



CSAC Annual Meeting November 29 -- December 2, 2011 San Francisco At Hilton San Francisco Union Square

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# 2011 Bedroll Conference, Lake Almanor, Plumas County

Tom Hunter, Honorable CLOD and retired Public Works Director for Plumas County, reported that the conference in July was very well attended.....in fact there were 50 attendees (plus a few walks-ins), which is all Camp Conery can accommodate.

Tom indicated "a good time was had by all and man did we nail the food this year. For the second year, salmon patties, made with left over salmon from Wednesday night, were served on Thursday night. What a meal!" Even the weather cooperated, with temperatures around 85° in the afternoon and 50° in the morning. This year the lake level was full and quite impressive.

Tom Mattson, CEAC Secretary, Humboldt County, arranged a strong technical program and creatively scheduled the portion of the agenda on Cal Trans issues for Thursday afternoon, which assured that there were plently of people in attendance to listen to the latest news on Statewide transportation.

In the golf event, Scott Waite, Siskiyou County, shot a remarkable round of 67 at Bailey Creek, which has to be a record for the group. Considering Scott's score, none of the other scores merit mention.

If you have never attended a Bedroll Conference, consider doing so next year. It will be well worth your time.

Rick Tippett, Trinity County, graciously volunteered be the conference chairman for 2012.



# **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**



CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Friday, June 24, 2011 \* 2:00pm Contra Costa Public Works Office 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553 Dial In: 1-800-930-8748/Pass code: 7102560

1. Call to Order (Bueren) Meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm on Friday, June 24, 2011

Officer	Office	County
Julie Bueren	President	Contra Costa
Daniel Woldesenbet	President Elect	Alameda
Tom Mattson	Secretary	Humboldt
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Past President	Los Angeles
	NACE Representative	
	Treasurer Emeritus	
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou County (Retired)
Regional Directors	Region	County
Steven Kowalewski	Central Coast	Contra Costa
Rick Tippet	Northern California	Trinity
Don Ridenhour	North Bay	Napa
Michael Penrose	Sacramento Mother Lode	Sacramento
Matt Machado	San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
Scott McGolpin	South Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Jeff Pratt	Southern California	Ventura
Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Mike Penrose	Transportation	Sacramento
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa
	Flood Control/Water Resources	
Wes Zicker	Land Use	Placer
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
Scott McGolpin	Scholarship	Santa Barbara
Susan Klassen	Solid Waste	Sonoma
Mike Emmons	Survey	Santa Barbara
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
DeAnn Baker	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Other Attendees		
Steve Mellon	Quincy Engineering	

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

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- 2. Approval of Minutes No quorum for approval.
- 3. Correspondence (Julie Bueren) None.

#### 4. CLODS Report (Ken Miller)

The CLODS are ready and willing to put on the annual BBQ at the fall CSAC conference upon formal request by CEAC. Julie has made a verbal request, will send an official letter next week to formalize.

CLODS Larry Coleman passed away recently.

The CLODS met regarding the open CEAC NACE representative seat and unanimously are recommending to CEAC that Pat DeChellis be offered this position.

Ken led a discussion on whether or not California would be seeking to host the NACE 2015 conference. General response was not interested at this time due to effort for 2014, think about for future.

#### 5. NACE Report (Julie Bueren)

Julie reported that she had the proxy vote of all CLODS board members that allowed a quorum to vote on CLODS nomination of Pat DeChellis to be offered the NACE representative position for CEAC. Vote was unanimous in approval of this motion. Pat stated that he welcomed the position. His first item of work will be attending the NaCo conference in Portland, Oregon in July. Attending with Pat will be Phil Demery, George Johnson, Kiana Buss, Cara Martinson, and Karen Keene.

Julie will check with CEAC Parliamentarian to see if this vote is valid or if it needs to be redone at next Board meeting.

#### 6. CSAC Report (Karen Keene)

Two conference-planning meetings have already occurred for the upcoming CSAC conference in San Francisco. Sessions are coming together; however, there will be no County Night this year. Tommy Castro has been confirmed as the performer for the banquet. CEAC portion starts Tuesday night with the NACE dinner. Julie has sent an invitation to Mark Craft, NACE president and will send one to Brian Roberts, NACE executive director. A tentative agenda should be available soon. Once Julie receives, she will send to CEAC officers for review/comment. Merrin has already sent out a request for officer's arrival and departure dates to coordinate rooms.

No new budget has been seen yet. AB 720 was amended but still major concerns with application and definitions of what is reported as force account in road report vs. what is really force account construction.

AB 345 was amended and received the support of CEAC for changes to membership on the CTCDC, although CEAC wants an additional change so that our members are not subject to approval by Caltrans.

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#### 7. Regional Directors Reports

Northern California (Rick Tippet)

Bedroll conference is coming up at end of July. North State super region has continued to gain momentum. Congressman Herger is working hard to keep the off-system bridges in any new federal transportation bill, also working to make on-system bridges approved for the toll credit program.

Southern California (Jeff Pratt)

No report.

Central Coast (Steven Kowalewski)

The Central Coast and North Bay regions had a joint meeting at San Francisco City Hall. Discussed impact fees, how to package to get revenue streams, resource sharing (people and equipment), and toll credits. Looking to develop a summary list of innovative funding for roads. The two regions are discussing possibly combining into one.

**South Central Coast** (Scott McGolpin) No report.

North Bay (Don Ridenhour)

No report.

Sacramento Mother Lode (Mike Penrose) No report.

**San Joaquin Valley** (Mike Machado) No report.

#### 8. Treasurers Report (Julie Bueren)

CEAC did not make much funding on San Diego Conference. It was noted that San Diego is an expensive venue. Revenue was \$5,000-\$6,000 from the San Diego conference, usually spring conference revenue is around \$18,000.

#### 9. Committee Reports

#### a) Flood Control and Water Resources-(Karen Keene)

A conference call of the flood control committee recently occurred to gather comments for the Army Corp/EPA issues that are ongoing. Vegetation management one of the ongoing issues.

b) Solid Waste – (Susan Klassen) No report.

c) Surveyor – (Mike Emmons) No report.

d) Land Use-(Wes Zicker)

No report.

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e) Transportation—(Pat DeChellis for Mike Penrose)

A Federal Bill on retroreflectivity is in process that would change the current deadlines for sign enhancements from the statutory dates to "when the signs need to normally be replaced". This would not affect the statutory deadlines for California as they are in the MUTCD, which we have to follow. It was noted that the MUTCD is open for comment at this time and maybe comments should be forwarded to remove the set dates from the MUTCD so it does not have to be amended later if the current Federal bill passes.

f) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee – (Jim Porter)

No report.

### 10. Other Committee Reports

a) Fellowship (Steve Mellon for Patricia McNamee)

Steve discussed the issue of conflict of sessions at the PWOI and the wish for the League of Cities for CEAC not to have the hospitality suite in conflict with the mini-expo. CEAC has agreed not to advertise events in the conference program that are in conflict with the mini-expo.

Pat DeChellis noted that the hospitality suite will be the site for the president's dinner reception, as most individuals that go to the president's dinner gather at the hospitality suite prior to the reception anyway.

b) Scholarship (Scott McGolpin)

No report.

c) Outside Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, TDAWG, SR2S) Julie reported that she had received several applications for the open seat and alternate seat for Southern California representatives on the CTDCC. After input and discussions with CEAC Board and Farhad Mansourian, Northern California representative, she will be offering the open seat to the San Diego County representative and the alternate seat to the Los Angeles County representative.

### 11. Life Membership

a) None

### 12. Unfinished Business

a) LSR Statewide Needs Assessment dues assessment (Bueren)

Julie is awaiting information from Kiana Buss in order to set up a dues structure for carrying forward the LSR assessment. Once received, it will be forwarded to CEAC executive committee for review. Proposal is for an annual assessment to be included in normal CEAC annual dues billing, separated as a line item from baseline dues. The current plan includes the RTPA's paying for 1/2 of the annual assessment, cities paying for 1/4, and Counties paying for 1/4. The total need is approximately \$120,000, so counties would need to fund \$30,000.

#### b) Life Membership (DeChellis)

Pat has researched what other organizations do regarding annual and conference fees for life members/retirees. He has found no consensus on whether fees are waived or not for registration. Most of what he found was a nominal fee charged for membership and a

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discount provided for conferences. He currently believes a nominal fee of approximately \$25 and a conference fee of between \$50-\$100 should be considered instead of a discount. This concept should be sent out to current life members for feedback. Life members on the CEAC executive Board would still have fees waived.

Ken Miller stated that polling the life members is a good idea, some don't attend but still appreciate the information. Questioned what the actual number of life members that register for conferences and actually attend is. No solid answer.

Ken also mentioned that life members who now work for industry should be paying full fee as representatives of industry until they are truly retired.

This idea will also be directed to the CEAC Parliamentarian to see if it would need codification in the bylaws.

Pat will draft a statement regarding this issue and it will be emailed to Board members for discussion.

#### c) Guest Program (Miller)

There used to be between 15-25 very active guest members, however this has dwindled in recent years. Last conference there was only 6 registered, although two added later on-site. It takes a significant amount of effort to prepare the guest program – perhaps a different pared down approach for San Francisco should be tried. Have opening breakfast, but let guests determine what they want to do, provide a "things to do" package for guests to review.

Continue dialogue on this issue on changes on a conference-to-conference basis. Julie will work with Merrin on a mini-guest program for the San Francisco conference.

#### 13. New Business

### a) Public Works Officers Institute (Bueren)

CEAC and the League had a joint planning meeting for the upcoming Public Works Officers Institute (PWOI). Sessions, formats and moderators were chosen. Conference to be held at the San Jose Fairmont, March 20-22, 2012.

#### b) NACE Representative (Bueren)

Discussion under Item 5 above.

#### 14. Scheduled Conferences

- a) NACO Annual Meeting, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 15-19, 2011
- b) CEAC Northern California Conference, Lake Almanor, California (PG&E Camp Conery), July 27-29, 2011
- c) CEAC 6th Annual Policy Conference, September 8-9, 2011, Sacramento
- d) CSAC 117th Annual Meeting, Nov 29-Dec 2, 2011, San Francisco (Hilton)
- e) CEAC Spring Conference/PWOI & Mini Expo, March 20-22 2012, San Jose Fairmont

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### 15. CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

a) Friday, September 9, 2011, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Policy Conference in Sacramento)
b) Friday, December 2, 2011, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Annual Meeting in San Francisco)

Meeting Adjourned at 3:40 pm

### Minutes prepared by Tom Mattson, CEAC Secretary, Humboldt County



## **Droppings**



In perusing the 2011 CEAC Roster, General Membership Section, I was surprised at how few names I recognized. That being the case, I figure I can safely repeat some "**Droppings**", which appeared in previous CEAC Newsletters. I'll start by retelling of the first CLODS Barbecue in 1969, that was described most recently in the Winter 1997 Newsletter. But what about that first barbecue? None of our current membership were present and I dare say that probably only a handful of our retired members attended that first CLODS Barbecue held at the River Ranch near Squaw Valley on October 9, 1969.

Like so may CEAC traditions( the CLODS, Buffalo Bull Award, Bedroll Conference, etc.) the barbecue was vet another brainchild of the Bull Condor, Ed Hanna. Assisting in that first endeavor was what Ed labeled the "5 STAR NONPAREIL & DAMFINE COMMITTEE OF CHEFS AND WINETASTERS". which consisted of Charlie Dumble, Kern County, 1959; Ed Hanna, San Benito County, 1957; Bill Jones, Solano County, 1962; Bud Keith, Riverside County, 1956; Al Koch, Orange County, 1963; Jack Lambie, Los Angeles County 1967; Bruce McClain, Monterey County, 1966; Martin Nicholas, San Bernardino County, 1961; Dave Pierson, Imperial County, 1965; Dusty Rhodes, Yolo County, 1958; and Vic Sauer, Contra Costa County, 1968; with Bill McIntosh, Lassen County, 1964, acting as Wine Caddy and Consultant. The Asphalt Institute took care of the bar and supplies much the same as our affiliates do today.

Duties of the 5 STAR COMMITTEE at the barbecue were as follows:

By

**Dave Gravenkamp** CEAC Historian

### "The First CLODS Barbecue - Revisited"

- 1. Arrive on the scene of the debacle around 10:00 am and TEST THE COOKING WINE!
- 2. Defuse the beans, after donning protective gear!
- 3. Recheck the wine for spoilage!
- 4. Prepare coffee!
- 5. Reheat the beans (genuine Tres Pinos Whiffleberries)!
- 6. Recheck the wine for souring!
- 7. Prepare green salad & douse gently with wine, after first testing the wine for quality, bouquet and effluvia!
- 8. Prepare garlic bread for de-worming of the guests!
- 9. Check everything, including the remaining wine, if any!
- 10. Check the beans for defusing & mega-tonnage!
- 11. Cook steaks & polish off remainder of wine, if any!
- 12. Serve buffet style, take well deserved credits, and then relax, leaving clean-up to the peons!

During the sparing, which preceded the event, the then Junior CLOD, Vic Sauer, questioned the selection of McIntosh as Wine Caddy and Consultant. Vic suggested that "the Wine Caddy only pours the wine for the cooks and stewards and the Consultant cleans up the area when the barbecue is over." In siding with the Junior CLOD, Ed issued General Order No. 2 which stated "Rumblings and grumblings out of the North Country indicate that the duly selected and appointed WINE CADDY AND STEW-ARD is misinterpreting his duties and functions. It appears he is not only getting grandiose ideas of the importance of his job, but is all ready Drunk with Power. The NONPAREIL AND DAMFINE COM-MITTEE hereby defines and limits his duties and

# **Droppings (continued)**

function to that of pouring."

Note: Bill, who has never been known for settling for less than the last work, subsequently in an August 5, 1969 letter to Ed, stated in part "I am astounded that the Bull Condor would allow one of those young upstart, trouble making, greenhorn, unseasoned CLODS to question the integrity or capability of one of his superior seniors."

Prior to the October debacle, CEAC President, Dave Speer, San Diego County, received a letter from the State of Connecticut Commission on Alcoholism Clinic (CAC) Dudley Porter Miller, Ph.D., Executive Sirector asking that a team of experts in the field of alcoholism be allowed to observe and record the events of the barbecue first hand for the nation's medical journals. Doctor Miller indicated that they (CAC) were "anxious to attempt to prevail upon such noted topers as Bill Jones, Bill McIntosh, and Ed Hanna to leave us their vital organs in their wills so that we may be able to study those amazing livers and kidneys in our own laboratories."

With every reading and remembrance of the past, it is clear that Ed Hanna and the founders of the CLODS had a passion for fun, enjoyment and humor used that passion to ease the tension in their everyday jobs. We could all take a hint from the past and add some of the same to our pressure packed days.

Yes, there will be another CLODS Barbecue (the 42nd by my count, excluding some barbecues held when hosting NACE conferences) at this years' Annual Meeting in San Francisco. Hope to see you there. ~Dave



Miscellaneous BBQ Photos Can you guess where and when?





Remember.....today's news will be tomorrow's "Droppings"!

# **Technology Transfer Program - ITS Berkeley**

# Free Pedestrian Safety Assessments for California Communities

The primary objectives of a Pedestrian Safety Assessment (PSA) are:

- To improve pedestrian safety in a city or county
- To create safe, comfortable, accessible, welcoming environments for pedestrians
- To enhance the walkability and economic vitality of local districts

To meet these objectives, Tech Transfer provides free Pedestrian Safety Assessments, in which evaluators will review your city or county's pedestrian safety conditions, programs, and needs, and suggest new strategies to improve pedestrian safety.

Any city or county agency in California can initiate a request for a PSA. After a thorough interview of local agency staff, a team of two pedestrian safety experts will visit the city or county for one day to conduct an evaluation using the comprehensive Guide for Conducting Pedestrian Safety Assessments to help the community achieve the objectives listed above.

Funding for this program is provided by a grant from the California Office of Traffic Safety, through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.



 Pedestrian Safety
 Assessment Brochure (PDF, 656k)



 Guide for Conducting Pedestrian Safety Assessments (PDF, 2.3 MB)

# **Technology Transfer Program (Continued)**

## What Kinds of Safety Issues can the PSA Address?

Pedestrian safety issues that PSAs address include the following:

- Bicycle safety and planning
- School safety, Safe-Routes-to-School Program and grant funding
- Collision history and collision reporting practices
- Pedestrian safety education program
- Enforcement of pedestrian right-of-way laws and speed limits
- Inventory of sidewalks, informal pathways, and key pedestrian opportunity areas
- Adoption of open space requirements
- Walking audits
  - Proper use of pedestrian traffic control devices (signs, markings, and signals)
  - Adoption of bicycle parking requirements
  - Pedestrian-oriented speed limits and speed surveys
  - Adoption of street tree requirements
  - Pedestrian-oriented traffic signal and stop sign warrants
  - Coordination with health agencies
  - Historic sites
  - Implementation of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements
  - Crosswalk installation, removal, and enhancement policy
  - Preparation of a Pedestrian Master Plan
  - Crossing barriers
  - Collection of pedestrian volumes
  - Traffic calming programs

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# **Buffalo Bull Award 2012**



And Incomprehensible Contribution to

County Engineering in California

Once each year, each county receives a notice requesting nominations for this very special award. **This is that notice**. Your nominations, along with any explanatory material or justification for the nomination, should be sent to the Newsletter Editor, who serves only as the expediter of the selection process. The Editor will immediately make five (5) copies of the submittal and will send the original and the copies to an unknown P.O. Box in Tres Pinos, California.

A special CLODS committee, the Tres Pinos Committee, whose members and numbers are unknown, will receive the nominations and determine the successful candidate. By the way, Tres Pinos is located in San Benito County, east of the City of Hollister, and is the site of the late CLODS' Bull Condor's (Ed Hanna) favorite watering hole, "Borovich's Irish Hacienda," and the home of the 8th Miracle of the World, "The Thermodynamic System of Waste Disposal," better known as "The Overhead Sewage Treatment System."

While the 2012 Buffalo Bull Award will not be made until the Spring Conference's President's Banquet, it is not too early to make your nominations known to the Tres Pinos Committee. An early nomination will allow the TP Committee ample time to wade through the many nominations for those shameful and inexplicable acts of our membership that are annually submitted for consideration. As you prepare your nominations.....remember.....embellishments are always beneficial and acceptable.

# **Buffalo Bull (Continued)**

As many of you are aware, our illustrious and recent NACE President, CLOD and current Director of Public Works for Sonoma, County was bestowed the Buffalo Bull Award in 2004 and again in 2009.

The most recent award was for actions in Sonoma, County and the prior award in 2004 was for an egregious action detrimental to a sea animal while working as Public Works Director in Santa Barbara County.

While Phil is not the only two timer winner of this prestigious award, he does have the distinction of being the only person that has taken home the award in two different counties. This is akin to winning the Super Bowl with teams from both the NFC and the AFC.

The shortened version of the story goes something like this. A sea lion was choked to death in an attempt by the Public Works Department to drag it from the beach in Santa Barbara. The dead sea lion was towed out to deep water, but it refused to sink. The first blunder was compounded by trying to cover up the evidence by blowing up the sea lion. While the explosion was successful, store front business owners along the beach area were not too pleased when bits and pieces of sea lion rained down upon them.

Now just recently, Phil received an e-mail from a relative entitled "How to make it rain whales" and included a video attachment. While the motive behind the email is unclear.....was it to make him relive this horrible experience.....or was it to belittle him by showing that another Public Works official had done him one better. You judge for yourself by viewing the video at the following website: http://www.snotr.com/ video/1483/How\_NOT\_to\_get\_rid\_of\_a\_whale



### **Miscellaneous Treasures**

**Clay Castleberry**, Esteemed CLOD, CEAC President 1976 (Butte Co.), "Albatross", AKA "Circuit Rider", and whatever else, submitted the following puzzle for your enjoyment and head scratching.



### **3 CONDORS DIE OF LEAD POISONING**

Three California condor found in northern Arizona and southern Utah hav died of lead poisoning and three others had toxidevels of lead in their bodies, prompting conservationists to urge hunters to use non-lead ammunition ind to carefully dispose animal carcasses that condor could feast upon.

Biologists recently captered and tested nearly 30 of the endangered birds in the region after a hiker reported seeing a dead, 11-yer-old male condor in the Grand Canyon, the Peregrae Fund, which is dedicated to preserving birds of pey in the wild, said Tuesday.

Of the birds captured, two died in addition to the bird found by the hiker, rducing the overall condor population in the West from 391 to 388, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Jervice, which oversees condor recovery.

Lead poisoning is the leding cause of death for condors, the largest flying and bird in North America weighing up to 26 pounts with a wingspan of about 9 feet.

# "Jest a Minute"



**An elderly man** in Florida had owned a large farm for several years.

He had a large pond in back. It was properly shaped for swimming, so he fixed it up nice with picnic tables, horseshoe courts, and some apple and peach trees.

One evening the old farmer decided to go down to the pond, as he hadn't been there for a while, and look it over.

He grabbed a five-gallon bucket to bring back some fruit.

As he neared the pond, he heard voices shouting and laughing with glee. As he came closer, he saw it was a bunch of young women skinny-dipping in his pond.

He made the women aware of his presence and they all went to the deep end.

One of the women shouted to him, "we're not coming out until you leave."

The old man frowned, "I didn't come down here to watch you ladies swim naked or make you get out of the pond naked."

Holding up the bucket he said, "I'm here to feed the alligator...." Old men can still think fast.





Light travels faster than sound. This is why some people appear bright until you hear them speak.



THIS DEPARTMENT REQUIRES NO PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM.

EVERYONE GETS ENOUGH EXERCISE JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS, FLYING OFF THE HANDLE, RUNNING DOWN THE BOSS, KNIFING FRIENDS IN THE BACK, DODGING RESPONSIBILITY, AND PUSHING THEIR LUCK.



# "Senior" Engineers Annual Salmon Expedition



Four retired "Senior" engineers show how they have fun by displaying their catch from a recent fishing expedition on the Sacramento River near Red Bluff. They were led on the expedition by Mark Mlcoch, son of long time CEAC Affiliate member, Tom Mlcoch.

Left to Right in the Photo:

Tom Hunter, Plumas County Carl Bonomini, Trinity County Gerry Shaul, Lake County Win Westfall, Willdan

### "You Done Good"