



CEAC Board of Directors

CEAC Spring Conference/Public Works Officers Institute

Friday, March 27, 2015 – 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

1107 Jamboree Road

Newport Beach, Orange County, CA

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Call to Order (Penrose) Meeting was called to order at 11:31 a.m. on March 27, 2015.

Meeting Roster:

Officer	Office	County
Mike Penrose	President	Sacramento
Matt Machado	President Elect	Stanislaus
John Presleigh	Secretary	Santa Cruz
Scott McGolpin	Past President	Santa Barbara
Mike Crump	Treasurer	Butte
Mehdi Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
Regional Directors	Region	County
Steve Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Scott DeLeon	Northern California	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Mother Lode	Yolo
David Leamon	San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
Tom Fayram	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Vincent Gin	Southern California	Orange
Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Susan Klassen	Transportation	Sonoma
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Chris Stone	Flood Control/Water Resources	Los Angeles
Brian Balbas	Land Use	Contra Costa
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
Steve Kowalewski	Scholarship	Contra Costa
Pat Proano	Solid Waste	Los Angeles
Steven Steinhoff	Surveyor	Los Angeles
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
DeAnn Baker	Director of Legislative Affairs	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Others	Title	Agency/County
Julie Bueren	Western Regional Vice President	NACE

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

- 1a. Pat DeChellis was acknowledged by the CEAC Board of Directors for his award due to his longstanding commitment to CEAC/CSAC. Pat showed off his very nice award from CSAC and received an ovation from all (well deserved).
2. **Approval of Minutes** – Approval of Minutes, January 28, 2015 (Presleigh) – Attachment One. A motion was made by John Presleigh to approve the minutes with a second by Pat DeChellis. The minutes were approved unanimously with no changes.
3. **Correspondence** – (Penrose)
Mike Penrose reported that the annual report to NACE was completed. Mike also reported that a number of welcome letters went out to new Directors.
4. **CLODS Report** – Ken Miller reported that the CLODS did a very nice presentation last night at the President’s Reception and Banquet. Ken requested that the President send a letter requesting the CLODS participation at the fall conference. Julie Bueren reported that the CLODS are celebrating their 50th anniversary and that there could be a kickoff at the 2015 CLODS BBQ. There should be a real effort to get as many CLODS there as possible. Julie would coordinate this item. The fall conference is in Monterey, and there is \$10,000 in the budget.
5. **NACE Report** – Pat DeChellis reported that the annual NACE Conference is next month in Florida. A show of hands was given to those attending to set some plans for the first couple of nights. Pat also reported that NACE would be having a regional conference in the fall. No exact determination as to where it will be held as yet. Pat also reported that the Western Regional Conference is in Laughlin, Nevada on November 4-6, 2015, and is inexpensive to attend at around \$100. Most meals are included, and the rooms run around \$30 to \$40 per night. Julie Bueren reported that NACE is looking at updating their strategic plan, and NACE representatives will try to have something available at the NACO Conference in North Carolina. Pat DeChellis reported that with retirement he will have to give up the Bridge Committee, COOP Committee, and the NACO Steering Committee and that it will be necessary to find future transitional replacements for these committees.
6. **CSAC Report** - DeAnn Baker reported that April 9th is the next Executive Committee Meeting in Los Angeles and will be going forward with recommendations on the new Transportation funding measures. DeAnn also recommended that the CEAC Executive Board talk to their Executive Committees members in support of Transportation measures.
Karen Keene thanked CEAC for stepping up on the three water issues that are going on. Karen also reported that Matt Machado volunteered to represent CEAC on the California Water Commission Storage Investment Advisory Committee. CEAC has a water working group that Matt and Scott also agreed to be on. Lastly, there is a Sustainable Groundwater Joint Work Group that is working with RCRC and several public works staff have volunteered to work on this program.
Other: Merrin Gerety reported that there was a joint leadership committee between CEAC and the League and that there was agreement that the spring 2016 conference would be held in Sacramento in early March. Additionally, the bids went out for the spring conference for 2017. Merrin requested assistance from staff of the host counties to assist in setting up future conferences. Merrin requested approval to redo their website by going out to get some bids, etc., with a new host and platform (as a goal by the end of the year). This item will be brought

to the Oversight Committee for consideration. Merrin also requested to have the ability to explore the use of credit card payments for sponsorships and dues. Mike Penrose suggested that this be coordinated with the CEAC Treasurer.

7. **Regional Directors Reports - Bay Area** - Steve Kowalewski reported that they had their regional meeting on January 29, 2015, and several items were discussed including the storm water initiative, the National Highway System on bridge and pavement performance measures (including the international roughness index vs PCI and related issues), NPDES permits in the Bay Area (MRP), groundwater sustainability, federal and state transportation issues, truck restrictions on public roads, and social media. The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2015. Mike Penrose was asked to attend the next meeting.

Northern California – Scott Deleon reported that that had their regional meeting on February 18, 2015, and 9 of 14 counties attended. Mike Penrose attended the meeting. A number of issues were discussed. There was an update on the 3rd annual snowplow rodeo, and the event will be held in Plumas County this year (provides safety training and some competition amongst the crews). There was also an award called the Golden Grader that goes to the County with the fewest accidents (Plumas County won). Scott also reported that the Bedroll conference is coming up in July 29-31, 2015.

Sacramento Mother Lode – Panos Kokkas reported that their regional meeting was held on January 21, 2015, and included an appearance by Karen Keene who gave an update on the water issues. There were also discussions on the HSIP program and solid waste issues. The next meeting will be held sometime in May.

San Joaquin Valley – Dave Leamon reported that their regional meetings were held on January 16, and February 20, 2015 (scheduled to meet again in April). Dave also reported that they try to meet eight times a year and rotate between Counties for meeting locations.

Central Coast – Scott McGolpin (for Tom Fayram) reported that the Central Coast meeting was preempted by the Sacramento lobbying trip so the Central Coast meeting will have to be rescheduled in the near future.

Southern California – Vincent Gin reported that there wasn't a regional meeting during this last period, but Los Angeles County did organize a successful one day meeting regarding a pavement preservation workshop. Vincent also reported that on April 30, 2015, that there will be a levee maintenance workshop.

Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi reported that there appears to be a lot of activity at the regional meetings, and it would be a good time to introduce staff to CEAC activities.

8. **Treasurers Report** – Mike Crump reported that 1st quarter revenues are coming in, with the exception of three counties. There are only a few counties that are late in submitting their dues. Mike also reported that expenditures are just beginning, including NACE and CSAC dues, and at this time things are going along fine, and he is open to any questions. Mike Penrose requested a clarification of those counties on the ability to pay. Mike reported that the Counties ability to pay dues is related to the usage of Road Funds. Matt Machado reported that the Washington DC trip on federal authorization went very well and consideration should be given to authorize another trip next February 2016 (consider re-budgeting under officer's travel and expense) at the fall conference.

9. **Committee Reports**

a) Flood Control and Water Resources

Karen Keene reported that they had a good meeting, and items discussed included the

Proposition 218 storm water funding issue, a good discussion on sea level rise (and the group requested that this become a regular agenda item), and Vincent Gin provided an update on flood risk management standards being proposed (Vincent and Chris Stone volunteered to draft a comment letter on this item for CSAC).

b) Resource Recovery and Waste Management

Cara Martinson reported that they had a good meeting, and a good portion of the meeting was a discussion on AB45. There was a presentation on this item from Los Angeles County, and they will be coming to Sacramento to meet with CSAC staff for further discussions.

c) Surveyor

Karen Keene reported that there are some legislative issues related to the use of drones and prohibiting usage by a public agency, with the exception of law enforcement agencies. Chris Lee reported that there are seven legislative bills on the drone issue, and Chris and Kiana were going to reassess this issue after the 1st policy committee meeting.

d) Land Use

Brian Balbas reported that they had a good meeting, although there was a light agenda. Rule 20A was discussed and how agencies are working with PG&E. Brian also reported that Kiana Buss would be trying to set up some meetings with PG&E for purposes of finding resolutions to the continuing problems with the implementation of Rule 20A. Additionally, Chris Lee gave a broad overview of legislative issues. Brian reported that they want to keep the liaison role with the California planners. There also were some roundtable discussions about long delayed development projects, clean water facilities in the public ROW, PG& E pipeline distribution assessments, and other miscellaneous items.

e) Transportation

Chris Lee reported that they had a good agenda with a lot of topics, including the new transportation funding proposals that are being discussed in Sacramento, as well as CSAC's engagement with the various proposals. There will be a fairly robust transportation package coming out of the Senate in a couple of weeks, and it is expected the local streets and roads assessment will help advocate for an equal share of funding between the state and local agencies. There were discussions on other bills, including a public works contracting bill and another bill that would change the process of relinquishing state properties to local governments. Chris also reported that there were no action items, but the committee was briefed on the steps being looked at for purposes of smoothing out the volatility of the gas tax allocation (Prop. 42 replacement excise tax revenues). SB 321 is being amended this week, and the upshot of it includes the elimination of \$270 million of the gas tax reduction to local streets and roads. There was a report out on the climate change that addresses sea level rise impacts to public works facilities across the state. Lastly, there was an update from Caltrans and various committees. Pat DeChellis reported that he heard comments about sharing revenue from various cities, and he reminded that we all should stay on board with the current gas tax allocation formulas; otherwise we will all lose out. Pat mentioned that there were additional discussions regarding Kiana Buss's talk and that there is a real need to remain together regarding our current gas tax formulas. DeAnn Baker reported that RCRC member Counties have been questioning the validity of the existing allocation formula and she reminded all that we have always relied on CSAC in developing the formula for gas tax distribution. The RCRC has been aligning themselves with the regional Counties task force

(includes the regional transportation planning agencies) which could be very problematic. DeAnn also reported that this is being brought to the legislative attention, and there is a real need to strategically educate the RCRC Counties regarding the potential loss of funds if the formula is changed. Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi reminded the Board that in the past we use to have a meeting with the RCRC at least once a year and there is a need to get back to these meetings on issues like this. DeAnn reported that CEAC members need to talk to their RCRC Supervisor members to educate them, and that it is CSAC's job to recommend the gas tax allocation formula. DeAnn also requested that if Counties feel that there is an inequity issues that they need to bring this forward through CSAC and not through the RCRC or by other means. Scott Deleon reported that one of his Supervisors was involved with the RCRC position and that he was going to engage him on how the funding works. Mike Penrose reported that a number of the CEAC members did not know that the a RCRC letter went out regarding the allocation formula and at this time we should be discussing this with our Board members (RCRC members) in educating them of the consequences of changing the allocation formula. Mike Penrose believes that the Counties need to come together to have a bigger commitment to keep the formula in place (possibly a conference call follow up or other). Mike requested that we find out a way to focus some education aspects regarding the formula out to both the rural counties and other counties. DeAnn reported that Kiana Buss will be scheduling a meeting with RCRC, and DeAnn said that she would join in, to discuss this item further. DeAnn said there will be a workshop on this at the Legislative Conference in May.

f) Oversight Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG)

Jim Porter gave a brief recap on items discussed including outgoing communications at the County level including the need for Twitter training, etc.

10. Other Committee Reports –

a) Fellowship

Pattie McNamee reported on the hospitality suite and how it was very different in not having Mort and others behind the bar. It was also reported that the alcohol was not up to the usual standards, etc. The hotel and staff, however, were very attentive, etc., so overall it worked.

b) Scholarship

Steve Kowalewski reported that a new cycle is starting and the forms are online for the scholarship program. Steve asked that we contact the local schools to let them know that cycle is starting. John Presleigh reminded all that you can make a contribution to the scholarship program (send checks to the Treasurer). Pat DeChellis requested that the Treasurer or Treasurer-Emeritus set up a 501C for charitable donations to the scholarship program, for use through a County payroll donation. Mike Crump requested that CEAC members consider making a monetary contribution at the end of the year.

c) Outside Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG)

Mike Penrose stated that most of this was heard at the Transportation Committee meeting and that we would move along.

Pattie McNamee reported for the Fellowship Committee that at the upcoming conference they will not be allowed to serve alcohol. Instead the hotel will provide a bartender, and a corking

fee will be in effect. Pattie also reported that they are looking at the cost differential; in all cases, the Hospitality Suite will be more expensive. Mike reported that this item came up in the November 21, 2015, conference and that it was expected that the hotel would provide a bartender at the Spring Conference. Having the hotel supply a bartender will also address some of the legal concerns expressed by a number of the CEAC members. The subcommittee that was to look at this item has not yet met, and Mike requested that they try to meet prior to the Spring Conference.

11. **Life Membership** – Mike Penrose reported on a nominee regarding a life membership and new information that was submitted by a nominating County. Due to a lot of discussion on this matter, this item was put on hold until the next Board meeting for further discussions for determination on meeting a threshold criteria number the life membership.
12. **Unfinished Business** - CEAC Bylaws are still being worked on. Also other items were discussed including the hospitality suite program at the next conference. Scott McGolpin will be reporting back on this item.
13. **New Business** - Mike Penrose reported that the Washington DC trip was very productive, and that the attendees (Mike, Matt, John, Scott, Pat, Julie, Kiana, and Merrin) all participated in supporting the Map 21 federal authorization. There were 11 meetings with T & I California delegation legislative staff, etc., over a two day period. The message of dedicated funding for on-system and off NHS bridges, environmental streamlining, and overall need for an extended authorization was well presented by the attendees. There was also some discussion about safety money and the need for these funds to go where it is most needed in California (local agencies have a higher level of need for safety funding due to accidents, etc.). Julie Bueren reported CSAC's Washington lobbyist gave some positive feedback to California's engagement on the bridge issue.
14. **Scheduled Conferences**
 - a) NACE Annual Conference, Daytona Beach, Florida, April 19-23, 2015
 - b) Public Works Secretarial Seminar (PWSS), Mendocino/Lake Counties, May 27-29, 2015
 - c) CEAC 10th Policy Conference, Sacramento, Sacramento County, September 16-17, 2015
 - d) CSAC 121st Annual Meeting, Monterey, Monterey County, December 1-4, 2015
15. **CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**
 - a) September 17, 2015, TBD (Policy Conference)
 - b) December 4, 2015, 11:00 AM (Annual Meeting)

Mike Penrose adjourned the meeting at 1:04 pm