



CEAC Newsletter

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President's Message

By **Johannes Hoevertsz**
Director, Public Infrastructure
Sonoma County

Colleagues,

As we reach the midpoint of the year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the work you continue to do on behalf of California's counties and the communities we serve.

This is always an important time of year for counties. Across the state, we have just come through budget season, and I know many of you have been working through difficult decisions, competing priorities, and tightening resources. With continued uncertainty at the federal level and growing pressure on local budgets, counties are once again being asked to do more with less. I hope each of your counties fared as well as possible during this budget cycle, and I want to acknowledge the leadership, professionalism, and resilience that county teams bring to this process every year.

At the same time, our work continues. We remain focused on advocating for the funding, tools, and flexibility counties need to maintain essential services, protect public safety, invest in infrastructure, and support the long-term health of our communities. These conversations are not always easy, but they are critical. Counties are on the front lines, and our collective voice matters.

I am also looking forward to our upcoming Field Summit, where we will have the opportunity to come together, learn from one another, and continue strengthening the relationships that make our statewide county network so valuable.

This year, we may also have an opportunity to ask Howard Dashiell, Director of Public Works for Mendocino County, about the recent catastrophic failure of the Green Bridge near Covelo. Thankfully, the driver involved survived with minor injuries. It is a timely reminder of the importance of keeping up with our aging infrastructure and continuing to advocate for the funding counties need to maintain safe and reliable roads and bridges.

Thank you again for your leadership, your partnership, and your commitment to public service. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Field Summit and continuing our work together on behalf of all California counties.

With appreciation,

Johannes J. Hoevertsz
President

WHAT'S HAPPENING Around the State!!!

SAVE the DATES

- ♦ **CEAC Northern California Field Summit** (formerly known as THE Bedroll Conference)- July 29-31, 2026, Camp Tehama (see next pages for details and registration)
- ♦ **21st Annual CEAC Policy Conference** - August 20-21, 2026, Capital Event Center, Sacramento
- ♦ **132nd CSAC Annual Fall Meeting** - December 1-4, 2026, Gaylord Pacific Resort & Convention Center, Chula Vista, San Diego County
- ♦ **2027 CEAC Spring Conference** - March 15-16, 2027, Hyatt Regency Orange County
- ♦ **2027 NACE Annual Conference** - April 5-8, 2027, Cleveland, OH (Cuyahoga County)

MEET the NEW DIRECTORS

Brian K. Mickelson - Brian was appointed by the Yuba County Board of Supervisors as the Director of Public Works for the County effective April 1, 2026. He replaces Sam Bunton. Brian has over 30 years of experience in civil engineering and is a California-licensed Civil Engineer and Traffic Engineer. He graduated from CalState Chico with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and began his career in 1995 with Rolls Anderson and Rolls in Chico as an Assistant Civil Engineer. In 1999, Brian was an Assistant Civil Engineer II with the Town of Paradise. In 2001, he began a 12-year career with the City of Chico, first as an Associate Civil Engineer, then promoted to a Senior Civil Engineer in 2003. In 2013, he became the Assistant City Engineer with the City of Davis. In 2019, he was promoted to Deputy Director - Public Works Utilities and Operations for the City. In 2022, he became the Assistant Director of Public Works/County Engineer for the County of Colusa and in 2024, the Deputy Director of Public Works Yuba County.



Tory Newman - Tory was appointed by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors as the Director of Public Works for the County effective April 1, 2026. He replaces Ann Stillman who retired March 30, 2026 after a 38 year career with the County. Tory has nearly 25 years of experience and over 7 years with the County, most recently as the Deputy Director, Public Works overseeing facilities.



Josh Handel - Josh was appointed by the Sierra County Board of Supervisors as the Director of Public Works for the County effective April 1, 2026. Originally from Hayward, Josh first learned about infrastructure in the Air Force before completing two degrees in Transportation Planning. His most notable roles have been working for the City of Berkeley in their Public Works Department, for the National Park Service at Sequoia National Park and the Denver Regional Office, and most recently for the Oregon Department of Transportation in Roseburg, OR. He is the right fit for Sierra County, having a great appreciation for outdoor recreation and historic preservation. Josh has backpacked the John Muir Trail, the Annapurna Circuit, and the wilderness surrounding Denali. He lives in Downieville with his wife, 2-year old daughter, and newborn son.



WHAT'S HAPPENING Around the State!!! (continued)

MEET more of the NEW DIRECTORS

Dan Newton - Dan was appointed by the Tehama County Board of Supervisors as the Director of Public Works for the County effective July 1, 2026. Tom Provine, the Administrative Services Director for Tehama County had been Interim Public Works Director since August 2025. Dan has spent the last 20 years working at the City of Susanville. He was hired as the Assistant City Engineer in 2006 and moved up through the ranks becoming the City Engineer in 2009, Interim City Administrator in 2017, Public Works Director in 2018, City Administrator in 2021 and City Manager in 2024. His last day as City Manager was June 26, 2026.



Colt Esenwein - Colt was appointed by the Butte County Board of Supervisors as the Director of Public Works for the County effective May 29, 2026. He replaces Josh Pack who became the CAO with Colusa County in late 2025. Colt graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 1999 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil/Environmental Engineering. Colt's recent experience includes 4 years as the Public Works Director/City Engineer for the City of Williams and almost 1 year as the Public Works and Airport Operations Director for Colusa County. Colt leaves Colusa County taking the position that Josh left vacant. He also previously worked for Santa Cruz and Stanislaus Counties. Colt's experience includes responsibility for roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems, solid waste, flood control and construction management. His work also includes disaster response and recovery, along with prior service in the United States Navy.



Jared Carter - Jared was appointed by the Madera County Board of Supervisors as the Director of Public Works for County effective June 2, 2026. Jared has more than 22 years of local government experience, all with the Madera County including his most recent role as Deputy Director of Public Works. Prior to assuming the position of Deputy Director, Jared held positions of Assistant Engineer and Assistant Road Commissioner. As Deputy Director since 2014, Mr. Carter has overseen multi-million dollar infrastructure and transportation improvement programs; managed solid waste operations and the County landfill and transfer station; managed departmental and division budgets; secured and administered local, state, and federal funding; and directed engineering and operational activities for critical County services. Having grown up in the mountain area of Eastern Madera County, Jared has a strong sense of understanding and connection to the residents he continues to serve in his new role with Public Works.



Chad Senior - Chad was appointed by the Mono County Board of Supervisors as the Director of Public Works for the County effective June 8, 2026. He replaces Paul Roten who retired June 5, 2026 after 22 years with the County. Chad brings 25 years of civil engineering experience to the job. Since 2017, he has served Mono County in various key engineering roles, most recently as the Transportation and Environmental Engineer. In this capacity, he has been instrumental in overseeing transportation programs, solid waste operations, capital planning, and grant administration.



Incoming ASCE President-elect 2027

“ASCE is at an inflection point.” So says **Rossana D’Antonio, P.E., G.E., ENV SP, F.ASCE**, the ASCE 2027 president-elect. “I often describe it as a Renaissance of sorts. Our members are navigating unprecedented demands – climate resilience, infrastructure modernization, workforce evolution, and a need for greater inclusion across every level of the profession.”

Rossana serves as the executive director of NV5, a global consulting firm. Before that, she worked 33 years for **Los Angeles County Public Works** in a variety of roles, including as deputy director of municipal services and emergency management from 2016 to 2023. She retired from LA County in 2023.

Rossana served on the ASCE Board of Direction as an at-large director, 2022-25, and has been active in many other ASCE activities, from advocacy to sustainability over the years. She has also been a longtime leader in Region 9, California, and her hometown of Los Angeles.

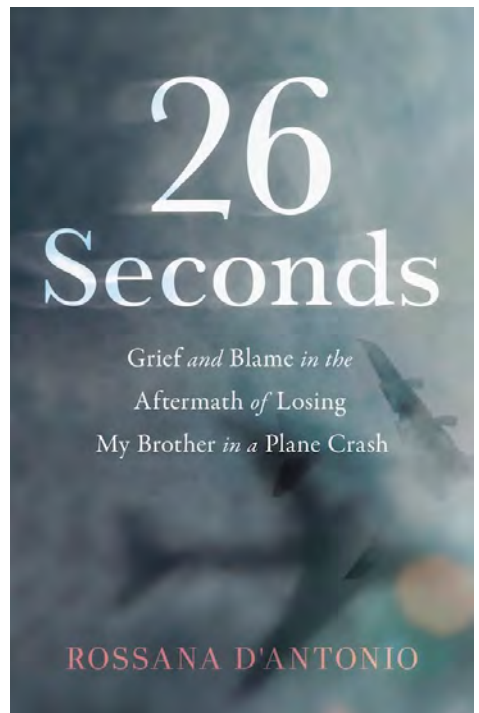
“This profession has shaped my life in ways that go far beyond projects or job titles. My career has been shaped by service, resilience, and a belief that leadership must be both technically sound and profoundly human.”



People Do the Work! And are the heart of the organization...

✕ “Sometimes I feel that we live in a world that’s more divided and fast-moving than ever. It’s constantly changing. But through all the change, one thing has remained constant: **the heart of our profession**. Civil engineering has always been about public service. It’s our higher calling, our North Star—our reason for showing up, day after day, to protect the health, safety, and well-being of the people around us.

Rossana D’Antonio, P.E., GE, F.ASCE
-Incoming President, ASCE



On a stormy late May morning in 2008, TACA Airlines Flight 390 crashes at one of the most dangerous airports in the world, Honduras’s Toncontin International Airport. Five people die in the crash—among them Rossana D’Antonio’s brother, pilot Cesare D’Antonio. Suspecting Cesare will be made a scapegoat for the accident, as so often happens to pilots, Rossana decides to leverage her decades of experience as an engineer and set out in search of the truth.

Part memoir, part exposé, *26 Seconds* interweaves Rossana’s research regarding other parallel accidents with her own story. Six months after the TACA crash, Captain Sully Sullenberger lands his plane on the Hudson River. Although authorities call his landing a miracle, they also blame him for its necessity. One year after the TACA 390 tragedy, Air France 447 falls from the sky. Again, pilot error.

As Rossana digs deeper, she exposes a culture that is too quick to conclude pilot error and an industry that experiences systemic weaknesses, chooses profits over safety, lies to its customers, and is willing to risk lives to get its planes back up in the sky. Ultimately, she uncovers the smoking gun she’s been looking for—revealing the truth about TACA 390, exposing aviation cover-ups, and challenging us all to question the very systems we’ve been told we can trust with our lives.

Editor’s Note: *Rosanna’s husband, Fred Rubin, was one of my first supervisors when I started my career at Los Angeles County Public Works over 50 years ago; I worked with Rossana at LA County for over 25 years.*

41ST ANNUAL CEAC FIELD SUMMIT

MT. LASSEN TAHEMA COUNTY, CA



Please join us at beautiful Camp Tehama for the 41st annual CEAC Field Summit scheduled for Wednesday evening, July 29th through Friday July 31, 2026 conveniently located in Tehama County near Mt. Lassen National Park.

The weather at Camp Tehama is pleasant, you can expect daytime high temperatures to be around 82 F and nighttime low temperatures to be around 43 F during the event.

CEAC FIELD SUMMIT

THE CONFERENCE FORMERLY KNOWN AS BEDROLL





COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA

2026 FIELD SUMMIT

Camp Tehama

near Mineral CA

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY – JULY 29, 2026

- 2:00 pm** **Check-in begins.** All vehicles need to park below the gate by the caretaker's house. *Note, RVs cannot be accommodated.* Check-in is located at the dining hall.
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm** **Social networking.** Connect with peers and consultants, build relationships, and find mentors.
- 7:00 pm - 8:00pm** **Dinner.** BBQ salmon or chicken served with all the fixings. Please indicate any dietary restrictions during registration.
- 8:00 pm - 8:15 pm** **Awards Presentation**
- 8:15 pm - 8:45 pm** **Project Presentation.** Scott DeLeon (NCE) Butte County 5-Mile Basin project & Martin McLroy (MGE) Crocker Road historic ped bridge in Sonoma County

THURSDAY – JULY 30, 2026

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am** **Breakfast.** Pancakes, fruit platter, sausage, bacon, eggs and more.
- 8:00 am - 8:15 am** **Welcome and CEAC Update.** CEAC's 2026 president will kick off the morning with his welcome address. *Speaker: Johannes J. Hoevertsz - Director Sonoma County Public Infrastructure, 2026 CEAC President*
- 8:15 am - 8:45 am** **CSAC LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.** Hear the latest information regarding pending legislation that affects County Public Works operations. *Speaker: Mark Neuburger, CSAC Legislative Representatives & Agriculture, Environment, and Natural Resources (AENR) lobbyist*
- 8:45 am - 9:30 am** **Pavement Preservation.** Learn about the latest research in pavement preservation from one of the leading subject matter experts in California. *Speaker: DingXin Cheng, Ph.D., P.E., Director, California Pavement Preservation Center, California State University, Chico*
- 9:30 am - 10:15 am** **CCPIC (connected to LTAP) John Harvey, UC Davis**
- 10:15 am - 10:30 am** **Break.**
- 10:30 am - 11:00 am** **Caltrans Local Assistance Panel.** Discussion from a panel of Caltrans District Local Assistance Engineers on project funding and delivery challenges. *Moderated by: TBD*



- 11:00 am - 11:30 am** **Self-Help Road Tax Panel.** Discussion from a panel of Counties where the voters have approved a tax to fund road maintenance. *Moderated by: TBD*
- 11:30 am - 11:45 am** **AI generated photo simulations for new roadway striping.** See examples of how AI can assist in quickly creating photo simulations for new roadway striping. *Speaker: Bob Bronkall, LS, PE-Civil, PE-Traffic, THE Humboldt County Surveyor*
- 11:45 am - 12:00 pm** **CA-MUTCD update.** Overview of the January 2026 California MUTCD revisions and implications for agencies. *Speaker: Bob Bronkall, LS, PE-Civil, PE-Traffic, THE Humboldt County Surveyor*
- 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm** **Lunch.** Hot and cold sandwich options provided with all the fixings.
- 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm** **Peer Exchange.** Hear from a panel of Public Works Directors covering a wide range of current issues faced by public works agencies; including topics brought up attendees. *Moderator: TBD*
- 3:00 pm - 3:15 pm** **Break.**
- 3:15 pm - 4:45 pm** **Consultant Panel Roundtable Discussion.** Hear insights from a panel of consultants on improving county-consultant collaboration, project delivery, and expectations. *Moderator: TBD*
- 4:45 am - 5:15 pm** **Survey Monument Preservation Toolkit.** Guidance on compliance with state monument preservation laws and avoiding significant enforcement penalties (\$10K). *Speaker: Bob Bronkall, LS, PE-Civil, PE-Traffic, THE Humboldt County Surveyor*
- 5:15 pm - 7:00 pm** **Social networking.** Connect with peers and consultants, build relationships, and find mentors.
- 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm** **Dinner.** Join us for a BBQ steak or chicken with all the fixings. Please identify any dietary restriction that you have when registering.

FRIDAY – JULY 31, 2026

- 7:00 am to 9:00 am** **Breakfast.** Pancakes, fruit platter, sausage, bacon, eggs and more.
- 8:45 am to 9:00 am** **2027 Field Summit.** Nomination and selection of the Conference Coordinator and Program Coordinator for next year's conference.
- 9:00 am** **Conference adjourns.**
- 10:00 am - 12:00 pm** **Camp Cleanup by CEAC Affiliates.** All CEAC affiliate members are required to assist.
- Noon** **Check-out deadline**

Notes:

- All times are subject to minor adjustments.
- Please respect camp rules and facilities.
- Dress is casual and appropriate for outdoor conditions.



Preliminary Program and is subject to change.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

**** NOTE: ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITOL EVENT CENTER
1020 11TH STREET, 2ND FLOOR, SACRAMENTO UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED ****

9:30 am - 4:00 pm: Registration

8:30 am - 10:30 am

CLOUDS Meeting and Breakfast *(Invitation Only)*
1020 11th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento

10:30 am - 11:45 am

Resource Recovery and Waste Management Policy Committee Meeting
Tobie Mitchell, Ventura County - Chair

10:45 am - 12:00 pm

Surveyor Policy Committee Meeting
1020 11th Street, 3rd Floor, Sacramento
Robert Pachinger, Calaveras County - Chair

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm

CEAC Luncheon

1:30 pm - 2:45 pm

CEAC Administrative Committee Meeting
Joan Araujo, Ventura County - Chair

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Transportation Policy Committee Meeting
Alicia Winokur, Mendocino County - Chair

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

CEAC County Hospitality Night - Capitol Event Center. You're Invited! Join your CEAC county colleague and affiliates for a fun evening including the 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament, buffet dinner, and drinks!



2026 CEAC POLICY CONFERENCE (continued)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2026

8:00 am - 9:15 am

CEAC Breakfast, Networking and Presentation

Program to be determined

9:15 am - 10:45 am

Infrastructure and Development Policy Committee Meeting

Matt Randall, Placer County - Chair

11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Flood Control & Water Resources Policy Committee Meeting

Jason Uhley, Riverside County - Chair

12:30 pm - 2:00 pm

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting *(working lunch)*

Johannes Hoevertsz, Sonoma County - President

2:00 pm – Adjourn

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **132nd CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference**, South San Diego Chula Vista Gaylord Chula Vista, December 1-4, 2026
- **2027 CEAC Spring Conference** (in conjunction with the League of California Cities' Public Works Officers Institute) - Hyatt Regency Orange County, March 15-19, 2027
- **2027 NACE Annual Conference**
Cleveland, Ohio, April 5-8, 2027



NACE 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Delegate Breakfast Monday

CEAC Delegation

from l-r:

**George Johnson, Matt Machado,
Mike Penrose, Daniel Woldesenbet,
Amber Lo, David Engbrecht,
Nathan Bray, and David Leamon**

standing l-r:

**Howard Dashiell, Johannes Hoevertsz,
and Merrin Gerety**

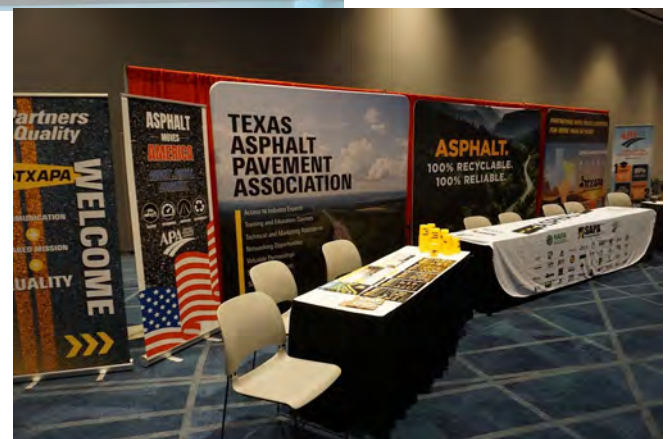
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Texas Staff checking in attendees.

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The Exhibit Hall

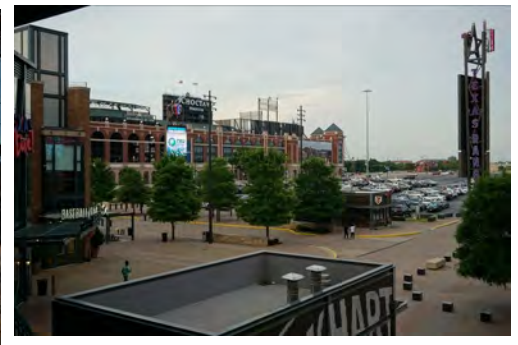
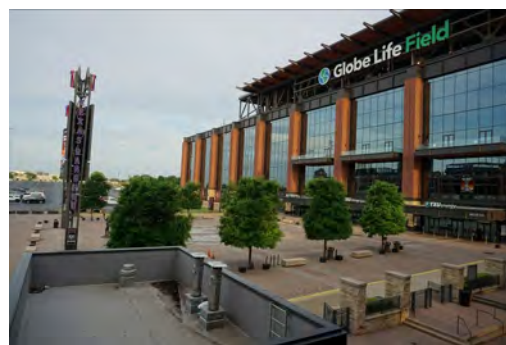
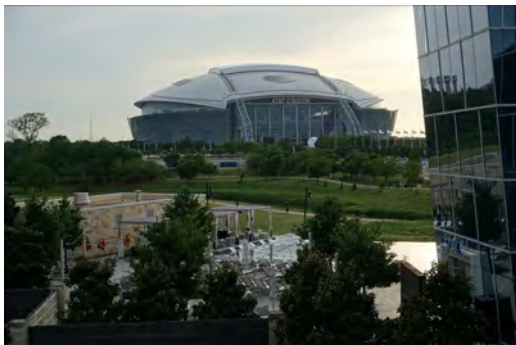


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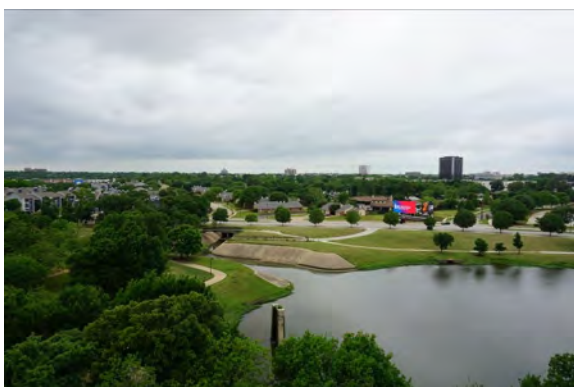
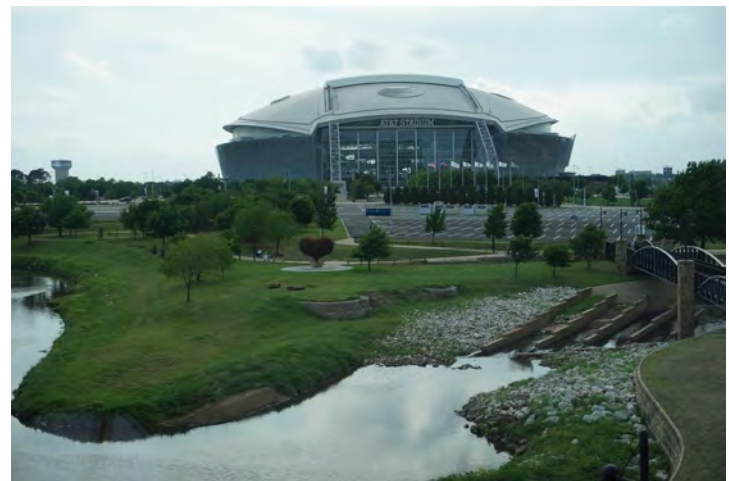


Monday Evening TEXAS ROUNDUP @ TEXAS LIVE!

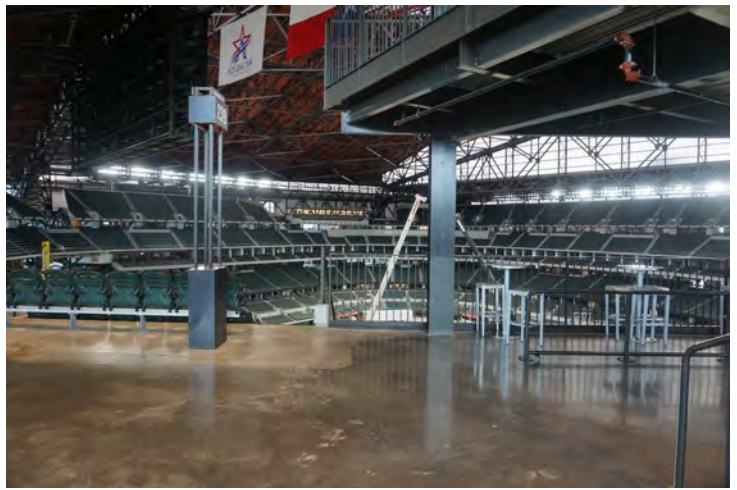
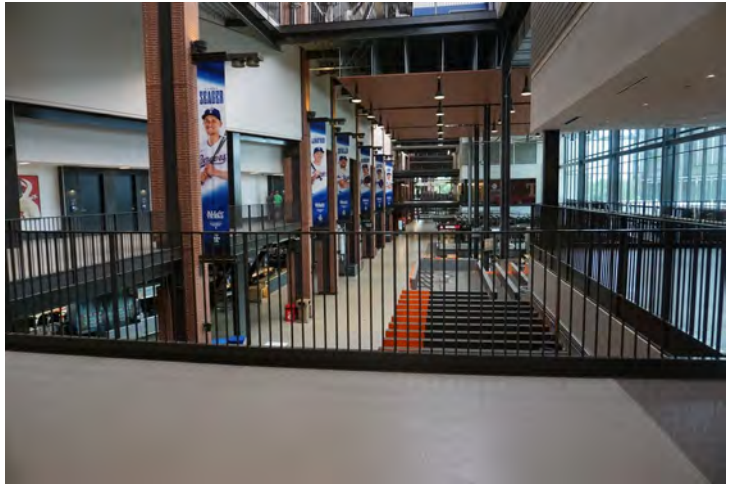
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from Texas Live!



NACE 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Views from Loews Arlington Hotel)



NACE 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (Home of the Texas Rangers)



Editor's Note: no pictures were allowed of the field because they were setting it up for Bruno Mars concerts held on April 18 and 19, 2026.

NACE 2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (continued))



NACE President's Dinner and

Installation of Officers 2026-27

from l-r: Sandra Hoevertsz, **Johannes Hoevertsz**, Deanna Leamon, **Matt Machado**, **David Leamon**, Mark Servi, **George Johnson**, Luann Johnson, and Laurie Servi

from l-r:

Jodi Teich, North Central Region, VP, Otter Trail County, MN;
Luke McGinty, Southeast Region, VP, Elmore County, AL;
Patrick Ginnetti, Northeast Region, VP, Mahoning County OH;
Rich Sanders, NACo Rep, Polk County, MN;
Jeff Blue, Moderator and 2023 NACE President (Illinois);
Matt Machado, Secretary & Treasurer, Santa Cruz County, CA;
Wayne Sandberg, President Elect, Washington County, MN;
Pam Dingman, President, Lancaster County, NE; and,
Jacob Thorius, Past President, Washington County, IA



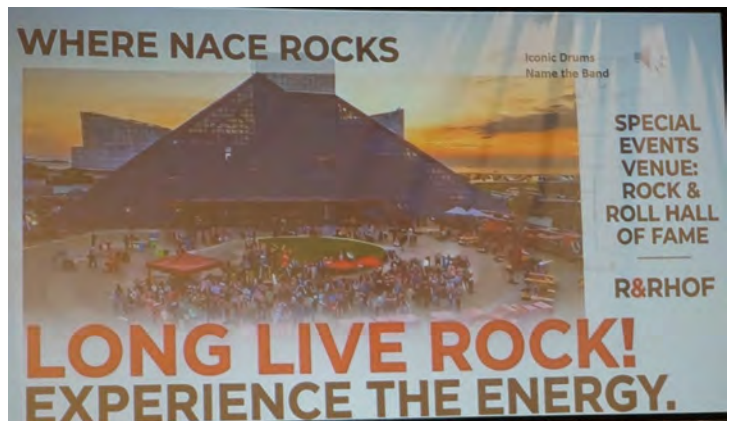
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NACE 2027 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - April 5-8, 2027



NACE REPORT



Howard Dashiell CEAC Rep to NACE



All the buzz with our recent National Association of County Engineers (NACE) meeting revolves around H.R. 8870, which the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee recently advanced - named *BUILD America 250 Act*. The five-year surface transportation bill would reauthorize federal highway, transit, rail, freight, safety, and related transportation programs through fiscal year 2031.

BUILD increases the current surface transportation law *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA) funding levels by roughly \$580 billion over five years; approximately \$30 billion more per year than the 2021 law, which expires on September 30, 2026. This includes continued investments in core highway formula programs. FORMULA PRO-GRAMS over COMPETITIVE GRANTS appear to be another policy emphasis for this Congress. Smaller local agencies see this as a win because competitive grants have disproportionately gone to large agencies or states while formulas are spread large and small. To ensure that the local entity receives funding, the proposed bill sets minimum sharing at 75% state to 25% local (previously the split was 85% - 15%). California is fortunate that Caltrans intends to continue its previous commitment of a 60% state to 40% local split which is even better.

Important to California Counties and CEAC members is the Highway Bridge Program (HBP) Formula funding, which increases from roughly \$5.5 billion to \$9 billion per year. Again, States will need to use 25% minimum of the funds they receive for a statewide competitive grant process. Off-system bridges that are locally owned count towards the 25 percent set aside for locally owned bridges. There will be a 95% federal cost share for the locally owned bridge projects. One hundred percent toll credits might be gone, but 95% is not bad.

On the other hand, some of the competitive grants are going away or are being reduced in BUILD. For example, Mendocino County has two emergency access route projects, which were awarded Local Transportation Climate Adaption Program (LTCAP) grants with IIJA funds from the Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative, Efficient and Cost-Saving Transportation (PROTECT) program. While MOST of the funding is from the California LTCAP grant, loss of IIJA portion could cause local share match to be 20%. However, it should be noted that the BUILD America 250 would preserve some resilience related eligibilities by adding them to the new Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG). The STBG program could become an important discretionary funding opportunity for counties, particularly for locally significant projects that may not fit neatly within traditional formula programs or larger national grant competitions.

BUILD America 250 would eliminate two formula programs that IIJA had created for the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) in case any of us got funding from there, which Mendocino County did not.

Finally, the **Arizona Association of County Engineers (AACE)** Conference in Laughlin, NV, which is also considered a NACE Western Region (Idaho, Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, and Arizona), was held **June 10-12, 2026**. CEAC members in attendance were CEAC Newsletter Editor **Patrick DeChellis**, Trinity County Director of Public Works **Panos Kakkas**, and three staff members from Mendocino County: Deputy Director of Solid Waste & Water Agency **Amber Fiset**, Senior Environmental Coordinator **James Linderman**, and yours truly (**Howard Dashiell**).

Future NACE Conferences (all in the Spring, usually mid-April):

2027, Cleveland, Ohio dates April 5th to 8th, 2027

2028, Michigan, location & dates TBD

AACE/NACE 2026 Western Region Conference

June 10-12, 2026

ARIZONA | CALIFORNIA | COLORADO | IDAHO | NEVADA | NEW MEXICO | OREGON | UTAH | WASHINGTON | WYOMING

2026 AACE/NACE WESTERN REGION CONFERENCE

Join us in Laughlin!

Wednesday, June 10	
6:30pm - 7:30pm	Welcome Reception with Exhibitors
Thursday, June 11	
7:30am - 8:30am	Breakfast with Exhibitors
Pavilion A	Welcome
Pavilion B	Breakouts
8:30am - 9:15am	
Pavilion A	Sustainable Pavement Engineering Solutions (CIR/CCPR)
	James Emerson, APM, Pavement Manager, Pavement Wise Consulting
Pavilion B	Oxidation Management of Asphalt (OMA)
	Paul Noring, President, Main Street Materials
9:30am - 10:15am	
Pavilion A	Full-Depth Reclamation as a Cost-Effective Strategy for County Road Maintenance
	Marion Watson, Roads and Reclamation Specialist, Asphalt Zipper
Pavilion B	"Urban Quarries": Re-use Your Pavement Assets
	James Emerson, Principle Consultant, Pavement Wise Consulting
10:15am - 10:30am	Break - Pavilion A
10:30am - 11:15am	
Pavilion A	Western Regional Association for Pavement Preservation (WRAPP) & Recycling and Stabilization Association of CA (RSA)
	Matthew Conarroe, Western Emulsions
Pavilion B	Cold Recycling Our Nation's Roads
	Jessie Anna Boone, Market Development Manager - Recycling Products, Wirtgen America
11:30am - 1:00pm	Lunch - Pavilion A
	NACE/Federal Legislative Update
1:00pm - 1:45pm	
Pavilion A	Routing and Managing Local Permits for Oversize & Overweight Vehicles
	Bryce Baker, Chief Operating Officer, Oxcart Permit Systems, LLC
Pavilion B	Thermal Imaging Drone Use for Concrete Delamination Detection
	David Zaleski, Senior Bridge Engineer, Consor
	John Michael Freeman, Structural Assessment Engineer, Consor
2:00pm - 2:45pm	
Pavilion A	Polymer Concrete Structural Rehabilitation Inserts (Wastewater MIC)
	Tom LaRue, National Director - Solutions Engineering, Armrock
Pavilion B	Introduction to Low-Density Cellular Concrete (LDCC)
	Samantha McNeerney, National Sales Manager, Aerix Industries
2:45pm - 3:00pm	Break - Pavilion A
3:00pm - 3:45pm	
Pavilion A	Northern Avenue Complete Streets Project
	Sergio Gudino, Interim Engineering Manager, Mohave County
Pavilion B	Innovation in UV (Ultraviolet Light) Storm Sewer/Culvert Lining
	Gary Kennedy, National Business Development, Omega Liner Company
4:00pm - 5:00pm	
Pavilion A	Keynote Presentation - This Just Happened - What Now???
	Benny J Young, PE - City/County Leadership and Management Specialist
	An examination of fundamental premises associated with adaptation to change - and the associated value of Public Service and Public Servants in pursuing resilience in the face of relentless permutations. Utilize case studies and specific examples encountered during a 50+ year career in City and County engineering, operations, and administration.
	When all else fails, PLAY THE FIDDLE!
	-The World According to Benny!
5:00pm - 7:00pm	
Pavilion A	Reception and Dinner - Join us to celebrate America's 250th Birthday! A patriotic good old fashioned western hoedown. Special guest entertainment! Door prize drawings and more.
Friday, June 12	
7:30am - 9:00am	
Pavilion A	Breakfast
9:00am - 10:00am	
Pavilion A	Project Showcase! Revisiting the 2021 Colorado DOT Hot In-Place Recycling Project (CO DOT)
	Tim Webb, Region Materials Engineer, Colorado Department of Transportation
	Todd Gonser, Western States Manager, Cutler Repaving
10:00am	Adjourn



from l-r: **Howard Dashiell**, Stephanie Dashiell, **Panos Kokkas**, Kevan Stone, Amber Fisette, and James Linderman

Editor's Note: This was the first NACE Western Region Conference since the Pandemic. The last one I attended was in 2018.

AACE/NACE 2026 Western Region Conference (continued)



View from one of the towers of the Aquarius Hotel in Laughlin which borders the Colorado River. The Aquarius has hosted this Conference for as far back as anyone can remember.

On the other side of the river is Bullhead City, AZ.



AACE/NACE 2026 Western Region Conference (continued)



On our way back to the Las Vegas Airport for our flights home, we stopped at **Hoover Dam** and took a self-guided tour.

These are just a sample of the pictures taken.



The picture above taken east of the "new" bridge that bypasses the dam. The old route was on the top of the dam. The old route can be seen going under the bridge and still heads to the dam. It is blocked for any use except emergencies.



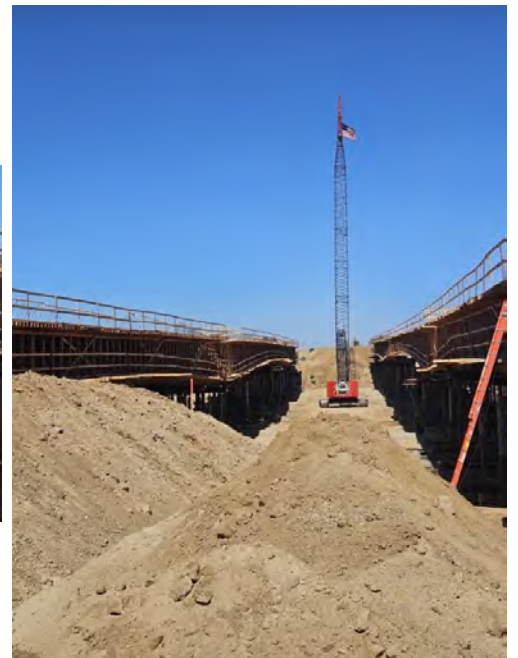
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Bay Area Regional Report

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Representing Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco,
San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma Counties

Sonoma County

Westside Road Slide Repair Project



Following catastrophic damage from the winter 2025 storms, Sonoma County reopened Westside Road in August 2025 after completing an accelerated emergency stabilization and roadway reconstruction project. The project featured rapid design, permitting, and construction of a major retaining wall to restore one of the county's most heavily traveled river corridor routes before the end of the construction season.

Bay Area Regional Report (continued)

North Fitch Mountain Road Landslide Repair Project



After years of monitoring and planning, Sonoma County completed repairs to a longstanding landslide and reopened North Fitch Mountain Road. Permanent repairs resolved a chronic slope instability issue accelerated by the 2025 storms.

Cavedale Road Dual Landslide Reconstruction



Cavedale Road reopened following reconstruction at two major landslide sites triggered by the winter 2025 storms. The project required multiple retaining systems and extensive geotechnical coordination to restore this critical regional connection. **Community Benefit:** The project required multiple retaining systems and extensive geotechnical coordination to restore this critical regional connection



Bay Area Regional Report (continued)

Wohler Road Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project



Construction is underway on the Wohler Road Bridge Seismic Retrofit Project. Deck removal marks a major milestone in strengthening the bridge for future seismic events while extending its service life.

- **Community Benefit:** Deck removal marks a major milestone in strengthening the bridge for future seismic events while extending its service life

San Francisco County

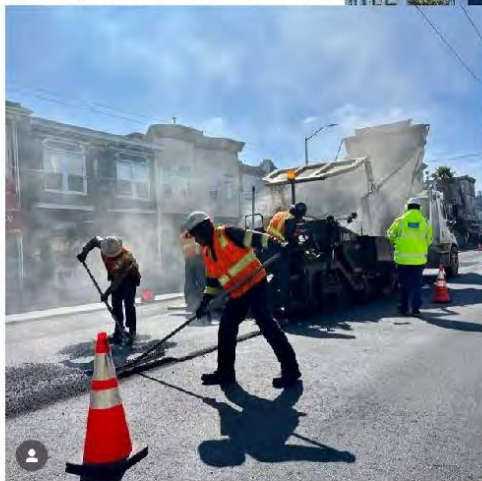
County Beautification Project

San Francisco is adding splashes of color at several crosswalks throughout the City. Shown is their Clement Street and Sixth Avenue intersection in the Inner Richmond with the new installation pattern.



Neighborhood Safety Improvements

San Francisco Public Works along with Partners are bringing safety improvements and infrastructure upgrades to the Excelsior and Outer Mission neighborhoods. The project includes approximately 40 sidewalk bulb-outs, upgraded traffic signals in 20 locations, sewer main replacement, and street repaving throughout the project area.



Contra Costa County

Wildcat Canyon Road Slope Failure Repair Project



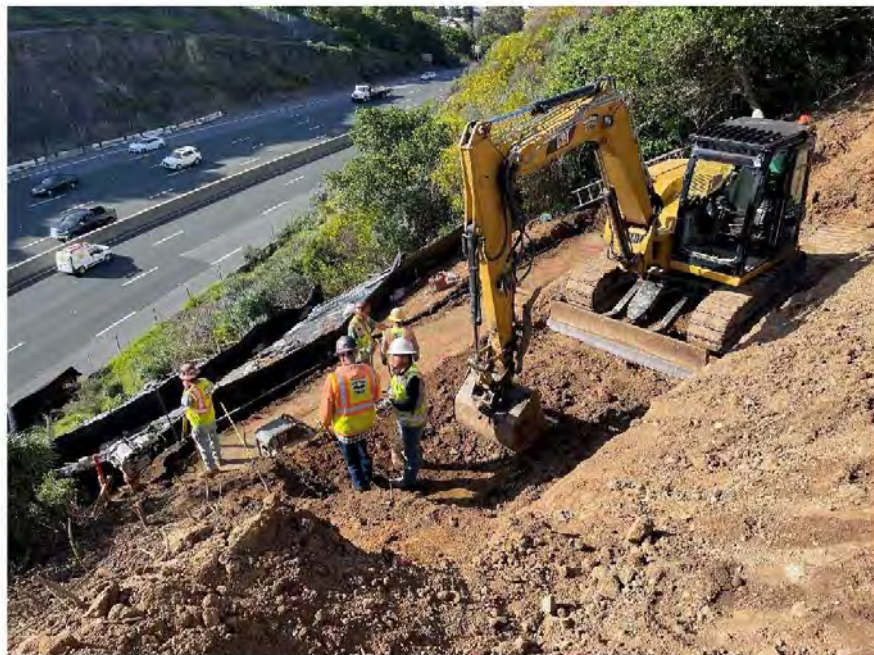
This major slide repair project is complete, which addressed an embankment failure and restored two-way traffic on Wildcat Canyon Road. The work involved repairing and restoring a 250-foot stretch of the road, which included constructing a soldier pile wall and repairs to an eroded embankment.

Marin County

Marin County's Bolinas Road Emergency Slide Repair Project.



Previous storm events triggered multiple landslides and roadway damage along Bolinas Road. The damaged locations had been receiving repairs in order of urgency. However, the damage was significantly compounded by a state-declared disaster-level storms.



Job Opportunities in Local Government

CEAC provides an opportunity for California county and city public works agencies to post job openings on our site. New positions are posted on a regular basis.

[County Job Openings: CSAC Website](#) as of July 10, 2026

Organization	Position	Date Posted	Closing Date/ First Review
San Diego County	Deputy Director, Public Works -Engineering Services Division	7/10/2026	8/10/2026
Contra Costa County	Senior Capital Facilities Project Manager	6/24/2026	7/15/2026
City of Coronado	Public Services and Engineering Director	7/7/2026	7/31/2026
San Luis Obispo County	Water Laboratory Manager	7/7/2026	7/20/2026
Ventura County	Director – Public Works Agency, Watershed Protection (Flood Control)	6/23/2026	Continuous Until Filled
City of Pacifica	Deputy Director Public Works – Field Services & Engineering	6/16/2026	7/17/2026
Marin County	Flood Control & Water Conservation District General Manager	6/2/2026	7/20/2026

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