



CEAC Newsletter

March 2017

Editor: Pat DeChellis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

It is quite an honor to serve as your 2016-2017 President. It has been a busy year working on passage of a new statewide transportation funding measure, and dealing with the damages caused by recent winter storms. Our state legislators were unable to move a transportation funding measure forward last November, even after a two year "Extraordinary Session." CSAC staff has been actively working on your behalf to educate our state legislators on the need for a reliable transportation funding stream, and passage of Assembly Bill 1 (AB1) and Senate Bill 1 (SB1). This has not been a good year for many counties due to a series of "pineapple express" storms that started in December 2016, carried through February 2017 with a vengeance, and continued into March 2017. I can't ever recall seeing so much rain and subsequent storm damage. I know that many of you will face challenges rebuilding your infrastructure, so passage of a funding measure is more critical than ever. With a self-imposed deadline of April 6, the legislature may have already passed the measure before this is published.

In early January 2017, Scott McGolpin, Santa Barbara County, with the help of his county supervisor, Steve Lavagnino, developed a "Resolution in Support of Direct Funding to Local Governments for the Improvement and Maintenance of Local Roads in America" as part of a future federal infrastructure bill. The resolution is a proposal that would allocate federal funding directly to local agencies for the express purpose of maintaining our roads; a proposal that I encourage all 58 California counties to support. Scott has received support from the National Association of Counties (NACo), and is working with the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) for their support. Stay tuned for additional details.



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Counties



President's Message (continued)

I am looking forward to attending the various CEAC regional meetings this year. On February 24, 2017, I attended the San Joaquin Valley Road Commissioners and County Engineers Association meeting at the Ridge Creek, Dinuba Golf Club. I couldn't help myself to remind all in attendance of the importance of educating your elected officials of your respective transportation infrastructure deficits, and when allowed, to get your Board's support for new state transportation funding.

The 2017 Spring Conference held at the Paradise Point Hotel in San Diego in coordination with the League of California Cities' Public Work Officers Institute (PWOI), was a great success. Thank you to the City of and County of San Diego for the conference venue. The conference was sold out (thank you CSAC and League staff). Thank you also to PWOI President, Jay Spurgin, City of Thousand Oaks Director of Public Works, and all PWOI Board members. Congrats to Imperial County for receiving the Local Streets and Roads Awards Program Overall Award for their Salton City Roadways project and Los Angeles County for receiving the "Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects" award for their Bridge Capacity System project. Many thanks to CEAC's affiliate sponsors including Platinum Sponsors - Dokken Engineering, Drake Haglan and Associates, MGE Engineering, Nichols Consulting Engineers, NV5, Quincy Engineering, T.Y. Lin International, WSP/Parsons Brinckerhoff and Willdan Engineering; our Gold Sponsors - Gallagher Asphalt, Bender Rosenthal, and CSG Consultants; and our Silver Sponsor - RMA Co.

Jeff Pratt, Ventura County and last year's Buffalo Bull Award Recipient, was very eager to hand off the award. I am touched and personally wish to thank the Tres Pinos Committee for selecting me as the 2017 Buffalo Bull Award recipient. I also want to thank the CLODS for their participation. If you are ever in Santa Cruz County and you would like to celebrate this award with me, please stop by to see it and touch it; displayed prominently in my office. I personally would like to thank Julie Bueren, Contra Costa County, for being the first person to enthusiastically raise her hand in nominating me for the award.

It is with sadness on many different levels to report that C. F. "Budge" Campbell, Mendocino County, recently passed away. Several of the CLODS spoke to me with reverence about the legacy of Budge "Horny Owl" and the great work he did as CEAC and NACE President. Our sympathy goes out to Budge's family. Budge was one of the youngest appointed and longest serving County Public Works Directors in California.

Lastly, we have some upcoming events to be aware of for scheduling purposes:

1. NACE Annual Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9-13, 2017
2. Public Works Secretarial Seminar, Double Tree by Hilton, Modesto, California, April 26-28, 2017 (hosted by Stanislaus and Merced Counties)
3. CEAC Northern California Bedroll Conference, Camp Conery, Lake Almanor, August 16-18, 2017
4. CEAC 12th Annual Policy Conference, Sacramento, California, August 30-31, 2017
5. NACE Western Region Conference, Laughlin, Nevada, November 15-17, 2017
6. CSAC 123rd Annual Meeting, Sacramento, California, November 28-December 1, 2017

I wish to thank you all for your continued support of CEAC and CSAC. **JOHN**

CEAC Spring Conference—San Diego



2017 CEAC Officers from l-r, Jeff Pratt, Vice-President, Ventura; Jim Porter, Secretary, San Mateo; John Presleigh, President, Santa Cruz; and Matt Machado, Past President, Stanislaus

Local Streets and Roads Awards Program Top County Winners

Presented at Thursday's Luncheon



Overall Award Winner—Imperial County

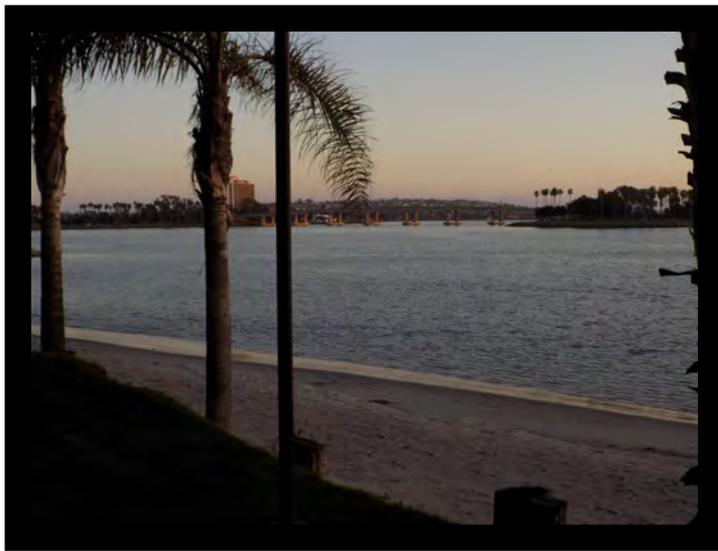
From l-r, John Presleigh, CEAC President; Martin Phillips, Kleinfelder/Simon Wong Engineering; John Gay, Imperial County Public Works Director; and, Jay Spurgin, PWOI President



Winner of the Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Program Award—Los Angeles County

From l-r, Jay Spurgin, PWOI President; Tera Haramoto, Los Angeles County Project Manager; and John Presleigh, CEAC President

2017 Spring Conference—San Diego (continued)



2017 CEAC SPRING CONFERENCE

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



(L) View from one of the rooms at the Paradise Point Resort on Mission Bay



2017 CEAC President's Banquet

CEAC Spring Conference—San Diego (continued)



2017 CEAC President's Banquet - March 23, 2017

See pages 22 and 23 of this Issue for additional pictures from the Spring Conference

CEAC Spring Conference—Buffalo Bull Award Presentation



John Presleigh, 2016- 17 CEAC President and Director of Public Work Santa Cruz County, was presented the 2017 Buffalo Bull Award at the Spring Conference President's Banquet for his utter lack of compassion for the local community when undertaking the Lode Street Wet Weather Basin project . He was criticized by members of the community for his incredibly poor job of reaching out to the residents who were significantly affected by construction of the project.



Presentation of the Award was made by the 2016 recipient, Jeff Pratt, CEAC Vice-President and Director of Public Works Ventura County.

Lode Street at Avenue 26 Santa Cruz County

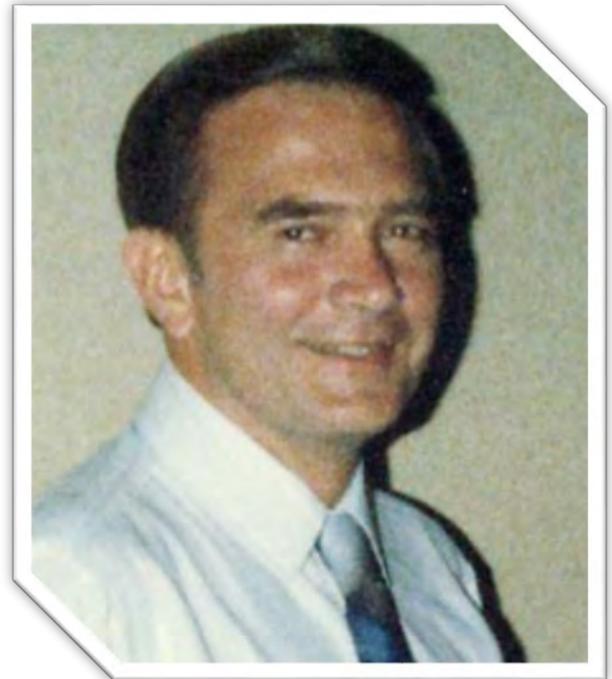
If that wasn't enough, Santa Cruz County Public Works has nothing better to do than to chase down vigilantes.....because they are fixing potholes. A hardy band of volunteers quietly roams county roads in the Santa Cruz Mountains quickly repairing potholes. But, according to a local newspaper, Santa Cruz County wants them to stop!!!



Volunteers performing pot- hole repairs on county roads in Santa Cruz Mountains

In Memoriam

**Carrol Francis “Budge” Campbell, Jr.
Mendocino County
June 13, 1933—December 18, 2016**



Carroll Francis “Budge” Campbell passed away on Sunday, December 18, 2016, at the age of 83. Budge, as he was known to most, was born on June 13, 1933 in Chico, California. His parents nicknamed him Budge because of his head strong disposition. He graduated from Chico High and from Cal State Chico with a degree in civil engineering. He was an All-State athlete in both football and track and field. He was drafted by the Los Angeles Rams but went into military service instead with the Seabees, United States Naval Construction Battalions.

After military service, Budge went to work for Sonoma County, where he spent several years as a road engineer before assuming the position of Director of Public Works in Amador County. He moved to Ukiah in 1969 where he served as Director of Public Works for Mendocino County until his retirement in 1997. Besides being the youngest Public Works Director in California, he retired as the longest serving Public Works Director in the State. He was elected CEAC President in 1979 and NACE President in 1994. Budge is one of only four County Engineers to receive the prestigious William B. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award from CEAC.

One of his final projects in Mendocino County was construction of the Pioneer Crossing Bridge, a beam bridge over the Eel River on Eel River Road. He chose the all-encompassing name (Pioneer Crossing) because there were too many deserving people who lived and worked in Mendocino County to single out

In Memoriam—Budge Campbell (continued)

any one individual. A MacGyver before the television series, Budge was resourceful and could design, build, or repair nearly anything whether it was a county bridge or road, an award-winning 4-H rabbit cage, or an elaborate pulley system to move his daughter's belongings from her third-floor college apartment. He was also a certified pilot and flight instructor, avid outdoorsman, Freemason, and born cattle rancher. As he often said, a person could accomplish just about anything he or she set their mind to.

Budge is survived by his two daughters, Colby Campbell and Kenzie Campbell; son, Colton Campbell (wife, Marilyn); grandson, Caden Campbell; brother, John Campbell; sister-in-law, Carla Brown; brother-in-law, Gilbert Jones; several nieces and nephews; and his devoted canine companion of nearly 15 years, Riley.

Budge was preceded in death by his elementary school sweetheart and wife of 51 years, Ardis Campbell, and his eldest son, Craig Campbell.

Services were held on January 5, 2017 at Eversole Mortuary, Ukiah. Budge would have fancied a tree planted in his memory.

Eulogy for Budge Campbell

By Mehdi Sadjadi

I knew Budge professionally through CEAC. Soon after meeting him, I considered him a friend. He was one of the most respected County Engineers not only in California, but in the entire United States. He made friends across the country through his involvement in NACE.

Budge served as CEAC President 1979-80. He was CEAC's representative to NACE in 1989 and 1990 and was elected NACE Western Regional Vice President in 1991. A year later he was sworn in as NACE Secretary and began going through the chairs until 1994 when he became the NACE President.

He continued to be involved in CEAC and attended his last CLODS dinner, along with his daughters Colby and Kenzie, in 2015. He was the backbone of the CLODS. He proudly carried the title of "Horny Owl". I have it on good authority (my wife) that Ardis was instrumental in the selection of his title.

One of Budge's important accomplishments was the establishment of the Annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar. The secretaries and administrative assistants in California's County Public Works Departments look forward to this opportunity to network with their peers. The 32nd annual Seminar will be held in April 2017, hosted by Stanislaus and Merced Counties.

Budge received numerous awards, the most notable being the William B. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award from CEAC. This prestigious award has been bestowed on only four County Engineers.

The CLODS and the entire CEAC organization extend to Budge's family their most sincere condolences and wish for future happiness, secure in the knowledge that Budge left this world a much better place. The joy and happiness he has spread over the years will continue for a long time to come. Farewell, my friend. We will miss you, Budge.



Droppings

from out of the past

BY

Dave “Road Runner” Gravenkamp

CEAC Historian

The Horny Owl

By now, you have read in this issue of the passing of Carrol Francis “Budge” Campbell. If, however, you’re like me, and no doubt many others, you read the Droppings first and therefore aren’t aware of his death. I won’t repeat what I’m sure the Newsletter Editor will adequately cover other than to say that Budge was our CEAC President in 1980 and the NACE President in 1994.

What probably won’t be mentioned in his obituary was his sense of humor; often described as weird. This “gift” was often demonstrated at the CLODS BBQ. Due to space constraints, I’ll describe but two of Budge’s orchestrated BBQ Programs. One was in San Diego in 1996 when John Trout, NACE President, was our guest. Budge and Newsletter Editor Verne Davis, referred to as Budgee and Pudgee, dressed as señoritas, danced with John. A picture of Verne and John later became a picture of Verne and Dennis Rodman (Chicago Bulls basketball player) and was subsequently presented to Verne at a President’s Banquet.

Another Campbell brainchild featured Bill McIntosh at a BBQ in Long Beach. Bill had

previously received an award from NACE and Budge feared the honor may go to Bill’s head. Bill, having first removed his shirt, shoes, and socks, sat atop a picnic table with feet in a box of wet cow shit and bull balls dangled around his neck. At the conclusion of the Program, confetti was poured over Bill. Budge wanted to use Gatorade but fortunately cooler heads prevailed.

BBQ meal preparation was also a Campbell “thing”. His letter to the host county described in detail not only the food needed but also the apparatus for cooking same. Delicacies included goat heads, slimy sea life, and rocky mountain as well as regular oysters. Budge never failed to remind the public works director from the host county that he/she may wish to delegate the responsibility for acquiring the stuff but any “screw up” would be on his/her head. (Editor’s note: Read between the lines - Buffalo Bull Award.)

As you can see, Budge has weird tastes in both food and “entertainment”. He once confided a desire to place several bird-like creatures (condors) above the unwary (presumably CEAC officers) who were charged with responding to CLOD-like questions. A wrong answer would result in a bird doing its “thing” on the one below. Although he never, to my knowledge, pulled that one off, he did come close. At his 1997 retirement celebration, a box was suspended over the lectern and, while presenting a clock

to Budge, he triggered the box which wned me in confetti. From the presentation made by Mendocino County Public Works staff that evening, it was clear that Budge’s “talents” were not exclusive with CEAC.

So, now you know a bit of the other side of Budge. He will surely me missed by all who knew him.



In Memoriam



Marvin Joseph Wolf
Monterey County
December 22, 1923 - December 8, 2016

Marvin Joseph Wolf passed away Dec. 8, 2016. Marvin was born Dec. 22, 1923 in Merced, to George and Celia Wolf. The eldest of three brothers, he graduated from Merced High School in 1941 and studied Civil Engineering at UC Berkeley. Marvin served in the U.S. Army in both the European and Pacific Theaters during WWII. He returned to Berkeley in 1946 to resume his studies, and in early 1948 was introduced to Karla Robinson. They were married in April 1949.

Over the next 12 years, Marvin's career as a civil engineer took him up and down the State of California, working for Caltrans and Contra Costa County. Karla and Marvin had four daughters in four different cities as they moved to be near each job. In 1960, the family came to Salinas to stay, where Marvin worked at the Monterey County Road Department as Assistant Public Works Director for 27 years, retiring in 1987. Marvin believed in volunteer service. He enlisted in the Navy Reserves, serving for 20 years. He volunteered for many community, professional, and religious organizations, including Camp Fire Girls, Alliance on Aging, Friends of the Salinas Public Library, the Grand Jury of Monterey County, SCORE, Meals on Wheels, Mended Hearts, Steinbeck Center, American Public Works Association, and United Way. He served as President of Temple Beth El from 1979 to 1981, where he and Karla have been members since 1960. Together they were recipients of many awards, including the Community Service Partners Volunteer Award in 2010, given by the United Way. Marvin and Karla enjoyed extensive travels. One trip focused on important battlefields of the Civil War, a subject of personal interest, resulting in an extensive book collection numbering over 500 volumes. An engineer to the core, Marvin prided himself on never getting lost and never being late. He will be fondly remembered for his kind heart, curious nature, generous spirit, and quiet humor.

Marvin is survived by Karla Robinson Wolf, his wife of 67 years; daughters, Leslie Wolf, Tish Wolf, Shauna Wolf Narciso (Frank), and Hilary Wolf; his grandson, Antony Narciso; his sister-in-law, Carol Wolf; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Stanley Wolf and Gene Wolf, and sister-in-law, Phyllis Wolf.

Funeral service were held Dec. 16, 2016, at Struve and Laporte Chapel, 41 W. San Luis St., Salinas. The family would like to thank the staff members of Windsor The Ridge Rehabilitation Center and Heartland Hospice for the kindness and care they provided during his last months.

The family suggests donations to Meals on Wheels, Friends of the Salinas Public Library, or Temple Beth El.

Member Spotlight: Northern California Region

By Scott DeLeon, Regional Director, Director of Public Works, Lake County

The New Year has certainly come in with a bang – or more like a flood – for the Counties in the Northern California Region. The Region is comprised of Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, and Trinity Counties. Our Counties share many common attributes, such as being rural in nature, lower population numbers, large amounts of State and Federal lands, vast areas of maintenance responsibilities, and historically lower pavement condition rankings compared to our more urban counterparts. For this winter, most of us have received record rain and snowfall amounts since mid-December, and dealing with the impacts and damages brought about by the storms has been priority number one for all of us. To date, the Region has an estimated \$100 million in storm-related damages to the roads, which is extremely troublesome for counties struggling just to keep up with basic maintenance activities.



Ridge Road

Cal Ida Road

Cal OES representatives are seen in the photographs of Ridge Road and Cal Ida Road investigating the typical damages this County has experienced this year.



Sierra County: Located along the eastern edge of northern California, Sierra County has had its share of snowfall this winter season. According to County officials, they have had over 200 inches (16'+) of snow in some of the higher terrain and over 52 inches of rain. For the roads that they have been able to visit, they have estimated \$4.5 million dollars in damages, and they have hundreds of miles of roads still covered in snow too deep to traverse.

Member Spotlight: Northern California Region (continued)



Humboldt County: Located near the Oregon border and along the Pacific Coast, Humboldt County has also suffered significant damages so far this winter. Public Works Director Tom Mattson reports that his road network has an estimated \$20 million dollars in damages, most dramatically illustrated by the photograph of the intersection of Wilder Ridge Road and Landergen Road. Record rainfall in this region has definitely had a significant impact!



Lake County: The winter storms haven't been kind to our County either, with an estimated \$10 million in damages to the road system so far. Clear Lake, the largest natural lake in California, peaked nearly two feet above flood stage. Many miles of roads and thousands of homes were impacted by the rising waters. At the time of this report, there are still communities whose residents cannot return due to the flooding and damages to their homes. **(Photo: Clear Lake Oaks streets)**



Like most counties, **Lake County** has been actively pursuing the replacement of bridges using the HBP program. Due to timing issues brought about by environmental protections, three bridges were still under construction when the first storms of January hit the Region. Luckily, most of the damages were limited to the bridge approaches, with none of the superstructures being affected. However, the contractors did have to scramble to make repairs in order to get the work completed prior to more rains. In a testament to the accuracy of hydraulic calculations performed for these structures, each passed some unprecedented stream flows this season! **(Photo: Dry Creek Bridge)**

In other non-storm related news, the Northern California Region has an annual Safety Contest where counties are asked to submit a report on the number of man-hours worked for the year, number of lost-time injuries, and number of man-hours worked without a lost-time injury. Lake County and Plumas County tied with zero lost time injuries for the year; however Plumas County got the nod by virtue of a higher number of man-hours worked. Congrats to Plumas County – winner of this year's Golden Grader Award.

The annual **Bedroll Conference** is set for August 16th-18th. Please watch for the announcement; get your reservations in as soon as you can, as this event fills up quickly. Thanks to Tom Hunter for arranging the venue once again!

NACE Report – Spring 2017

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



It certainly has been a busy few months since the last Newsletter! As I mentioned in my December report, the new Administration has proposed a \$1 trillion infrastructure plan over the next 10 years. I started to think about how we could get this potential funding implemented to benefit our Public Works agencies across the state and the country. I worked with my counties' National Association of Counties (NACo) representative, Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, to co-author an Interim Resolution at NACo's Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. at the end of February. The concept of the Resolution was to include a set aside for roads maintained by local agencies to address America's rapidly deteriorating local road network and create jobs. The proposal was for NACo to urge the President and Congress, through the proposed \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Spending Bill, to create a dedicated funding set aside of at least 25 percent of the total spending bill, allocated directly to local agencies, for the maintenance of local roads in America.

The resolution process defined by NACo requires that the resolution be passed within the responsible committee. Once passed, it goes to the NACo Board of Directors for approval. I was certainly thankful to have CSAC's support as a sponsor of the Resolution!

I presented the concept to the NACo Transportation Committee. If you haven't been a part of this process, it really is democracy in action because anyone who has a thought or opinion is encouraged to provide input. After the Q and A, sponsors are encouraged to amend their resolution and return to the afternoon meeting to present the revised Resolution and for the committee vote. DeAnn Baker; Joe Krahn, CSAC's DC Lobbyist; and myself worked with various NACE Representatives to massage the Resolution based on the morning's discussion and preserve the concept of direct funding to local agencies. The majority of Committee members are Supervisors from across the country. A special thank you goes out to Daniel Woldesenbet's Supervisor Haggerty (Alameda

County) who is well respected on the committee. He was added as a co-sponsor of the Resolution prior to the afternoon presentation. I am very pleased to report that the revised Resolution was passed unanimously by the Transportation Committee as well as the NACo Board of Directors. Below is the NACo Approved Resolution.

Now the real work begins folks!! With the support of CSAC and NACo, we have over 3000 counties in this nation on our side! The next steps as I see it are:

- Solicit and Gain Administration and Congressional Support. (We all need to be contacting our individual federal delegations to sell this concept now as we don't know the Administration's schedule on this legislation).
- Develop Stakeholders to support our effort (NACE, National League of Cities, Private and Public Unions, etc.).
- Get the "Concept" included within the Infrastructure Spending Bill (10 Years).
- Develop Allocation Formula to States.
- Develop Allocation Formulas within States to Counties and Cities.
- PAVE SOME ROADS!!!!

Today, the Infrastructure Spending Bill is advertised as a 10-year proposal. If that in fact turns out to be reality, then we will need to position ourselves to be included within the federal reauthorization of the FAST Act to insure this will be an on-going funding source for us into the future! Positioning involves being successful with this potential funding - direct set aside provides for quick and efficient use of funds, gets revenue into our communities and on the street as soon as possible, and creates and preserves private and public sector jobs.

NACE Report – Spring 2017 (continued) By Scott D. McGolpin

This can be a game changer!! Sustainable and dedicated federal funding to local road improvement and maintenance, allocated directly to local governments will significantly transform transportation funding in America and create jobs.

Let's **ALL** get to work and make this happen!!

I hope to see all of you at the 2017 NACE Annual Conference in Cincinnati, OH from April 9-13th. Let's have a strong showing for President Presleigh and our World Famous Snap-E-Tom Reception.

Save the dates:

**2017 NACE Western Regional Conference—
Nov 15-17, Laughlin NV**

**2018 NACE Annual Conference—April 22-26, Dells,
Wisconsin**

NACo Approved Interim Resolution

Resolution in Support of Direct Funding to Local Governments for the Improvement and Maintenance of Local Roads in America within the Proposed Infrastructure Spending Bill - Approved | February 27, 2017

Issue: *Include direct funding for roads infrastructure by local governments to address America's rapidly deteriorating transportation network and create jobs.*

Adopted Policy: *The National Association of Counties (NACo) urges the president and Congress, through the proposed infrastructure spending bill, to create dedicated funding allocated directly to local governments for the improvement and maintenance of local infrastructure in America.*

Background: *Every trip in this country begins and ends on a local road! Local roads are critical for moving people, providing services and delivering goods to market reliably and safely. Citizens do not distinguish between government agency ownership when it comes to their daily commutes. Counties play a critical role in the nation's transportation system: they own and operate 45 percent of all public roads. Compare that to the 33 percent of public roads owned and operated by cities and townships, 19 percent by states, and 3 percent by the federal govern-*

ment. In total, local governments (counties and cities) own and operate 78 percent of this nation's road network.

NACo seeks to partner with our country's federal leadership to restore, improve and maintain our nation's local assets. Preserving our local roads today can cost ten times less than repairing failed local roads in the future. Specifically, NACo believes that new federal funding should be allocated directly to local governments to improve and maintain local infrastructure.

Goals of new federal revenues, allocated directly to local governments, for improvement, maintenance and preservation are to:

- *Get federal transportation funding into the community as soon as possible to create and preserve jobs, both in the private sector and the public sector, in America; and*
- *Maximize purchasing power by eliminating the burdensome additional administrative process and cost associated with multiple layers of government between funding and construction of shovel ready improvement and maintenance projects; and*
- *Fund the critical first and last part of each journey of goods, people, and services - local roads of America - providing certainty for businesses and laying the foundation for lasting economic growth.*

This nation must commit to finding ways to support the improvement and maintenance of the existing local infrastructure by prioritizing federal revenue to 78% of this country's road network now. NACo desires to be a major partner to the administration in restoring this country's local infrastructure and placing the nation back in a position of economic competitiveness in the global economy.

Fiscal/Urban/Rural Impact: *Sustainable and dedicated federal funding to local road improvement and maintenance, allocated directly to local governments, will significantly transform transportation funding in America and create jobs.*

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Steve Lavagnino, Supervisor, County of Santa Barbara, CA

Scott McGolpin, Public Works Director, County of Santa Barbara, CA

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32nd Public Works Secretarial Seminar

April 26, 27, and 28, 2017

at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Modesto

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

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



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News Items

New County Public Works Directors

CEAC President, **John Presleigh**, welcomes four new Directors to CEAC.

- On January 3, 2017, **David Gonzalves** became the Director of the Community Resources Agency for Tuolumne County. David replaced Bev Shane who had been with Tuolumne County for more than 35 years. David had worked for the past nine years with the City of Merced where he served as development services director. He worked for 17 years prior with Merced County in a similar role. David holds an associate's degree in computer technology from Merced College and a bachelor's degree in business and public administration from California State University, Stanislaus.



- On January 10, 2017, **John Gay** became the Director of Public Works for Imperial County. John replaced Bill Burnet who retired in September 2016. John has been an employee of the County since 2011 where he first served as the Deputy Director of Public Works, Engineering. Prior to joining the County, John worked for the City of El Centro for 10 years. He is a resident of El Centro, graduated from Brawley Union High School in 1988, and received his bachelor's degree from University of California, San Diego in structural engineering and a master is business administration from the University of Redlands.



- Also in January 2017, **Trish Tillotson** became the Director of Public Works for Nevada County. Trish replaced Steve Castleberry who retired at the end of 2016. Prior to coming to Nevada County, Trisha had been with the City of Grass Valley since 2004, serving as the Senior Civil Engineer/Deputy Director of Public Works since 2012. She joined Grass Valley after working one year for a private engineering firm and two and half years with Caltrans. Trisha has a bachelors degree in civil engineering from California State University, Chico.

- On March 6, 2017, **Mark Pestrella** became the Director of Public Works for Los Angeles County. Mark replaced Gail Farber.
- See the **CEAC Spotlight** on the next page for more information about Mark.



CEAC Spotlight—Mark Pestrella appointed new director of LA County Public Works



Mark Pestrella on the day of his installation as Public Works Director with the five Los Angeles County Supervisors, from l-r, Sheila Kuehl, Hilda Solis, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Kathryn Barger, and Janice Hahn.

Mark Pestrella, P.E., was officially sworn in by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors on March 6, 2017 to lead the nation's largest municipal public works agency. In his capacity as Director of the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, Mark serves as the County Engineer, Road Commissioner, and Chief Engineer of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

With an annual budget of more than \$2.5 billion and a workforce of 4,000 employees, LA County Public Works provides vital public infrastructure and civic services to more than 10 million people across a 4,000-square-mile service area.

Mark's appointment followed a nationwide search that attracted more than 20 highly qualified applicants. He becomes the sixth director to lead the Department since it was formed in 1985.

Mark is a 30-year Department veteran and a native of Southern California. He attended California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering with concentrations in structural engineering and water resource management. Mark is a licensed civil engineer in the State of California and has taught post-graduate classes in Civil Engineering and Land Development Entitlement at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Over the last decade, Mark has been instrumental in department leadership development and the adoption of County, State, and Federal policies related to Clean Water Act compliance, integrated water resource management, ecosystem restoration, and infrastructure sustainability.

Mark is an active member of the American Public Works Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Water Works Association, Association of California Water Agencies, and Southern California Water Committee and a Board member of the National Association of Flood and Stormwater Management Agencies and the Urban Water Institute.

News Items—the California Condor is alive



“Chuck the Condor”, mascot of the Los Angeles Clippers pro basketball team, was on hand at the Santa Barbara Zoo to help launch ‘Condor Country’, a new mobile game about endangered California condors.



California condors in their enclosure at the Santa Barbara Zoo, which has five female birds. The zoo and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced the release of a free mobile app called Condor Country, which allows mobile game players to experience what it’s like to encounter the real-life conservation efforts for the giant birds.

According to the press release for the new mobile game, players can now experience what it’s like to encounter real-life efforts to save the California Condor from extinction. Gamers will hatch eggs, release chicks into the wild, and watch over a flock of condors to monitor for health threats. They learn what it takes to manage a flock of condors and are even tasked with fundraising.

In a recent article published by the Washington Post, the California Condor is among the largest flying birds in the world, flying at up to 55 mph. Thousands of years ago, there weren’t just California condors; they existed as far away as Florida.

The condor couldn’t overcome human expansion in America. Eventually, condors could no longer survive in most places. A few remaining condors were backed into the Southern California mountains by the turn of the last century. It has been illegal for anyone to kill a condor in California for 100 years. They have been protected by federal law since 1967 and state law since 1971.

In 1982, there were only 23 condors remaining worldwide. Five years later, they were rushed into a captive breeding program for intensive recovery. Without such action, condors would probably no longer exist. There are now 410 birds. Survival is still an open question.

CEAC 100 Years—Facts about CEAC Presidents and CLODS

by **Ken Miller**

During the last few years, Newsletter articles have brought to you biographical information of the early leaders of CEAC. As 2016 came to a close on the 50th Anniversary of the CLODS, I wanted to bring you some facts about a few of our Presidents/CLODS I came across that reveal some of the wide range of abilities and accomplishments apart from their work as engineers and surveyors in county government. Here are some from the first 50 years of CEAC.

Edward von Geldern, Sutter, President 1919-20.

Edward used all types of transportation in his survey work including horse drawn vehicles, automobiles, river boats, and airplanes. He took his first airplane flight in 1914 and obtained his pilot's license at 70.

Lloyd Aldrich, Sonoma, President 1920-21.

After serving Sonoma County, he was appointed City Engineer of Los Angeles in 1933 and remained in that position until his retirement in 1955.

Charles Petit, Ventura, President 1923-34.

Following his time with the County, he was appointed to the Ventura City Council and subsequently elected Mayor and served 16 years from 1953-1969.

Harry Hume, Butte, President 1927-28.

Harry served in the U.S. Army 23rd Engineers during World War I in France. He became Butte County Engineer in 1920. He was selected City Manager of Chico in 1929 and served in that capacity for 21 years until his retirement in 1949.

Edwin Fairbairn, Sacramento, President 1938-39.

Following his work at the County, he moved on to Sacramento City engineering until becoming the City of Sacramento's ninth City Manager in 1964.

Owen O'Neill, Santa Barbara, President 1939-40.

Owen was elected County Surveyor in 1915, continued in that position until retirement in 1946,



and was then was elected to the Santa Barbara City Council for one term.

T. Wayne Switzer, Tulare Co., President 1943-44.

Was with the U.S. Army Engineers in France during WWI.

Earl Burt, Los Angeles, President 1951-52.

Graduated from Thorpe College of Technology in 1915. School was later renamed the California Institute of Technology, Cal Tech.

Ada Clinton "Bud" Keith, Riverside, Pres 1955-56.

During his tenure over 3,000 miles of road were added to the Riverside County Road System.

Ed Hanna, San Benito, President 1956-57.

Subsequent to his time in San Benito, Ed was a City Councilman and Mayor of the City of Hollister, City Manager of Los Altos Hills, and Executive Officer of LAFCO in Santa Cruz County.

A. E. "Dusty" Rhoades, Yolo, President 1958.

Was elected the very first NACE Western Region Vice President in NACE's formation year 1956.

Martin A. Nicholas, San Bernardino Co., President 1960-61.

CEAC 100 Years—Facts about Presidents and CLODS (continued)

By **Ken Miller**

(Martin A. Nicholas, Cont'd) Between 1930 and 1936 Martin won numerous titles in rowing including the Mid Atlantic States Single Sculls Championship. He was also a member of the U. S. Olympic Speed Skating Team in 1932.

Allan S. Koch, Orange, President 1962-63.

During his days at the University of Washington, Alan was the ‘stroke’ on the university’s rowing crew. He served stints in the Navy both in WWII and the Korean Conflict.

William D. McIntosh, Lassen, President 1963-64.

Bill served in the U.S. Navy in both WWII and the Korean Conflict. He developed the County Route Marker Program, which was adopted nationally in 1967 with Eagle Lake Road in Lassen County given the first designation, A-1. The same road was selected to be a part of the 1964 Olympic Torch Relay. In 2000, this route was officially proclaimed the “William D. McIntosh Highway.”

John A. “Jack” Lambie, Los Angeles, President 1966-67.

Served as a Marine Corps officer during WWII and was involved in the battle of Guadalcanal. Along with “Dusty” Rhoades of Yolo County, he was a part of a small group that effected the establishment of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) at a meeting in Salt Lake City in 1956. He later served as NACE President in 1960.

Vic Sauer, Contra Costa, President 1967-68.

While an engineering student at UC Berkeley, Vic was hired by Mr. Caldecott who was building a tunnel to connect the Bay Area to inland valleys. Vic worked as a surveyor on these key transportation tunnels that bear Mr. Caldecott’s name.

David K. Speer, San Diego, President 1968-69.

David worked for San Diego County for 19 years advancing from Director of Public Works to the

County’s Chief Executive Officer in 1984.

William A. Jones, Solano, President 1961-62 and **Howard Van Reyper, Jr.**, Yolo, President 1969-70.

These two Directors of Public Works perished in a boating accident on October 23, 1971 near Half Moon Bay while sailing home from the CEAC Fall Conference. This accident and the loss of two distinguished gentlemen was the catalyst for the formation of the CEAC Memorial Scholarship Fund in 1972. Since its establishment, the fund has provided over \$150,000 in scholarships to engineering and surveying students attending California colleges and universities.

Honorary CLOD Burnett “Bob” Glenn, I.T.T.E.

Bob served as the CEAC Treasurer for many years. In 1961, he founded the CEAC Newsletter and was the Newsletter Editor for another 10 years. In college, Bob was captain of the University of Michigan baseball team in 1918. He later appeared as a pitcher in two major league baseball games for the St. Louis Cardinals in 1920. Bob then worked first as an assistant professor and then as a full professor of engineering at Oregon State Agricultural College (now Oregon State University) from 1919 to at least 1936.

Honorary CLOD Harmer Davis, I.T.T.E.

After receiving a B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering in 1928 and a M. S. Degrees in Civil Engineering in 1930, from UC Berkeley, Harmer dedicated the rest of his career to the University’s engineering programs as well as Director of the Institute of Transportation and Traffic Engineering at the University.

Honorary CLOD Alan S. Hart, State Division of Highways (now Caltrans).

Alan served as District Engineer in four individual districts, commencing in Bishop, moving thru Eureka and Marysville and ending in the large metropolitan District of San Francisco. A portion of Interstate 80 over the Sierra Nevada Mountains bears his name as the “Alan S. Hart Freeway.”

2017 CEAC Spring Conference—additional pictures



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CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes—March 24, 2017



CEAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Paradise Point Resort
1404 Vacation Road, San Diego, CA 92109
March 24, 2017
Draft Minutes



1. **Call to Order** (Presleigh)
 - A. Meeting called to order at 10:37am , Friday, March 24, 2017 (Quorum present)
2. **Approval of Minutes** (Porter)
 - A. Minutes from December 2, 2016 Board Meeting - Motion to amend minutes to reflect that Jeff Pratt is Vice-President. Motion: DeChellis, 2nd Kokkas - Approved.
 - B. Approval of amended December 2, 2016 Minutes – Motion: DeChellis, 2nd: Pratt - Minutes Approved.
 - C. Minutes from August 18, 2016 Board Meeting - Motion: Sadjadi, 2nd DeChellis - Approved.
3. **Correspondence** (Presleigh)
 - A. President sent correspondence to CLODS asking for their participation in the program for the President’s Banquet.
 - B. Sent letter to Public Works Directors requesting their Board to provide letters of support for SB1/AB1. Some could not do due to their Board’s position on the issue.
 - C. Sent out emails to Directors on SB1/AB1.
4. **CLODS Report** (Sadjadi)
 - A. Tres Pinos Committee did an excellent job with Buffalo Bull Award and had good candidates.
 - B. Special thanks to Pat DeChellis for his work putting the program together for the President’s Banquet.
 - C. CLODS Annual Business Meeting is scheduled for August 30 in conjunction with the CEAC Annual Policy Conference in Sacramento.
 - D. President was requested to submit candidates for CEAC Secretary to CLODS by August 1.
 - E. 2017 NACE Conference—Presleigh acknowledged we are ready for the event. Snappy Tom materials already sent. All attending agreed to help out with preparation and setup.
5. **NACE Report** (Presleigh)
 - A. See above. Also, NACE Western Region Conference is Nov. 15-17, 2017 in Laughlin, NV.

6. CSAC Report (CSAC Staff)

- A. No Items

7. Regional Director Reports

- A. San Joaquin (McAlister) - Presleigh attended February meeting. Next meeting April 28 in Kern. Asked CSAC staff to attend their July meeting in Merced.
- B. Central Coast (Fayram) – Last meeting was October 2016 in Santa Cruz. Next meeting is May 12 in Santa Maria. Presentation will be made on drone use in flood control districts.
- C. Northern California Region (DeLeon) – Update from Region will be in next Newsletter. (Editor's Note: the Northern California Regional Report can be found on pages 10 and 11 in this Newsletter.) Counties in the region suffered heavy storm damage. Region has had a difficult time getting attendance at meetings due to large size of region. Bedroll Conference will be held August 16 – 18, 2017 at Lake Almanor, Plumas County.
- D. Sacramento (Kokkas) – Met in January. FHWA presented on emergency repair (ER). Next meeting May 3 in Sacramento.
- E. Southern California (Fleisch) – Next meeting May 18 in Ventura.
- F. Bay Area – No report

8. Treasurers Report (Crump)

- A. 2017 Budget distributed as an attachment to the Agenda. For the Board of Directors Meeting. Revenues on track. Most counties paid have paid their 2017 dues, but not all. Expenditures for the year are beginning. Overall, expenditures and revenues are consistent with budget.
- B. Discussion about LA County and their Local Streets and Roads (LS&R) contribution.
- C. Sadjadi mentioned NACE dues have not been paid. Treasurer indicated he has not received an invoice from NACE. NACE Conference sponsorship – CEAC needs to send them a check.
- D. Motion to approve – Sadjadi, 2nd Machado - Approved

9. Committee Reports

- A. Flood Control and Water Resources (Fayram) - Stormwater funding discussed. Subcommittee looking at needs assessment and reaching out to members to encourage completion of survey. They are narrowing in on specific tasks to be used in a scope of work to retain a consultant to move the process forward for additional funding for stormwater operations and regulatory compliance.
- B. Resource Recovery and Waste Management (Martinson) – Had a speaker from Californians Against Waste. Sponsoring legislation to increase the solid waste disposal fee from \$1.40 to \$3.50 per ton but requires 2/3 vote. May be difficult to pass.
- C. Surveyor - Discussed issue of survey monuments destroyed during construction and not replaced. They will have a future presentation on this item at upcoming meeting.
- D. Land Use (Bronkall) - Presentation on court cases regarding California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) issues. Agencies need to know what a “project” is. Also had a presentation on AB 649. Utility companies would be permitted to mount equipment on any pole in the right of way, such as cellular antenna without encroachment permit. Discussion ensued. Presleigh suggested it should be agendized for a future meeting. Fleisch from Ventura volunteered to organize a presentation at CEAC’s Policy Conference in August. Also, brief discussion on Rule 20A program.
- D. Transportation (Fleisch) - Recommend doing Outside Committee reports up front at Committee meetings. It worked well. Had a presentation on automated vehicles. CEAC reps to the various Outside Committees need to be at Committee meetings to make report; otherwise, should find other reps. Also discussed progress on SB1/AB1. Anticipate legislative action in early April, 2017
- D. Oversight and Special Tasks (Kokkas) – Presentation from FHWA regarding Emergency Opening (EO) and Emergency Repair (ER) process.

10. Other Reports

- A. Fellowship - No report. Comments were provided regarding the hotel staff's performance at the hospitality suite.
- B. Scholarship (DeLeon) - Kowalewski was acknowledged for the good work he has done, DeLeon taking over role. Currently accepting contributions for Scholarship Fund. Sadjadi asked Treasurer to investigate process to change status from 501c(6) to a 501c(3). The issue will be agendized for the next meeting.
- C. Outside Committees - DeChellis - Members that are selected to represent CEAC on Outside Committees should be available to report at conferences. Chairs of CEAC Committees should contact representatives to make sure they're attending and reporting out,; otherwise, they need to get an alternate to attend and report out

11. Life Membership

- A. Regional Directors should be reminded that they're responsible for nominations. If you know of a Director retiring in your region, contact your Regional Director and request evaluation/nomination for Life Membership. There will be a few retirements of Directors this year.

12. Unfinished Business

- A. NACE Western Region VP Nomination - Done – McGolpin was nominated. If he gets elected, CEAC will need a new NACE representative to be selected by the CLODS. Interested candidates should talk to CLODS.

13. New Business/Other Items

- A. SB1/AB1 Education Efforts – (already discussed – see above)
- B. Emergency Opening and Permit Restoration Process – (also discussed previously – see above)

14. Scheduled Conferences

- A. NACE Annual Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9-13, 2017
- B. Northern California Region Conference (Bedroll), Plumas County, August 17-19, 2017
- C. CEAC 12th Annual Policy Conference, Sacramento, August 30-31, 2017
- D. NACE Western Region Conference, Laughlin, Nevada, November 15-17, 2017
- E. CSAC 123rd Annual Meeting, Sacramento, Nov 28-December 1, 2017
- F. CEAC/PWOI Spring Conference, Monterey, March 28-30, 2018

15. CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- A. August 31, 2017, 12:30pm (CEAC Policy Conference)
- B. December 1, 2017, 11:00am (CSAC Annual Meeting)

16. Meeting adjourned 11:51 am – Presleigh

CEAC BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

ROSTER

March 24, 2017

John Presleigh	President	Santa Cruz
Jeff Pratt	Vice-President	Ventura
Jim Porter	Secretary	San Mateo
Matt Machado	Past President	Stanislaus
Mike Crump	Treasurer	Butte (retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (retired)
Scott McGolpin*	NACE Representative	Santa Barbara
Dave Gravenkamp*	Historian	Siskiyou (retired)
Matt Tuggle*	Bay Area Regional Director	Solano
Scott DeLeon	Northern California Regional Director	Lake
Panos Kokkas	Sacramento Motherlode Reg Director	Yolo
Kevin McAlister	San Joaquin Valley Regional Director	Kings
Tom Fayram	Central Coast Regional Director	Santa Barbara
Patty Romo*	Southern California Regional Director	Riverside
Pat Proano*	Chair, Transportation	Los Angeles
Pattie McNamee*	Chair, Fellowship	Contra Costa (retired)
Tom Fayram	Chair, Flood Control/Water Resources	Santa Barbara
Bob Bronkall	Chair, Land Use	Humboldt
Panos Kokkas	Chair, Oversight	Yolo
Scott DeLeon	Chair, Scholarship	Lake
Mark Schleich*	Chair, Resource Recovery & Waste Man	Santa Barbara
Warren Smith	Chair, Surveyor	San Joaquin
DeAnn Baker*	Deputy Executive Director of Leg Affairs	CSAC
Kiana Valentine	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Mike Carlson	Deputy Director	Contra Costa
Garrett Higerd	County Engineer	Mono
Mike Penrose	Director	Sacramento
Dave Fleisch	Deputy Director	Ventura
Josue Yambo		FHWA

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



FIXING VERSUS ONLY WARNING SIGNS

While driving through cow country fresh and green
 A couple counties over that away,
 We came upon a sight a bit obscene.
 I took this photo stark your mind to sway.

Suppose you were a hauling steers one day
 Along this rural road so picturesque
 And came upon this mud hole in the way;
 Your truck could stop and be just statuesque.

The roads that bring fresh food to all of us
 Are vital links in our economy.
 When roads are smooth and freight moves without
 fuss
 The benefits are clear for all to see.

With funding short, repairs are out of reach.
 New warning signs are all that they can spare.
 Urge Sacramento politicians, I beseech,
 To pay for proper rural road repair.

Richard Wyatt

Madera, CA, January 29, 2017



- All nominations for the Buffalo Bull Award should be sent directly to the CEAC Newsletter Editor, CEACNewsletterEditor@gmail.com, who will forward them to an unknown P.O. Box in Tres Pinos, California to be opened by the Tres Pinos Committee in a secret meeting .
- Remember, without nominations, the Tres Pinos Committee will be left to their own to make future nominations. You don't want that, do you???

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