leaders. I mentioned earlier that much of what I believe makes a successful leader is not learned in academia but comes from experience. During the next year, I will be working with other members of the Oversight Committee or possibly a new Administration Committee to discuss ways of making this organization more attractive to the next generation of leaders. Possible ideas include a creation of a mentoring program or a scholarship program to get more people engaged in the organization. If you have other ideas on how you'd like to see CEAC evolve in the future, please reach out to me.

Again, thank you for opportunity to serve.

Jim Porter

The CLODS wish to thank San Diego County, Richard Crompton, and his staff for all the coordination and arrangements which made for a very successful
2018 CLODS Barbeque - even if there was a little bit of rain.



Mehdi Sadjadi, Dave Gravenkamp, Mike Penrose, DeAnn Baker, Ken Miller, Peter Rei, Tim Hackworth, John Presleigh, Doug Wilson, Matt Machado (top of head only), Tom Mattson, Scott McGolpin (eyes only), Julie Bueren, Mort August, and Pat DeChellis - Editor's Note: this was DeAnn and Mort's first-time cooking as a CLOD at the barbeque.

Panos Kokkas—2018-19 CEAC Secretary

Panos Kokkas was elected as the next CEAC Secretary at the Annual CEAC Meeting held in San Diego, November 27-30, 2018.

Using his own words, Panos is a results-oriented dynamic professional with over 35 years of extensive technical and management experience in the public and private sectors across the country. He has expertise in the full spectrum of engineering and public works management, including planning, financing, budgeting, project management, engineering, construction, and operations & maintenance activities for municipalities, counties, state agencies, and utility districts; as well as comprehensive experience in developing and managing Capital Improvement Programs (CIP's) from inception to implementation and monitoring.

In his current role as the Director of the Public Works, County Engineer and Road Commissioner from 2007 to the present for Yolo County, Panos directs and manages all the functions of the Public Works Division of a multi-department county agency responsible for the County's transportation & utility infrastructure system, including the countywide Fleet Services Division. He develops and oversees the County's comprehensive operations, and multi-year CIP for road, bridge, storm drain projects, and service district improvements.

Panos began his career in the private sector where he gained experience in design and construction, from small residential to large commercial and large public works projects.

In the Town of Danville, he managed the approval process of privately funded projects, both residential and commercial. He then moved to Contra Costa Water District where he worked on unique capital projects. One of the unusual projects resulted in a subsequent technical paper he co-authored. The paper was selected as one of the topics to be presented during the tenth earthquake conference in Madrid, Spain. (Bureau, G., & Kokkas, P. "Seismic retrofit of liquid storage tanks." *Earthquake Engineering: Tenth World Conference*, Madrid, Spain, 1992). Later, as the Assistant City Engineer for the City of Brentwood, he advanced his experience in working with elected and appointed city officials, and state agencies.

He was a good husband and followed his wife when she was transferred to Illinois. At the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority, he managed large transportation projects. At the same time (1998 to 2005), he was an Adjunct Professor of Management at DeVry University in Addison, Illinois, where he taught Project Management and Principles of Management courses.

While a young engineer in Montana he was the Chairman of the History & Heritage Committee, Montana Section of ASCE, 1984. He completed the construction history of "The Going-To-The-Sun Road" in Glacier National Park, on behalf of the Montana Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and delivered the keynote address in Glacier National Park during the dedication ceremony, when the Road was designated a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark on July 27, 1985.

Panos received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Montana State University, and a Master of Business Administration Degree from Saint Mary's College of California. He is a licensed Professional Engineer in California, Montana, and Illinois.



Panos working on his ranch



News from CSAC

Kiana Valentine's Departure from CSAC

After more than 12 years with CSAC, Kiana Valentine is moving on. Her time with CSAC and CEAC has been extraordinary and it's with mixed emotions that we all wish her well. Kiana started with CSAC as a Legislative Analyst, working under DeAnn Baker in 2006 and worked her way up to Senior Legislative Representative, working on critical transportation, housing and land use issues. Her most recent success included supporting a strong coalition of local government, labor and business interests to defeat Proposition 6. Her work on the passage of SB 1 and the defeat of Proposition 6 helped to secure billions in transportation revenues. Kiana served a vital function in educating Californians about what was at risk should Prop 6 pass – specifically educating groups across the state about the specific projects that were being funded in their communities and what projects would be on the chopping block if these revenues went away. Her hard work and dedication was pivotal to the campaign and defeat of the measure!

Kiana is leaving CSAC to venture out into the private sector, joining Politico Group in Sacramento to provide advocacy, consulting and governmental affairs services to clients in the transportation and construction fields. We join with the county family in wishing her well in her new endeavors and thank her for her dedication to county government. She can be reached at Kiana.Valentine@yahoo.com.



Above (l-r): Angie Tate, Robbie Hunter, Carolyn Cole, Honorable Governor Jerry Brown, Michael Quigley, Emily Cohen, Graham Knaus, Matt Cate and Kiana Valentine



Above: Kiana Valentine and DeAnn Baker enjoying some time together at the Annual



2018-19 CEAC Board of Directors

l to r, **Jim Porter**, President; **Doug Wilson**, Parliamentarian; **Rick Tippet**, Vice-President; **Mehdi Sadjadi**, Treasurer Emeritus; **Jeff Pratt**, Immediate Past President; **Mike Penrose**, NACE Rep; **Dave Gravenkamp**, Historian; **Pat DeChellis**, Newsletter Editor; and **Panos Kokkas**, Secretary. Not present—**Mike Crump**, Treasurer

Update from CSAC

CALIFORNIA VOTES TO PROTECT TRANSPORTATION FUNDING, REJECT PROPOSITION 6

Voters decisively rejected Proposition 6 at the November 2018 general election, with 56.8% of voters against the measure and only 43.2% in support. Prop 6 would have repealed the taxes and fees imposed by SB 1 (Beall, 2017), eliminating \$5 billion a year in funding for local roads, highways, and transit. The proposition also would have required any future fuel- or vehicle-related taxes or fees to be approved by voters after a supermajority vote by the state legislature.

Two efforts to repeal SB 1 began only months after the bill was passed in April 2017. Given the significant negative impacts the initiative would have had on the ability of counties to repair and maintain in a safe condition local streets, roads, bridges and other critical local transportation infrastructure, CSAC played a critical role as campaign co-chair along with the State Building Trades and Construction Council and built a truly impressive coalition of over 670 organizations opposed to this harmful initiative.

Campaign polling and research indicated that voters were prepared to reject Proposition 6, but in order to do so, they needed to understand the actual negative impacts the measure would have on their local streets and roads and the regional transportation system they rely on in their daily lives. Through SB 1's new robust transparency and accountability requirements, counties and cities had already identified more than 6,500 local projects that would use SB 1 funding in 2017 and 2018. The campaign was able to leverage this information and develop regionalized messages highlighting the significant projects at-risk if Proposition 6 were successful.

The campaign strategy was truly impressive and relied on a multi-pronged approach using television, radio, earned media and social media to deliver the No on 6 message to voters. CSAC staff was oftentimes the face of the campaign, debating proponents of the measure in live television and radio debates, taking countless interview requests from media outlets across the state and nation, and speaking at press conferences and rallies.

Recognizing the rightful limitations on counties actively advocating a position on ballot initiatives, CSAC staff provided counties with educational opportunities such as webinars and informational emails outlining what counties could and could not do while using public resources. At the same time, counties were in a unique position, possessing critical information relevant to voters, to inform the electorate of potential impacts of ballot measures on county functions, programs, and services.

CSAC staff prepared numerous resources for counties to use in their educational efforts--and educate counties did! County public works officials from across the state spoke at community meetings, developed lists of at-risk projects, and posted signage on SB 1-funded projects to educate voters about the benefits of SB 1 in their local community.

With Proposition 6 behind us, California's counties can continue to repair and rebuild our local transportation infrastructure with the knowledge that a majority of California voters want their roads fixed and recognize that transportation taxes and fees are a sound investment in the state's future.

New Affiliate - Transtech

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Upcoming CEAC Events

- ♦ **NACo Legislative Conference** - March 2-6, 2019, Washington DC
- ♦ **CEAC Public Works Officers Institute (PWOI)/Spring Conference** - April 3-5, 2019, Paradise Point Hotel, San Diego
- ♦ **NACE Annual Meeting** - April 14-18, 2019, Wichita, Kansas
- ♦ **CSAC Legislative Conference** - April 24-25, 2019, Sacramento
- ♦ **CEAC Policy Conference** - August 28-29, 2019, Sacramento
- ♦ **CSAC 125th Annual Meeting** - December 3-6, 2019, San Francisco

2018 CEAC Fall Conference/Annual Meeting

San Diego County

We want to thank our Sponsors for contributing to another excellent Conference!

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2018 County Engineer and Surveyor of the Year



Pat Minturn, Shasta County, Engineer of the Year



Alexs Jevremovic, Santa Barbara County, Surveyor of the Year

Immediate Past President and 2018-2019 President



Above: **Jeff Pratt**, CEAC's newest CLOD, and Immediate Past President
Right: **Jim Porter**, 2018-19 CEAC President



Annual Awards and Recognition



CHICS with their latest two Golden Egg recipients, **Melody DeLeon**, 3rd from the right, and **Kiana Valentine**, 2nd from the right.

The CHICS Golden Egg Award was created in 2007 by California's Honorable Intrepid County Sisters (CHICS)



John Presleigh presenting the Buddy Award on behalf of his wife, **Maren**, the 2018 recipient, to **Lourdes Solorzano**, **Jeff Pratt's wife**, for her dedication and support for Jeff.



Above: **Lourdes Pratt** with the Buddy Award in her Office



Above: **Pattie McNamee** presenting **Mort August** with a memorial clock - "*It's Five O'clock Somewhere*" at the CEAC Friday Breakfast

CEAC Public Works Officers Institute
2019 CONFERENCE

April 3-5, 2019 . San Diego . California





Doug Wilson, above, presenting **Mort August**, long-time Chair of the Fellowship Committee, with his CLODS “gear”. **Doug**, right, installs **Mort** as an Honorary CLOD as he administers the CLODS Oath to Mort at the CEAC Breakfast Thursday morning at the CEAC Annual Fall Conference in San Diego. Below: Photos from the 2018 Annual Meeting.



Above, bottom left, seated at the table is **Rich Sanders**, NACE President, far right, and **Kevan Stone**, NACE Executive Director, to his immediate right



Droppings

from out of the past

By Dave "Road Runner" Gravenkamp
CEAC Historian

CLODS BBQ MENUS

The CLODS just completed another "successful" BBQ at the Annual Conference in San Diego. You ever wonder about the Menu? The following article appeared in the CEAC Newsletter 10 years ago (November 2008 Issue).

What's for Lunch? If you are a relative newcomer to our organization and have been attending the barbeque for say 20 years or less (*Editor's note: now 30 years or less*), you probably think that the menu has always been the same - that is: trip, tip, chicken, baked potatoes, chili beans, bread and an assortment of pre-dinner sausages and tasty unknown delights. Well, you are wrong!

The first barbeque occurred in Squaw Valley in 1969 and the menu featured steak and beans. Our annual meeting in the following year was in San Diego with the barbeque poolside at the Hotel del Coronado. Fish stew was the main course. Ted McConville, Road Commissioner from Orange County, had taken several of us fishing in Mexican waters the day before the barbeque and the group, including me, caught a "ton" of fish. I proudly announced to all at the barbeque that I had caught the fish for the stew, only to find out after the fact that our fish had been dumped. As a result of the actions of many at that event, I'm sure the CLODS will never be allowed to have its barbeque anywhere on the hotel property again or at least until all that worked there at the time have passed on.

The 1971 barbeque was on the beach in Monterey (actually, I think it may have been Seaside) with the main course for lunch being a wild pig roasted on a spit. There was no barbeque in 1972 for reason I don't recall; however, we gathered for lunch at a restaurant atop a mountain above Palm Springs. The 1973 event took place under a bridge over the Sacramento River in Redding and featured "hobo" stew. The following year we were again on the beach, this time in Anaheim and albacore for lunch.

The barbeque in 1975 was in San Jose with steak, bens, and salad making up the lunch menu. It was back to San Diego in 1976 with lunch of an Italian flare. We were in Sacramento in 1977 with the barbeque held at a park in Elk Grove, south of Sacramento. The menu featured steak and zucchini with the zucchini being buried and as I recall, never making it to the serving line. In 1978, we were in San

Bernardino County and dined on steak and chili. The Annual meeting in 1979 was in San Mateo County and the barbeque was in Half Moon Bay with Pope Como as guest which sounds like a story in itself. Steak and chili were again the featured menu items. The 1980 event was in Orange County and the barbeque was held in a horse barn near Anaheim. Lunch featured south of the border menu.

State Senator Randolph Collier, author of the Collier Burns Act which established the County Maintained Road System, joined us for lunch in 1981 in Fresno where we again dined on steak and beans. We were on the beach again in Los Angeles in 1982 with Mexican steak the featured menu item. This was the year when grilled goat heads made their first appearance at the barbeque. Back in Redding again in 1983 we dined on venison stew. San Diego was the barbeque location in 1984 with steak and beans again the staple. Gene Knapp of Solano County, CEAC President 1979, provided surplice "entertainment". The Oakland Zoo was the site of the '85 event with steak and beans the prime meal.

Two barbeques were held in 1986. The first was in conjunction with the NACE Annual Conference in San Diego. Seems as though the bens saw a little added spice when a jock strap was pulled out during serving. The second barbeque that year was held at the famous Hollywood Bowl with the toilet making its first appearance as the serving dish for the chili.

From all records, it appears that the first time roast chicken made its way onto the menu was in Anaheim in 1990. In 1991 the barbeque settled in at an old haunt, the Laguna Seca Raceway in Monterey. This may have been the first time baked potatoes were included. This barbeque also featured 1969 CEAC President Vic Saurer's "Living Wake" as the entertainment of the day. Tri tip, chicken, beans, and baked potatoes comprised the barbeque menu in 1992 in Palm Springs and that's been the fare ever since.

I am proud to say that with the exception of the 2006 event, when my house (nearing completion of construction) burned down days before, I have attended all of the barbeques. My memory isn't all that great and I have relied almost entirely on the photo albums of the events which for the first 33 years of the barbeques were produced by Bill McIntosh, aka the Old Crow, and most recently by Max Bridges, aka Carrier Pigeon. We usually try to display these photos in the Hospitality Suite at conference so all of our newer members can get a glimpse of the past.

Budge Campbell, aka the Horny Owl, who has done an exceptionally marvelous job in performing the duties of Chief Cook and barbeque organizer for many years, has announced his retirement from these duties and will not be able to attend this year's event. Max is organizing this year's event. Come out and see what surprises the new Chef has prepared.

Budge.... Many thanks from the CLODS and the CEAC membership for your greats barbeques.

YOU DONE GOOD! AND GOOD! AND GOOD!...

Central Coast Regional News

submitted by: **Dave Flynn, Regional Director, San Luis Obispo County**

The Central Coast Region met in October at the Nacimiento Lake Resort. Our topic of discussion was area dam spillway repairs stemming from the post Orville DWR inspections. Both Monterey and San Luis Obispo County are in the process of upgrading the designs originally constructed in the late 1950's and 60's. While the Central Coast has seen



its share of devastating flooding and mudslides/landslides, we are still dealing with high and low rainfall and need to manage a great drop in our reservoir levels. We remain on the verge of implement drought conditions again. However, the latest forecast for our area indicates a moderate El Nino condition with expected 110% rainfall.

Water levels between spring and fall of Nacimiento lake are shown in these photos. The reservoir is operated by Monterey County Water Agency.



Central Coast Region contains five Counties: Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz. Highlights from our region follow:

Santa Barbara County has been inundated with on-going repair work from the Montecito Mudslide tragedy. The County has had roughly a million cubic yards of debris as well as material from their debris basin system hauled off; much of it trucked to Bulletin landfill. The Montecito area is also seeing many upgrades of bridge which had been damaged in the event. Preparation of the debris basins for this season has been accomplished. Additional storm water basins have been constructed this past summer.



On a brighter note, the County has also replaced a bridge at Goleta Beach State park entrance which provides a separated multi-use path and several aesthetic features.



The total project was \$ 4.86 million funded under the Federal highway bridge program.

Central Coast Regional News

submitted by: **Dave Flynn, Regional Director, San Luis Obispo County** (continued)

San Luis Obispo County has been working on several bridge projects including a bridge Replacement on Air Park Boulevard in Oceano; a seismic retrofit on Avila Beach Drive, and a new pedestrian bridge in Shandon. The target of the bridge program is to retain an average age of 50 years in its bridge inventory. SB1 revenues will also allow the County to pursue replacement of about a dozen short span weight restricted timber bridges with pre-cast concrete slabs.



The County also completed a new \$ 42 million Airport Terminal in San Luis Obispo, which has received a regional ENR "Project of the Year" Award, and a \$ 38 million Women's Jail expansion which included new medical facilities. Funding through FAA and CDCR respectively.



San Benito County has been hard pressed to turn around a declining Pavement Condition Rating of 25. The County passed Measure G one cent transportation tax in the recent election which will provide improvements for State Highway 25 but also provide for some bike & Ped improvements and pavement management. SB1 revenues will help in their pursuit of turning the road conditions around but those outlying, low volume agricultural roads remain a daunting task to restore. Meanwhile work under a \$1.9 million contract to create a Nash Street bypass road is underway to improve traffic flow around the San Benito High School as well as serve future access to a regional park.



Central Coast Regional News

submitted by: **Dave Flynn, Regional Director, San Luis Obispo County** (continued)

Santa Cruz County - A full depth reclamation pavement rehabilitation project has been completed on Granite Creek Road and Branciforte Road. The County had received grants to pursue the work and with recent SB1 funds, were able to pursue construction this year.



Meanwhile work was completed on the Davenport Sanitation District's \$ 3.6 million Recycled Water project. The work included dredging the existing treatment lagoon, installing alarms for the filtration and disinfection processes, and adding coagulant and hypochlorite dosing. Project was entirely funded from outside grants.



The County conducted a ribbon cutting ceremony for the Twin Lakes Beachfront Improvement project on July 27th. The \$ 4.7 million project provides enhanced coastal access with dedicated bike lanes as well as stormwater infiltration and public art. The work was funded from numerous grants for coastal access and beach erosion protection.



Central Coast Regional News

submitted by: **Dave Flynn, Regional Director, San Luis Obispo County** (continued)

Santa Cruz County continues to work through over \$160 million in storm damage from January-March of 2017. Here is Bear Creek Road PM 8.02 in a before and after comparison.



And work has begun for a new \$ 7.6 million Library and Discovery Park in Felton. The roughly 9,000 square –foot facility will be open in early 2020. Funding for the project came from local measure funds, library bonds and a State grant. The project is managed by Damon Adlao of the Capital Projects Division.



Central Coast Regional News

submitted by: **Dave Flynn, Regional Director, San Luis Obispo County** (continued)

Monterey County also passed a Self-Help transportation tax in 2016 and Measure X funds are proceeding to address highway upgrades around both Fort Ord and Castroville to keep pace with development. They are also focused heavily on restoring their pavement conditions with both their Measure X funds and SB1 revenues.

The County also saw about \$80 million in storm damage from the 2017 storm season of which they have been working on repairs. Here is Palo-Colorado Road along the Big Sur coast which saw high flows which damaged the roadway .



Monterey County has also completed construction in Spring of the Castroville Bike/Ped Railroad crossing project. The overall project provided a Safe Route to School over a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile distance with the bridge being 12 wide and 1170 feet long. The \$ 10.6 million project provides connections to the Elkhorn Elementary School and North Monterey County High School with the town of Castroville.





NACE Report - Fall 2018

By **Mike Penrose**, CEAC Representative to the NACE Board of Directors, Deputy County Executive for Public Works & Infrastructure, Sacramento County



As part of the Annual Fall Conference, CEAC invites the President of the National Association of County Engineers to participate. This year, Rich Sanders, NACE President and County Engineer, Polk County, Minnesota, was able to attend. Following is an excerpt taken from the recently published NACE News.

*I wanted to thank **Jeff Pratt** and the County Engineers of California for their hospitality. Spent some time with **Scott McGolpin**, NACE Secretary Treasurer and others enjoying the San Diego weather. 75 and sunny in late November was tough to deal with after the coldest fall in recent history in Minnesota, which included October snow and cold temperatures. One of the highlights was the CLOD's barbecue. Chicken, beef, baked beans and playing Rural vs. Urban County Engineer Family Feud. Of course, the Rural team won... (Editor's Note: Of course, the Rural Counties won. The Urban Counties have to let them win at something!)*



Jeff Pratt, CEAC President, with **Rich Sanders**, NACE President

Upcoming NACE activities include

NACo Legislative Conference
Washington DC, March 2-6, 2019

**NACE 2019 Annual Meeting
Management and Technical Conference**
Wichita, Kansas, April 14-18, 2019



2018 Annual Meeting photos



Rich Sanders and Scott McGolpin, Santa Barbara County, NACE Western Region Vice President



Rich Sanders; Merrin Gerety, CEAC Program Manager; and **Jeff Pratt**, CEAC President



Mehdi Sadjadi, CEAC Treasurer Emeritus; **Scott McGolpin**, and **Rich Sanders**



Thank you sponsors for another fun County Engineers Night!

2108 CLODS Barbeque



CLODS Entertainment - Family Feud "CEAC Style"



Above left: The "Urban" Family; above right: The "Rural" Family



Above left: The Rurals Ruled!; above right: the entire Family Feud cast with host **Matt Machado** and creator and co-host, **Mike Penrose**



Trinity County Bridge Demonstration Project

DBIA Award



Submitted by **Rick Tippet**, Trinity County

Early in November, New Orleans was an exciting place for Rick Tippet, our 2019 CEAC Vice President and Trinity County's Director of Transportation. Rob Burns of Dokken Engineering, one of our Platinum Sponsors, joined Rick where the Trinity County HBP Bridge Replacement Pilot Project received the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) National Award – Excellence in Transportation, along with the unexpected surprise of being awarded the Special Recognition Award, 2018 Excellence in Small Projects.

The Bridge Replacement Demonstration Project began when the County requested Caltrans to consider FHWA Central Federal Lands Highway Division (CFLHD) as the lead for a pilot project to construct five replacement bridges in Trinity County with the following objectives:

1. **Innovative Process and Procedures**
2. **Local Agency Workload Reduction and Efficiency**
3. **Implementation of Every Day Counts Processes**
4. **Delivery - Scoping through Ribbon Cutting in 3 Years**
5. **Acceptance of Community, Contractor and Consultants**

The project was initially scoped as a standard design-bid-build project, but as a pilot project for California, we looked for other ways to be innovative using Every Day Counts (EDC). CFLHD is headquartered in Denver, Colorado, and the project was in Northwestern California; we were concerned the design team would be from out-of-state and not familiar with California requirements. This led to further discussions. Again, as a pilot project which strived for innovations, we believed it was most important and appropriate to allow the Contractor's design team to be local to the region and to determine the most suitable approach to constructing the finished product especially since several of the sites were extremely remote and difficult to access. As a result, the County and CFLHD selected the design-build process.

Guidelines were general; the bridge was to be designed and constructed using Caltrans Bridge Design guidelines and either be steel or concrete construction, not wood. This allowed the Contractor to take availability of materials, difficulty of access in mountainous terrain, short timespan for construction, and numerous environmental constraints to propose the "right fit" for new bridge construction. Since this project involved the replacement of five bridges at five different sites, there was belief that we could somehow simultaneously construct the bridges using precast elements.

For the selection process, we reviewed eight Statements of Qualifications received during the initial qualifications phase. Of these eight SOQs, we advanced two teams to the next phase. During the technical design submittal phase, we were able to evaluate two independent approaches as to how this project would be constructed. The Contractor proposed several processes that reduced time in permitting and improve quality by casting bridge components off-site to be brought to the construction site. The process allowed for the contractor to determine what would be the most efficient and effective way to complete construction.

The result was selection of the right contractor - Dokken Engineering and RNR Construction - for this project. The project was delivered on time and under budget and achieved all the project objectives .

The ASCE Sacramento Chapter presented this project its top award. The project was also a top award winner in the 2018 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Awards Program.

Use this link for before and after pictures of the five bridges and more technical information.

<http://www.savecaliforniastreet.org/trinity-county-bridge-demonstration-project-5-bridge-replacements-delivered-by-d-b-in-12->



Rick Tippet, 3rd from right, and **Rob Burns**, 3rd from the left, accepting the DBIA award in New Orleans



CEAC Board of Directors

Friday, November 30, 2018 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Marriott Marquis San Diego

333 W Harbor Drive, San Diego - Coronado Room

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order (Porter)

Meeting is called to order at 10:22 a.m.

2. Approval of Minutes (Tippett)

Tippett - No minutes

3. Correspondence (Porter)

Porter - Two letters: the first is from Warren Smith who resigned as Chair of the Survey Committee, and we already addressed that (Mr. Jevremovic new Chair); and second is from Orange County, from Shane Silsby regarding alternate delivery methods. Also Panos Kokkas is now Secretary, and he will be stepping down as Regional Director and will find someone to replace him.

4. CLODS Report (CLODS)

Sadjadi – No report. He noted that the CLODS BBQ was successful, even though it was under a tent due to the rain, with lots of steam from the grills and rain on the tents. The program was well received and enjoyed by all.

5. NACE Report (Penrose)

Penrose – Nothing to report, we all heard the NACE news from our National President during the General Session on Thursday morning. Next conference is in Wichita, and we would like a huge turnout... HUGE.

6. CSAC Report (CSAC Staff)

Martinson – Kiana will be leaving, but Chris will step in with someone to assist him; he stepped in while Kiana was on maternity leave and did a great job.

7. Regional Directors Reports

S. California – Romo; we have our meetings quarterly and rotate them to different counties and see the features of each location and their respective project highlights, our next meeting is in LA County. Like to have new people included to be exposed to the organization; will have a discussion in January about recruitment.

Sacramento Mother Lode – Kokkas; met at the Sacramento County Operations Center on October 17. Had good attendance with very informative updates from SACOG, CSAC and FHWA.

Northern California – DeLeon; echo the same comment as S. California about exposing of new people, have been a regional director since 2011-12, only have three counties in my region that respond; we have some new directors in some counties and will encourage them to be familiarized with CEAC and to get involved. We will start using "Go to Meeting" software instead of in person meetings as it takes up to four hours to go to a meeting location.

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Central Coast – Flynn; meeting in October discussing mostly groundwater issues; have set up a series of “Go to Meetings” as a way to have outreach for technical staff for how to spend SB1 funds. Also Monterey and San Benito Counties have new directors and we are planning to invite them to be part of the group.

Bay Area –Tuggle; in January Craig Tackaberry from Marin County will be our new regional director. San Joaquin Valley –Alkhayyat; meet almost every month with great topics including Kiana with a very informative presentation about SB1 and Prop 6. Our new 2019 director will be Kris Balaji from San Joaquin County.

8. Treasurers Report (Sadjadi) – Attachment One – Action Item (2019 CEAC Budget)

Treasurer’s Report: Mr. Crump is home recuperating due to an injury and Treasurer Emeritus (Sadjadi) presented the Treasurer’s Report

The current balance (November 2, 2018) is \$560,504.10. The additional revenue shown is due to cashing in a CD and exploring for another instrument to invest. The scholarship donations from the conference is \$650. We have the available funds for Local Streets and Roads Report due next year. Motion to accept report: DeChellis, 2nd Tuggle; **Approved.**

The 2019 Secretarial Seminar will be in Sonoma County.

2019 Proposed Budget has three “sub accounts”.

PWSS has a balance of \$12,595.15 including \$2,000 CEAC donation from 2018.

Bedroll Conference balance of \$8,597.24.

Local Streets and Roads balance of \$106,231.26.

The request of Sadjadi on behalf of the CLOUDS, the Awards and Gift item was increased by \$2,000 (from \$3,000 to \$5,000) to purchase additional CLOUDS’ ins and CEC tiles. This is the proposed budget for 2019. The final budget for 2019 will be presented and voted during the March 2019 meeting. (people need to speak louder). Motion to accept report: Tippet, 2nd Alkhayyat; **Approved.**

9. Committee Reports

Oversight – Porter/Pratt - the committee will continue the previous work as described by Pratt, however, we will meet once a month rather than every other week. Recommend to create an administration committee to catch items that are not covered with our current committees. Develop a work plan ??? Send an email blast as often as necessary to cover current events and broaden the conversation to the whole group.

Fellowship – No Report.

Flood Control and Water Resources – Carlson – Had a good meeting on Wednesday, regarding how to pay for items in the flood control arena. Now for all the counties and statewide is the clean water concern and we are working with the state and

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regional boards; we had a speaker from the Auditor's office who discussed the audit completed by California; it was very informative and I hope this group will push for (??), as there is the need for legislation or follow up, as it appears the state and regional boards don't want to deal with this issue. We have been looking for a while of how to deal with the funding in this issue.

Land Use – Minturn – Dallas Sweeney from the Board of Registration in a very lively discussion clarified (the difference of opinion) between the engineers and surveyors about boundary surveys on subdivisions and other plans showing boundary survey information. This issue will be discussed in the future as it appears there was no agreement by these involved at this conference. We just had a preview of things to come in the Land Use Committee – Stay Tuned!

Resource Recovery and Waste Management – Schleich – Committee had a presentation on tire derived aggregates using recycled tires. Agencies are eligible to receive a grant to augment the additional cost of the tire aggregates; not much different from before, except now you can use the tire aggregates for storm basin lining for water capture before it goes on. Also discussed Cal Recycled SB1383 diversion organics to the landfill the way it is applied, the specific rules should be out early next year. Another item that surfaced was how to deal with disasters, more specifically debris management and make us more responsive by having advanced knowledge. DeChellis – the take away from our conference meetings, when it happens to us in emergencies, is having the knowledge and contacts, (ahead of a disaster) of people (names & phone numbers) who we know personally who have the expertise, and the odds of getting a response is very good due to personal relations. Martinson – CSAC set a Resilience advisory board for disaster issues throughout CSAC to assist other counties with a similar approach as the mutual aid used by safety agencies.

Scholarship – DeLeon – We have two pending scholarship recipients, I will follow up as soon as I get back. Also we selected two very worthy individuals for Surveyor of the year (Jevremovic) and Engineer (Minturn) of the year, congratulations to both deserving individuals.

Surveyor – Jevremovic – Had great discussion about the preservation of the monuments after disasters. Many counties experienced severe destruction due to disasters of both properties and topography changes and many boundaries were destroyed along with monuments. There several suggestions to seek legislative changes to establish the monument preservation funds to preserve historic monuments for section and rancho lines to set the initial surveys after disasters. Also to ask for legislation to increase the \$10 fee established amount, as that legislation is over 40 years old and not adequate. Another item was to form a sub-committee to revise the guidelines used by the counties for preparation of records of survey and corner records to be in line with the current regulations, as it is time to revise the current documents.

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Transportation – Fleisch – Discussed transportation funding and now that we have more money, what we can do with the limited resources we have both internally and with consultants to deliver projects, which will be in the agenda for the April meeting with a structured dialog. For the federal surface transportation reauthorization, the recommendation was to set up as subcommittee to make some trips to DC. In the Traffic Control Device committee there is some language from the cities and Caltrans with respect to roundabout being mandatory for intersection analysis that may be problematic.

There was a request to explore the possibility of using the Emergency Relief (ER) program for road disaster recovery from FHWA, instead of FEMA, as it has been rumored that Louisiana using ER for recovery. The committee will research and report in April.

Approve 2019-20 CEAC Policy and Legislative Priorities and 2019-20 CEAC Legislative and Administrative Guidelines (Valentine) – **Attachments Two and Three - Action Item**

Valentine - Discussed the proposed priorities and answered several questions.

Motion to accept report: Tippet, 2nd Penrose; **Approved**

2019 Sponsored Bill Proposals (Orange County) - **Attachment Four - Action Item**

Silby – discussed and champion each item proposed by Orange County, after a lengthy discussion. No Action taken, instead it was recommended to form a subcommittee to explore potential options, with members from Orange, LA, and San Diego counties along with the CEAC Oversight or new Administration Policy committee.

10 Life Membership

Mark Schleich, Santa Barbara County (Flynn) - **Attachment Five - Action Item**

Flynn – recommended the life membership for Mr. Schleich, however, it was recommended that it can only happen after retirement, finally it was recommended to be effective on his retirement date.

Approved; effective on his retirement day which is January 4, 2019.

11. Unfinished Business

Hosting NACE 2021 – **Discussion Item/Action Item** (Penrose)

Penrose - discussed the economics, logistics and background of the request to host the NACE conference and brought into light new information about the conference. The item was discussed in previous meetings, since then, negotiations with NACE and new NACE leadership made it more favorable both economically and logistically to host in California. The Arizona Association is also a potential partner to assist as needed so California can host the conference, a lengthy discussion followed; the group also briefly discussed potential sites and the need to set a planning committee to work with NACE for program and logistics.

Motion to approve to host the 2021 NACE conference in California: Penrose, 2nd Sadjadi;
Approved

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Western Regional Triannual Conference and Exposition (McGolpin/Penrose) - **Discussion Item**

This is a new, triannual conference being planned by NACO for July 11-15, 2019, in Las Vegas at the Paris Hotel, as described by Steve Latoski, Public Works Director for Mohave County Arizona and president of the Arizona Association of County Engineers. More details will be forthcoming by the spring conference - stay tuned.

Digitizing Archival Materials (Pratt) - **Discussion/Action Item**

Discussion/Action was postponed due to Mr. Pratt's absence.

12. New Business

Administrative Policy Committee (Pratt) - **Discussion Item**

Discussion/Action was postponed due to Mr. Pratt's absence.

13. Scheduled Conferences

Public Works Officers Institute (PWOI), Paradise Point Hotel, San Diego, April 3-5, 2019

NACE Annual Conference, Wichita, Kansas, April 14-19, 2019

CSAC Legislative Conference, Sacramento, April 24-25, 2019

CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, August 28-29, 2019

CSAC 125th Annual Meeting, San Francisco, December 3-6, 2019

14. CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

April 5, 2019 (PWOI)

CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, August 29, 2019

December 6, 2019 (CSAC Annual Meeting)

15. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn: DeChellis, 2nd Penrose; **Approved**

Meeting Adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Officer	Office	County/Organization
Jim Porter	President	San Mateo
Rick Tippet	Vice President	Trinity
Panos Kokkas	Secretary	Yolo
Jeff Pratt	Immediate Past President	Ventura
Mike Crump**	Treasurer	Butte (Retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (Retired)
Mike Penrose	NACE Representative	Sacramento
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou County (Retired)

Regional Directors	Region	County
Matt Tuggle	Bay Area	Solano
Scott DeLeon	Northern California	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Mother Lode	Yolo

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Santa Barbara
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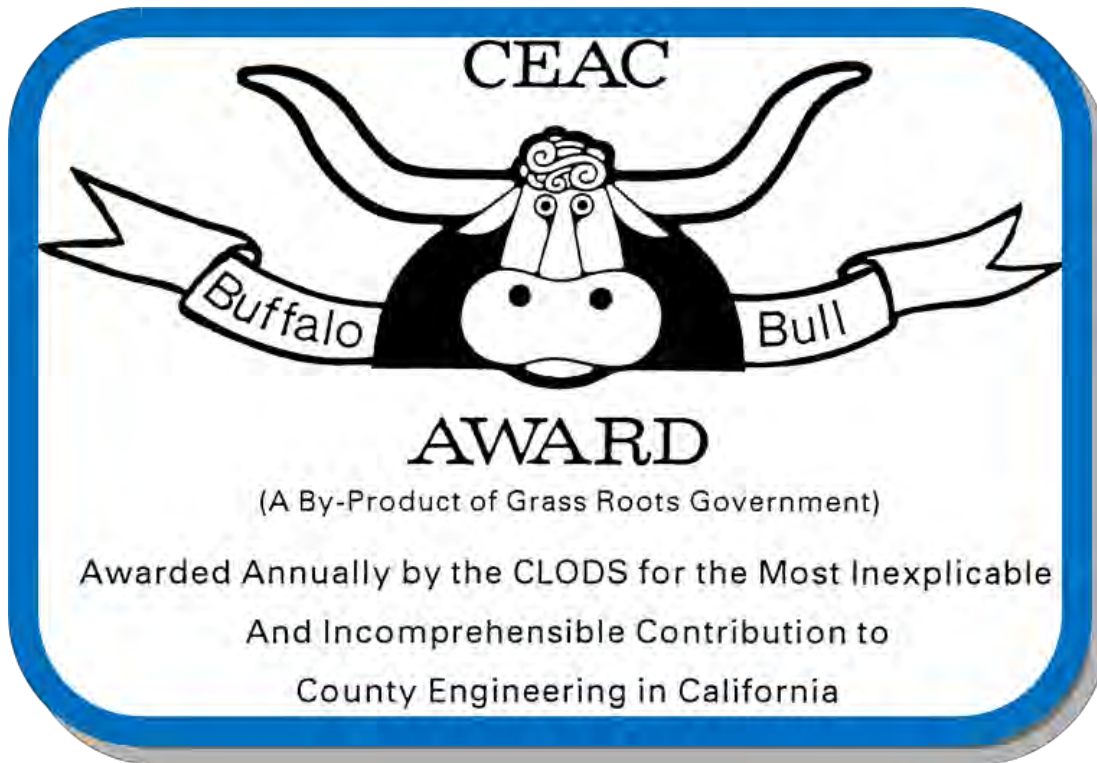
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Steve Latoski
Kris Balaji
Shane Silsby
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Johannes Hoevrtsz
Todd Riddiough
Steve Burger

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Contra Costa County
Mohave County (Arizona)
San Joaquin County
Orange County
Orange County
Orange County
Jerry Quinn and Associates
Stanislaus County
Sonoma County
Yolo County
Los Angeles County

****Not in attendance**

Buffalo Bull Award 2019



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 2018 Spring Conference in Monterey in March.

Thank you to those who have already submitted nominations. Keep them coming.

Remember Rule #1:

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

In case you forget Rule #1, don't forget Rule #2:

Rule #2: *Someone is going to be selected for the Buffalo Bull Award. You all are eligible so with few nominations to select from, you never know...*

All nominations are kept in strict confidence by the Committee. A very rare exception has occurred when a couple of boastful and blustery nominators bragged that they had in fact nominated their own boss. Of course, these are the best nominations!!!

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 by the Tres Pinos Committee in a secret meeting at Borovich's Irish Hacienda—a favorite watering hole of the Committee.

Please forward your nominations to the

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