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# CEAC Newsletter

November 2012

*Wishing all a Very  
Happy Holiday  
Season and a  
Wonderful New Year!*

# Member Spotlight - Contra Costa County

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

October 16, 2012

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## **Contra Costa County Public Works Department Awarded Third Prestigious APWA Re-Accreditation**

**KANSAS CITY, MO.** – Contra Costa County’s Department of Public Works was recently awarded a third prestigious American Public Works Association (APWA) Re-Accreditation. The APWA Accreditation/Re-Accreditation program recognizes public works agencies that go beyond the requirements of the management practices established nationally in the public works industry. On a daily basis, accredited agencies meet or exceed standards of performance in areas such as road and bridge repair, maintenance, engineering and construction services, building and grounds maintenance, utility coordination and vehicle maintenance. Contra Costa County’s Re-Accreditation indicates that they are maintaining their documentation and practices and meeting any new practices adopted by the APWA.

“Contra Costa’s APWA Re-Accreditation is a program that has enhanced the effectiveness and competencies of our Public Works Department, and that has been accomplished over a lengthy period of time with three APWA Re-Accreditations since our initial Accreditation in July, 2001,” said Public Works Director Julia Bueren. “With the APWA Re-Accreditation, the Public Works Department has updated and recommitted to concepts of continuous improvement and in-depth self-assessment of our agency’s policies, procedures and practices” Bueren said.

The Public Works department is responsible for road and flood control facilities, parks and two airports in the County’s unincorporated areas. The department also provides real estate services to other agencies and buildings, grounds, and fleet services to other County departments. “Public Works staff provide a high level of dedication and service to our mission, and they are the heroes of this prestigious award of APWA Re-Accreditation,” Bueren said.

For Contra Costa’s Re-Accreditation award, a team of public works professionals from Washington, Oregon, and Missouri completed a thorough evaluation of operations during their September, 2012 site visit. “It’s great to see that the Contra Costa County Department of Public Works has again completed the reassessment and the detailed review of their agency’s policies and procedures to qualify for Re-Accreditation,” said APWA Credentialing Director Ann Daniels. “To do so for the third consecutive time shows incredible dedication to the public works operational objectives and goals,” said Daniels.

For more information, contact the Contra Costa County Public Works Accreditation Manager, Carrie Ricci at [cricc@pw.cccounty.us](mailto:cricc@pw.cccounty.us). For more information about APWA Accreditation, please contact APWA Director of Credentialing, Ann Daniels at [adaniels@apwa.net](mailto:adaniels@apwa.net). For APWA media queries, please contact Laura Bynum, APWA Media Relations and Communications Manager at [lbynum@apwa.net](mailto:lbynum@apwa.net).

### **About APWA**

The American Public Works Association ([www.apwa.net](http://www.apwa.net)) is a not-for-profit, international organization of more than 28,500 members involved in the field of public works. APWA serves its members by promoting professional excellence and public awareness through education, advocacy and the exchange of knowledge. APWA is headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, has an office in Washington, D.C. and 63 chapters in North America.

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## Member Spotlight

### NEW PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTORS

#### Monterey County Resource Management Agency

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Robert comes to Monterey County from the City of Stockton where he served as Director of Public Works.

#### Merced County Department of Public Works

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Prior to being promoted, Dana was Merced County's Deputy Director - Roads.

### NEW AFFILIATE

**TERRACON** is an employee-owned company established in 1965 with a national network of more than 130 offices and over 2,700 employees. Terracon provides practical solutions to geotechnical, environmental, construction materials and facilities engineering challenges. On both small and large projects, experienced professionals work closely with their clients to achieve success, on time and on budget.

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*It takes  
a village to  
bake this pie*

**J**ust about all of Windsor is pitching in with the giddy, flour-dusted students who'll prepare a UFO-sized apple pie that will be served up Sunday on the Town Green.

The latest mega-creation of students of Windsor High teacher Marie Ganister will be 6 feet across and weigh about 500 pounds. Every bite will contain organic Sonoma County apple.

Culinary-arts students and helpers will bake it Saturday at Cousteaux French Bakery's commercial kitchen, and Windsor firefighters will lift it from the oven.

Before the pie is trucked down Old Redwood Highway on Sunday, North County Supervisor Mike McGuire and Phil Demery, the county's director of transportation and public works, will post signs officially renaming the road Old Redwood Pieway — for a day. Give KZST's Brent Farris credit for the name.

The apple pie, conceived as the largest ever in California, will be ceremoniously sliced and eagerly eaten starting at noon at the Windsor Farmers Market.

Five bucks a serving. A la mode.

## Member Spotlight - Napa County



A Tradition of Stewardship  
A Commitment to Service

## RUTHERFORD DUST SOCIETY

NAPA VALLEY

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Oct. 17, 2012

### **EPA grant fully funds completion of Napa River restoration efforts in Rutherford Work will begin next in Oakville stretch**

(NAPA, Calif--) Napa County has acquired full funding to complete the Napa River Restoration Project through Rutherford, as the Napa River Rutherford Dust Restoration Team celebrates its 10-year anniversary. The receipt of a \$1.5 million grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will allow the completion of this landmark project by 2015. The grant will also support Napa County's efforts to begin the restoration on the next nine-mile section of the Napa River between Oakville and Oak Knoll, in partnership local landowners and the California Land Stewardship Institute.

"EPA supports this \$1.5 million grant to Napa County to help manage erosion and create habitat for threatened steelhead," said Jared Blumenfeld, EPA Regional Administrator for the Pacific Southwest. "This project will complete restoration of the Rutherford Reach, moving us closer to achieving the Napa River Sediment TMDL."

Napa County is on track to achieve the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) objective issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board, which calls for a 51% sediment source reduction from bank erosion and bed incision on the Napa River by 2017.

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## Member Spotlight - Napa County (Cont.)

### Napa River restoration project is fully funded by EPA

In 2002, the Rutherford Dust Society galvanized community support to restore river function, bank stability and wildlife habitat along 4.5 miles of the Napa River between Zinfandel Lane and the Oakville Bridge. This groundbreaking, comprehensive restoration project has enjoyed extraordinary local support, with unanimous participation by all 27 private property owners along the Rutherford Reach. Costs of the project and long term maintenance are shared by local property owners, Napa County sales tax funds, and state and local grants.

“The Rutherford Dust Restoration Team represents the epitome of a collaborative community effort to restore a living and resilient river. This project is a model of forward-looking and extraordinary environmental stewardship. Investing in the future, diverse stakeholders are successfully working together to create and protect the things we value most in common: a healthy environment, a thriving economy and a meaningful connection to the place we call home,” said Gretchen Hayes, Napa River Rutherford Reach Restoration Project Landowner Liaison.

The project includes widening the river corridor, which reduces flood flow velocities, reducing bank erosion and property loss. Native vegetation is replanted to secure the channel



CSAC staff DeAnn Baker, Merrin Gerety, Kiana Buss, Cara Martinson, and Karen Keene toured the “downtown” and “up valley” portions of the restoration project with Rick Marshall, Richard Thomasser and Julie Lucido of Napa County.

## In Memoriam

**Henry Chin**, CEAC Life Member, passed away on September 20, 2012 in Fresno, CA.

Henry was born June 17, 1925 and attended schools in China and Hong Kong before graduation from Edison High School in Fresno. He served in the U.S. Army in Europe during WWII.

He graduated from University of California at Berkeley in Civil Engineering and subsequently worked for Fresno County for almost 30 years before retiring in 1985. He was Assistant Director of Public Works at the time of his retirement.

Henry and wife of 60 years, Rosemary, loved to travel, play golf and were active members of the First Presbyterian Church in Fresno.

A memorial service was held in Henry's honor on September 27th.



**Kristen Machado**, wife of Matt Machado, Public Works Director for Stanislaus County, passed away on October 29th in Modesto after a seven year long battle with cancer.

Kristen was born November 10, 1972 in Oakland and lived in Fresno before moving to Modesto in 1977.

Kristen was a loving wife, adored mother, cherished daughter, beloved sister, loyal friend, grateful patient, and deeply devout Catholic. She was a person who provided a firm foundation for her family and a beautiful example of life lived with humility, grace, beauty and joy to a family that loved her deeply.

Kristen achieved a B.S. degree from CSU Fresno and an M.B.A. from CSU Stanislaus. She worked at Mercy Hospital in Merced and later at Emanuel Medical Center in Turlock as a Registered Dietician.

She is survived by her husband Matt and their children Clair, Noah, and Eva and numerous family members.



# Board of Directors Meeting



**CEAC Board of Directors Meeting**  
 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Policy Conference  
 Friday, September 14, 2012 1:30pm – 2:30pm  
 CSAC – Peterson Conference Room  
 1100 K Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814

**Call to Order** (Woldesenbet) Meeting was called to order at 1:15pm on Friday, September 14, 2012

**Meeting Roster:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>County</b>
Daniel Woldesenbet	President	Alameda
Tom Mattson	President Elect	Humboldt
Scott McGolpin	Secretary	Santa Barbara
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Julie Bueren	Past President	Contra Costa
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
<b>Regional Directors</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>County</b>
Steven Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Rick Tippet	Northern California	Trinity
Mike Penrose	Sacramento Mother Lode	Sacramento
Dana Hertfelder	San Joaquin Valley	Merced
Scott McGolpin	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Jeff Pratt	Southern California	Ventura
<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>County</b>
Mike Penrose	Transportation	Sacramento
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Chris Stone	Flood Control/Water Resources	Los Angeles
Rick Marshall	Land Use	Napa
Jim Porter	Oversight	San Mateo
John Presleigh	Scholarship	Santa Cruz
Susan Klassen	Solid Waste	Sonoma
Steve Steinhoff	Survey	Los Angeles
<b>CSAC/CEAC Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency/County</b>
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
<b>Other Attendees</b>		
Matt Machado	Region-San Joaquin Valley	Stanislaus
David Leamon		Stanislaus

**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 – Attachment One**

- March 22, 2012 minutes - Upon motion by Julie Bueren and second by Tom Mattson, were unanimously approved.

## 3. **Correspondence (Daniel Woldesenbet)**

**\*Item will be discussed at September 22, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting**

## 4. **CLODS Report (Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi)**

- CLODS Meeting held on September 13, 2012
  - Slate of Officers discussed
  - Appreciate recommendations from Board of Directors
- CLODS BBQ in Fall
  - Host County working on venue
  - Menu set
  - CLODS working on program
- Presidents Banquet in Spring
  - Need 20 minutes for ceremony
  - Nominations are requested for Buffalo Bull Award

## 5. **NACE Report (Pat DeChellis)**

**\*Item will be discussed at September 22, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting**

## 6. **CSAC Report (DeAnn Baker/Merrin Gerety)**

- Paul McIntosh resigned
  - Recruitment proceeding
  - October 11-12, 2012 Interviews
  - Staff were asked for input to skillset needed for this position
  - Steve Keil – Acting Interim Director

## 7. **Regional Directors Reports**

### **Northern California (Rick Tippet)**

- Bedroll back in July
- More affiliates than CEAC members
- Recently had a fire in the area and the camp was spared!

### **Southern California (Jeff Pratt)**

No Report

### **Bay Area (Julie Buren)**

- Spring Meeting – Cal Recycle
- Mutual Aid Agreements discussed
- Every County represented

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## **Central Coast** (Scott McGolpin)

- Next meeting Friday, November 16, 2012 – San Benito is the host
- Last meeting was on March 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Thanks to the Board of Directors for the name change!

## **Sacramento Mother Lode** (Mike Penrose)

- Cal Recycle presentation
- Last meeting was in May
- Working to engage all Counties

## **San Joaquin Valley** (Matt Machado)

- 2 more meetings remain this year
- 8 meetings per year

## **8. Treasurers Report** (Sadjadi) – Attachment Two

- All have received report
- \$222,000 check from LA County and the Region for LS&R Study
- Counties that have not paid: Calaveras, Lake, Del Norte, Modoc & Mono
- CEAC finances did well on the Spring Conference

## **9. Committee Reports**

### **a) Flood Control and Water Resources**

#### **Changes:**

- SB5 Cleanup Legislation

### **b) Solid Waste**

#### **Changes:**

- Removed illegal disposal & waste priority
- Incorporate manufacturer responsibility into priorities

### **c) Surveyor**

- No changes

### **d) Land Use**

- Cap & Trade Update
- Roundtable: Rule 20A Projects – Update from meeting with PG&E, Solar Energy Projects and Air Credits

### **e) Transportation**

#### **Change:**

- Federal Lands Access Program

### **f) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee**

#### **Change:**

- Modified Climate Change Policy

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**Action Item:** Approve 2013-14 CEAC Policy & Legislative Priorities and 2013-14 CEAC Legislative & Administrative Guidelines – **Attachments Three and Four**

**Board of Directors Acting on:** 2013-14 CEAC Policy & Legislative Priorities; Approval moved by Julie Bueren and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Mattson

## 10. Other Committee Reports

### a) Fellowship (Julie Bueren)

**\*Item will be discussed at September 22, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting**

### b) Scholarship (John Presleigh)

- 25 Applications submitted
- 6 of the applicants were outstanding
- Recommending 3 \$2,000 scholarships (Mathew M. McCleod, California State University Fresno - Civil Engineering; Mary Katherine Danielson, University of California, Irvine - Civil Engineering; Jacob Coby Heinrich, California State University, Long Beach - Civil Engineering)
- No surveying students

### Engineer of the Year & Surveyor of the Year

- Nominations due by October 5, 2012

### c) Outside Committees Reports

(HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, Traffic Control Devices (CTCDC), TDAWG)

**\*Item will be discussed at September 22, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting**

## 11. Life Membership (Julie Bueren)

- a) Phil Demery (Voted and approved by BOD via email, (8/20/2012))

## 12. Unfinished Business

### a) Life Membership (Pat DeChellis)

**\*Item will be discussed at September 22, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting**

### b) Guest Program (Ken Miller)

**\*Item will be discussed at September 22, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting**

### c) 2014 CEAC 100<sup>th</sup> (Julie Bueren)

**\*Item will be discussed at September 22, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting**

## 13. New Business

- **CEAC Fall Policy Conference (Sacramento)**
  - Mehdi wanted to know "Why don't the meetings start earlier?"
- **Board of Directors Meeting – September 22, 2012**
  - 4:00pm at the Transportation & Public Works Department Conference Room  
2300 County Center Drive, Suite B100, Santa Rosa, CA 95403

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- **From September 22, 2012 Meeting**
  - An item should be agendaized at a future Board meeting to discuss CEAC annual membership dues

### 14. Scheduled Conferences

- a) NACE/AACE Western Regional Conference, Laughlin, NV, October 31 - November 2, 2012
- b) CSAC 118<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Long Beach, Los Angeles County November 27-30, 2012
- c) Joint CEAC Spring Conference/Public Works Officers Institute, Pasadena, California, February 27-March 1, 2013
- d) NACo Legislative Conference, Washington D.C., March 2-6, 2013
- e) NACE Annual Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, April 21-25, 2013
- f) CSAC Legislative Conference, Sacramento Sheraton Grand Hotel, Sacramento, CA, May 29-30, 2013
- g) NACo Annual Meeting, Tarrant County, Ft. Worth, Texas, July 19-23, 2013
- h) CEAC Policy Conference SCSAC Conference Center/CSAC Offices, September 11-12, 2013
- i) CSAC 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, San Jose, Santa Clara County, November 19-22, 2013
- j) NACE Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 13-17, 2014
- k) CSAC Annual Conference, Orange County, November 18-21, 2014

### 15. CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- a) September 22, 2012, 4:00pm (Special Meeting)
- b) November 30, 2012, 10:00am (Annual Meeting)
- c) March 1, 2013, Time TBD (Spring Conference)
- d) September 12, 2013, Time TBD (Policy Conference)

Upon motion by Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi and second by Tom Mattson meeting was Adjourned at 1:52pm

Minutes prepared by Scott McGolpin, CEAC Secretary

## CEAC Memorial Fund Scholarships

Although you may have already read the results of this year's memorial fund scholarship awards in the Board of Director's Meeting Minutes on page 10 of the Newsletter, the importance of these awards bears repeating.

The CEAC Memorial Fund was initially established in 1972 with the purpose of aiding deserving engineering students in their quest for an engineering degree. More recently, the award has been broadened to include students pursuing degrees in surveying.

The inertia for the fund was the untimely and tragic death of two of our CEAC members, Bill Jones of Solano County and Howard Van Reyper of Yolo County, who perished in a boating accident on their way home from the annual meeting that year in Monterey.

Money to support this worthwhile CEAC activity came initially from CEAC members who donated to the fund in remembrance of a family member or loved one. Since its inception, the fund has awarded well over \$100,000 in scholarships to deserving students. While donations are still being made to the fund, in recent years the majority of funding has come from the CEAC treasury.

If any of our readers would like to donate to the fund in memory of a loved one, relative, friend, a favorite cause, etc., you can do so by directing a check or other form of payment to our CEAC Treasurer, Mehdi Sadjadi.

This year, the Scholarship Committee Chair, John Presleigh, Santa Cruz County, and members Steve Kowalewski, Contra Costa County, and Vincent Gin, Orange County, waded through a record number of twenty-five applications. Of these, they rated six as outstanding candidates.

The committee was able to eventually agree on the three most deserving applicants who have each been awarded a \$2,000 scholarship, which will hopefully help them along in their studies.

Each of the three are upper division Civil Engineering majors. The awardees are as follows:

**Matthew M. McCleod**  
Fresno, CA  
California State University, Fresno

**Mary Katherine Danielson**  
Irvine, CA  
University of California, Irvine

**Jacob Coby Heinrich**  
Long Beach, CA  
California State University, Long Beach

*“Congratulations and Best Wishes  
as you work towards a career in  
Civil Engineering.”*

# Droppings



By

**Dave 'Road Runner' Gravenkamp**  
CEAC Historian

**"1994 CLODS BBQ in Long Beach"**

This very true story begins at the annual National Association of County Engineers "NACE" Spring Conference in Sparks Nevada in 1994, which was co-hosted that year by CEAC and the Nevada Association of County Engineers. At this meeting, the NFL (NACE's Former Leaders) presented a resolution to William D. McIntosh for his efforts in forming the NACE past presidents into a new organization, the NFL. The Resolution also welcomed Bill into the NFL Hall of Fame.

Now lets jump forward to the fall of the same year with preparations being made for the annual picnic (CLODS BBQ). Named to the program committee were CLODS including the Whooping Crane (Verne Davis), the Parakeet (Richard Welton), and yours truly, the Road Runner, along with the Horny Owl (Budge Campbell) who was named as program chair. Reflecting on Bill's recent award, the committee elected to "Honor" Bill at the barbecue.

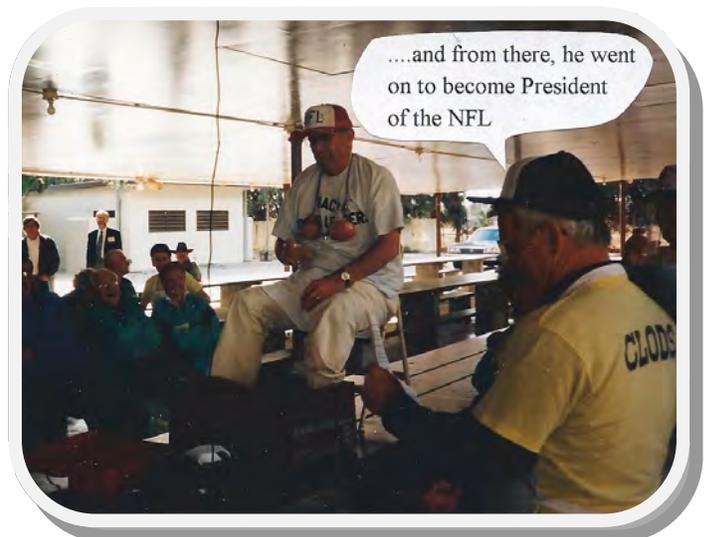
The event was subsequently held at Gemming Park in Long Beach on November 17th. After the meal, Bill was invited to come forward, remove his shirt, shoes and socks, and sit on a chair that had been placed atop a picnic table. I might add, contrary to L.A. County's claim, it can get a bit chilly in Long Beach in late November, especially with no shirt, shoes or socks. A "dumb looking" hat was then placed on Bill's head followed by large bull balls hung around his neck. Finally his feet were stuck in a box that had been filled with warm cow "stuff" laced with cheap perfume. At the conclusion of the ceremony a large box of confetti was dumped over Bill's head. The committee chair had opted for Ga-

torade, but fortunately, cooler heads prevailed.

I attended the very first BBQ that took place at the River Ranch near Squaw Valley in 1969 and for the next 30 + years that followed. While most have been tasteless (the program not the food), the 1994 event in Long Beach probably "topped the cake". Although always a good sport, I'm not sure that Bill ever forgave the committee for his humiliation.

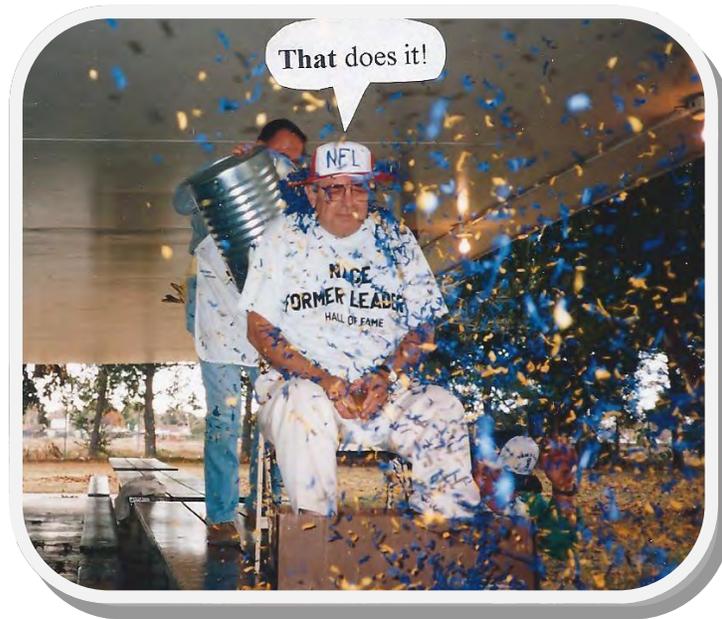
As you are aware by now, our annual meeting is again in Long Beach this year and there will be another barbecue. What you probably don't know is that one of the '94 committee members is again working on the program. I'd suggest that you wear some old shoes to the barbecue.

~Dave



The "Honoring" Begins

## “Droppings” (Continued)

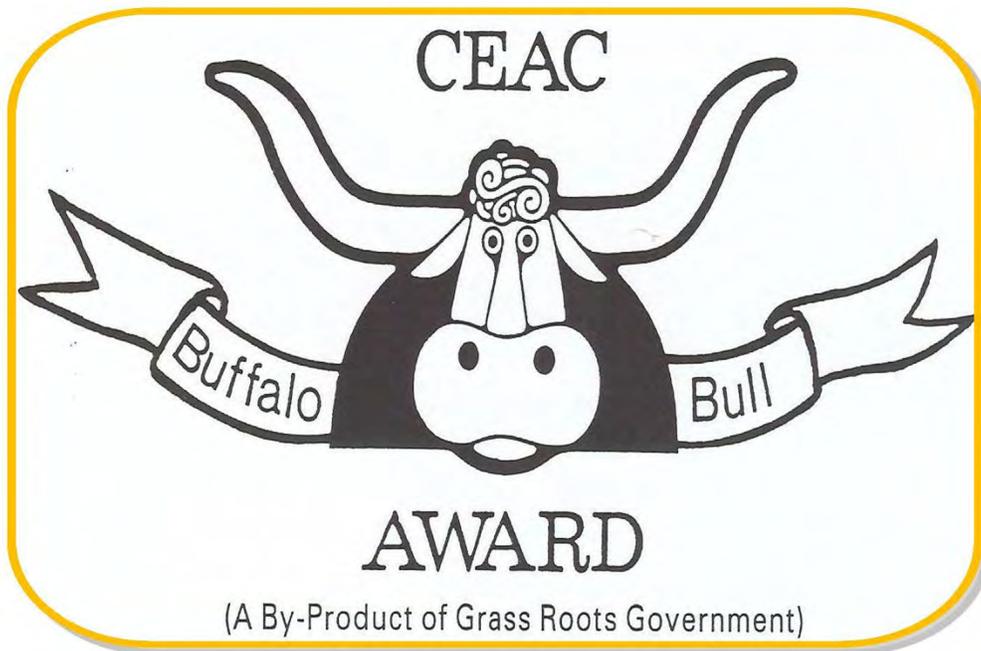


The “Honoring” Concludes



“Its great to have good friends.....huh?”

## Buffalo Bull Award Nominations



**The Tres Pinos Committee** has announced a last call for any and all nominations you may have for the most prestigious **Buffalo Bull Award**.

This award is given annually by the CLODS for the most inexplicable and incomprehensible contribution to County Engineering in California. The award ceremony will take place during the President's Banquet at the Spring Conference in Pasadena on February 28, 2013.

**You may make submittals at any time before January 30, 2013** to the Newsletter Editor or any CLOD who will in turn pass along your nominations to the T.P. Committee for wiping and vetting.

**All nominations are kept strictly confidential.**

## “Jest a Minute”



**Giving A Patient** his physical, a doctor noticed several dark bruises on the man’s shins. He asked, “Do you play hockey, rugby, or any physical sport?”

“No,” the man replied. “I just play bridge with my wife.”



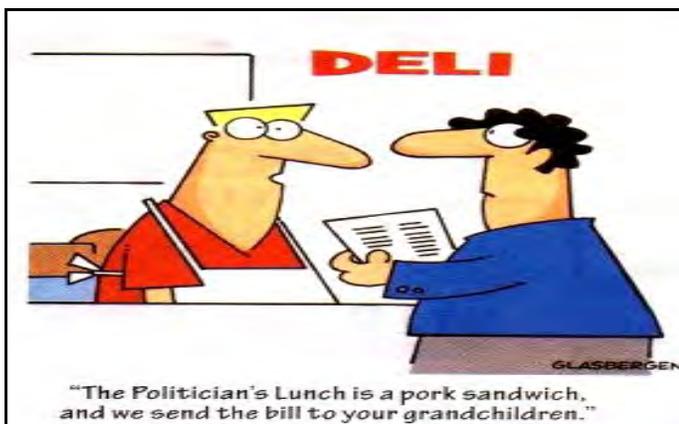
A real advertisement from 1885

**Over breakfast**, a woman told her husband, “I’ll bet you don’t know what day this is.”

“Of course I do,” he answered, as if offended, and left for the office.

At 10 a.m., a dozen red roses arrived at the house. At 1 p.m., an enormous box of chocolates was delivered. A designer dress arrived at 3 p.m.

When her husband got home, the woman threw her arms around his neck, saying, “I’ve never had a more wonderful Groundhog Day!”



**Four old retired men** are walking down a street in Yuma, Arizona. They turn a corner and see a sign that says, “Old Timers Bar - All drinks 10 cents.” They look at each other and then go in, thinking this is too good to be true.

The old bartender says in a voice that carries across the room, “Come on in and let me pour one for you! What’ll it be gentlemen?”

There’s a fully stocked bar, so each of the men orders a martini. In no time the bartender serves up four iced martinis shaken, not stirred and says, “That’ll be 10 cents each, please.”

The four guys stare at the bartender for a moment, then at each other. They can’t believe their good luck. They pay the 40 cents, finish their martinis, and order another round.

Again, four excellent martinis are produced, with the bartender again saying. “That’s 40 cents please. They pay the 40 cents, but their curiosity gets the better of them. They’ve each had two martinis and haven’t even spent a dollar yet.

Finally one of them says, “How can you afford to serve martinis as good as these for a dime apiece?”

“I’m a retired tailor from Phoenix,” the bartender says, “and I always wanted to own a bar. Last year I hit the Lottery Jackpot for \$125 million and decided to open this place. Every drink costs a dime. Wine, liquor, beer it’s all the same.”

As the four of them sip at their martinis, they can’t help noticing seven other people at the end of the bar who don’t have any drinks in front of them and haven’t ordered anything the whole time they’ve been there.

Nodding at the seven at the end of the bar, one of the men asks the bartender, “What’s with them?”

The bartender says, “They’re retired people from Florida. They’re waiting for Happy Hour when the drinks are half-price.”