



CEAC Newsletter

September 2009

CEAC 4th Annual Policy Conference

CSAC Conference Center (and CEAC Offices)
1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, California

October 14 and 15, 2009

Don't miss out on this annual opportunity to attend multiple CEAC policy committees and participate in the review and formulation of legislative priorities for 2009/2010.

Get the latest news on funding for transportation and other public works programs.

Network with your peers from other Counties on common issues, problems and solutions.



Phil Demery installed as NACE President Elect (See NACE 2009)

For on-line conference reservations, please visit CEAC's website at

[http://www.ceaccounties.org/Policy Conference 2009.aspx](http://www.ceaccounties.org/Policy%20Conference%202009.aspx)

Registration Deadline: Friday September 25, 2009

Any Questions? Contact Merrin Gerety at CSAC: Mgerety@counties.org or (916) 327-7500, Ext 507

All Submittals Subject to the 3 "Rs" - Review, Revision, Rejection

CEAC Website

Have you visited the CEAC website lately? If you haven't, you are missing out on a wonderful resource.

Thanks to the efforts of Merrin Gerety and the support of the CEAC Board of Directors, the website has been revamped and refreshed this year.

Just go to <http://www.ceaccounties.org> to begin. This will open up a wealth of information for you about the CEAC organization.

The main topics are:

Welcome to CEAC

Members, Staff Publications, Member Services

News

Latest on Public Works Topics, Budgets

Advocacy

Legislative Process, Bill Tracking, Current Issues
CSAC Executive Directors Watch

Policy Areas

Flood Control, Transportation, Solid Waste, etc.

Resources

Job Openings, Surveys, Websites

Calendar of Events

Meetings and Agendas

Related Links

Links to Local, State and Federal Govt. Agencies
and Programs

**TRY IT OUT TODAY, YOU WON'T BE
SORRY YOU DID.**

Welcome to CEAC

The County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) formed in 1914, is comprised of county engineers, public works directors, county road commissioners, affiliated members and professional personnel throughout California's 58 counties. Its purpose is "To advance county engineering and management by providing a forum for the exchange of ideas and information aimed at improving service to the public."

Furthermore, the objective of CEAC is "To accomplish the advancement of engineering methods and ethical practice through networking efforts of all 58 counties in the state." Through discussion, interchange, and dissemination of engineering and administrative data/ideas, the organization shall strive to affect "maximum efficiency and modernization in engineering and administrative units of local government."

Through CEAC's history, it has maintained a close relationship with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) to lend support in policy development and advocacy efforts, thus benefiting counties and their ability to serve their citizens.

"Principal Membership" in this association shall be limited to County Engineers, County or City Engineers in combined cities and counties of Charter Counties, County Surveyors, County Road Commissioners, Directors of County Departments of Public Works, Flood Control Engineers, and heads of other Departments concerned with County Engineering and Public Works, serving major segments of any County under the direction of the Board of Supervisors. Each County shall be allocated one Principal Membership for each function which is qualifying function for Principal Membership as listed above and which is independent from any other Principal Member.

See the CEAC website for much more information.

Member Spotlight

It has been a busy time of change in our counties during recent months with the following being selected to lead the Public Works organizations in their respective counties:

Jim Ware

Director of Transportation
El Dorado County

Donald Ridenhour

Director of Public Works
Napa County

Ted Pederson

Director of Public Works
Inyo County

John Presleigh

Director of Public Works
Santa Cruz County

Richard Tippett

Public Works Director
Trinity County

Tom Garcia

Public Works Director
Calaveras County

Granville “Bow” Bowman

Director of Public Works
San Bernardino County

Jake Raper, Jr.

Director, Resource Management Agency
Tulare County

Steve Wittry

Public Works Administrator
San Benito County

John Linhart

Director of Planning and Public Works
Glenn County

Congratulations to each of you on your appointments and welcome as principal members of CEAC, and as in the cases of Ted Pederson and Granville Bowman, welcome back!

Glen Priddy Deputy Director-Engineering Services for San Luis Obispo County retired after completing over 35 years of dedicated public service. Glen was honored by friends, family, and co-workers at a retirement celebration on August 21, 2009 at the Fairways at Dairy Creek.

Best Wishes to Glen and his lovely spouse Nancy for a Very Happy, Healthy and Enjoyable Retirement!

Maurice and Esther

Shiu are the proud grandparents of a new baby boy, Jaden, born July 13th.

The baby’s parents are son Perkin and his wife Angela.



Counties Striking Against Cancer (C.S.A.C.)



Each year CSAC participates in the American Cancer Society’s Making Strides against Breast Cancer 5K walk. This

year, the CSAC team will be raising money and walking in honor and support of our very own **Patti Hughes**, CSAC (and CEAC) Meeting Planner who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer.

Our team – Counties Striking Against Cancer (C.S.A.C.) – has signed up for the 13th Annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk (an enjoyable 5K (3.1 miles) in downtown Sacramento on Sunday, October 18th). To join our team, make a donation, or both, please visit our team webpage at:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCFY10California?team_id=548180&pg=team&fr_id=19782

We understand that these are hard times, so even the smallest donation matters and every little bit counts since breast cancer is all around us, all the time.

Feel free to forward this notice to your friends and families so that they can either join or donate to the CSAC team or create your own webpage as a part of the CSAC team and fundraise that way.

New Affiliate Members

Biggs Cardosa Associates was founded in 1986 and has played an important role in providing for the structural integrity of bridges and buildings throughout California. The firm specializes in structural engineering, project management, inspection services and value engineering for a wide variety of transportation and building construction projects. Biggs Cardosa has offices located in San Jose, San Francisco, Oakland, Fresno and Orange County.

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PMI Technology (Petrochem Manufacturing, Inc.) prides itself in using innovative technology to create superior pavement maintenance products including the promotion and use of recycling to protect the environment. Doing business since 1985, PMI provides a wide variety of seals, slurries, and pavement recycling products and methods.

PMI Technology (Petrochem Manufacturing, Inc.)
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BIG R Bridges is based in Greeley Colorado and has been manufacturing a complete range of bridges, drainage products and highway construction materials for over 35 years. Bridges are provided for all public works type uses including vehicular, pedestrian and portable detour bridges. Big R is certified by the American Institute of Steel Construction (AISC). Big R prides itself on designing and producing bridges that are well suited both to the environment and the purpose intended.

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Sempra Energy Utilities was created in 1998 by the merger of San Diego Gas and Electric Co. and the Southern California Gas Co. The company now provides service to over 20 million customers in California and 29 million worldwide.

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New Affiliate Members (cont.)

BKF Engineers offers a wide variety of engineering services throughout the State in the areas of transportation, entitlement support, land planning, survey services, site development and specialty services such as landfill reclamation, Bay mud design, wetlands permit support, hydrologic studies and project management. Offices are located in Sacramento, San Jose, Redwood City, Pleasanton, Orange County and Richmond.

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These five new affiliate members bring the total of **Affiliate Membership** to 50 companies and organizations, many of which have multiple individuals that participate in CEAC events and activities.

A big thank you to all of the Affiliate Members for your many years of support to CEAC. We look forward to continued interaction with each of you as you assist our CEAC members in providing public works services throughout the State.

CEAC Memorial Scholarships

The CEAC Memorial Fund and Scholarship Committee, Chaired by Scott McGolpin, Director of Public Works for Santa Barbara County, announced the award of \$2,000 scholarships to three deserving Civil Engineering students just in time for the start of the fall semester. This year's recipients are the following:

Spencer Marcinek

Yucaipa, CA

Spencer is a civil engineering student at the University of California at Berkeley.

Shauna England

Chico, CA

Shauna is a senior, majoring in civil engineering at California State University, Chico and will be graduating in June 2010 and will pursue a career in the engineering profession.

David Biswanger

Fresno, CA

The CEAC Memorial Fund was established in 1972 with the purpose of helping deserving students in their quest for an engineering degree. The inertia for the fund was the tragic deaths of two 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 in Monterey. Money to support this important 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 over \$95,000 in scholarships to deserving students. The Bedroll Conference alone has contributed in excess of \$14,000 and some of our long time members have been staunch contributors to the memorial fund. Today the fund is almost totally funded from the CEAC treasury.

If any of you would like to contribute to the fund in memory of loved ones, relatives, friends, a favorite cause or even a family pet, you may do so by directing a check or other form of payment to our CEAC Treasurer, Mike Sadjadi.

NACE 2009

CEAC was well represented at NACE's annual meeting in Peoria, Illinois in April. In addition to the normal schedule of technical sessions and a large vendor and equipment show, Peoria, being the home of Caterpillar, provided opportunities for all conference attendees to visit and view Caterpillar facilities for production, marketing, research, testing and operator training. The new Cat D-11R was the highlight of the equipment demonstrations.

CEAC's own Phil Demery, Director of Public Works-Sonoma County, Past CEAC President 2003 and Honorable CLOD was installed as the NACE President Elect and will move up the ladder in the NACE organization to the Presidency at next year's conference in Fort Worth, Texas. ***Congratulations Phil !***



Conference Attendees from CEAC: (L to R) Leo Sumner, Mike and Pam Walford, Ken and Sandy Miller, *President* Peter Rei, Win Westfall, Phil and Marlene Demery, *Secretary* Julie Bueren, Luann and George Johnson, and *President Elect* Pat DeChellis.



NACE Rep. George "Titanic" Johnson tests out a new backhoe bucket.

CEAC members carried on a long standing tradition and put on another well received Snap-E-Tom reception on Wednesday morning at the conference. The reception was held in the Presidential Suite honoring Illinois' favorite son "Honest Abe," whose photograph graces the wall in the photo above.

Mark Your Calendars for NACE 2010, which will be held in Fort Worth Texas, April 25 through 29, 2010.

It would be great to have a large attendance of CEAC members to welcome Phil Demery as the next NACE President.

Street Light Association



Mehdi Sadjadi, P.E.
Executive Director

The California City-County Street Light Association (CAL-SLA) continues to represent cities and counties before the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). During 2008-2009 CAL-SLA has been involved in rate cases for all three major electric utilities: Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison, and San Diego Gas & Electric. The discussion below for Southern California Edison is a perfect example of the benefit of CAL-SLA. The correction would not have occurred without CAL-SLA

Southern California Edison

In March 2008, SCE filed an application to increase electric rates, including street lights. In the rate design application, SCE indicated a system-wide rate increase of 12.1%, but for street lighting, SCE initially requested a 20.5% increase over current rates. Moreover, SCE stated that the costs for owning and maintaining of the street lighting facilities was far greater than currently charged, and that facilities charges would significantly increase in the future — almost tripling over the next several years. (Edison owns most of the street lights in the utility's territory and, in a sense, rents them to cities and counties.) CAL-SLA submitted testimony vigorously opposing SCE's street light proposed increases and cost estimates and presented evidence that street light facilities costs were not as great as SCE asserted. CAL-SLA and SCE entered into settlement discussions and negotiated a settlement which has been submitted to the Administrative Law Judge in the rate proceeding. Under the settlement agreement, facilities charge would increase an average of 4.8% per year until 2012, when the next general rate case would be

filed by SCE. The annual percent change of 4.8% equals the average annual change in street light construction costs over the last five years in the Pacific region. A CPUC decision on the settlement and this rate case is expected later in 2009.

Assuming the CPUC adopts the settlement, CAL-SLA estimates a savings of \$7.6 million from SCE's initial proposed street light rate increase and an overall savings of \$119.6 million from SCE's estimates of the "full" cost of renting and maintaining street lights.

I shared the above information provided by the CAL-SLA Economist, Reed Schmidt, at the joint City-County leadership meeting during the 2009 Public Works Officers Institute in Monterey. Southern California Edison was going to revise the electric rates effective April 4, 2009 pursuant to Advice Letter 2336-E, to implement the CPUC decision in Phase 1 of the 2009 General Rate Case (the advise filing is more than 250 pages). Schmidt reviewed the material and found that a table in Advice Letter 2336-E was incorrect for street lighting. SCE rate analysts responded to his questions and agreed with him. SCE has corrected the table, which is attached in the substitute sheets for the Advice Letter. The percentage increase in the average rate for LS-1 is 6.2%; it was previously incorrectly stated to be 11.1%. The percentage decrease in the average rate for LS-2 is -3.9%; it had been incorrectly stated to be -1.9%. The increase for the total street lighting class is 3.2%, which is closer to the system average percentage change of 2.5%.

Pacific Gas & Electric

CAL-SLA intervened in PG&E's application to upgrade its electric meters to SmartMeters™. PG&E had requested spreading the costs of this upgrade program to all customers, including street lighting, even though almost all street lights are unmetered. CAL-SLA opposed PG&E's request for a rate increase for street lighting related to the utility's SmartMeters™ program. While the CPUC denied CAL-SLA's request mainly on procedural grounds, the CPUC acknowledged that CAL-SLA can raise

Street Light Association (cont.)

this issue in PG&E's next general rate case.

CAL-SLA is involved in improving energy efficiency by advocating more LED street lights. CAL-SLA is working with PG&E to add new electric rates for LED street lights owned by customers and to make sure the LED rates are fair to cities and counties.

San Diego Gas & Electric

In November 2008, San Diego Gas & Electric filed an application to update its cost allocation and electric rate design. CAL-SLA has intervened in this rate case and begun its investigation. SDG&E shows a small decrease, (-1.74%), for street lighting. The major street light issue will be a new rate schedule for lighting of outdoor recreation facilities owned by customers; the question is how this proposed schedule applies to cities and counties.

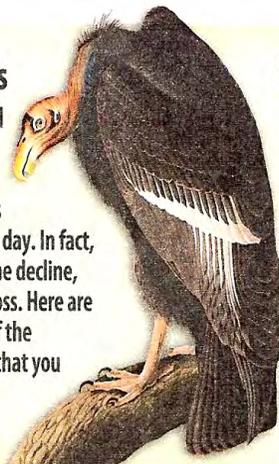
Condor Lore

- The California condor has the largest wingspan of any land bird in North America. Its closest relative is the slightly larger Andean condor of South America.
- Despite the name, California condors were found in pioneer days as far east as Colorado. Today, about 175 birds live free, mostly in the mountains of California and northern Mexico, Arizona's Grand Canyon, and Utah's Zion National Park.
- Captive-born chicks spend their first year or so in zoos, where they're sometimes fed by hand puppets disguised as condors. To prepare for their release into the wild, they live for at least six months in remote outdoor pens, where they are mentored by adult birds.
- Condor pairs reproduce only once every two years, giving birth to a single chick. Individuals can live past 50 years.

The holy grail of birds

Spotting a rare bird in the wild is one of the great thrills of bird-watching.

Unfortunately, America's birds are becoming more rare every day. In fact, one in four U.S. species is on the decline, primarily because of habitat loss. Here are some high-profile members of the endangered-bird community that you can look for at various places around the country:



← California condor

One of the world's biggest flying birds, this member of the vulture family has a wingspan up to 9½ feet. Look for it along California's central coast, where the species has been reintroduced from Big Sur to the mountains of Los Angeles.



← Whooping crane

Fewer than 300 of these distinctive, long-necked birds are known to live outside captivity between the Gulf Coast of Texas and the Canadian border. If you're lucky enough to happen upon one, you'll know it by the snowy white feathers, black legs and impressive stature: It stands up to 5 feet tall.

→ Ivory-billed woodpecker

This large woodpecker was thought to be extinct until 2004, when it was rediscovered in Arkansas. It has glossy black plumage, a red crest, a white stripe that runs from under its eye to the side of its back, plus that ivory-colored bill.



CALIFORNIA CONDOR: GEOFFREY CLEMENTS; CRANES: WHOOPING CRANE AND IVORY-BILLED WOODPECKER: PHOTOFEST

Droppings



From out of the Past

By

Dave Gravenkamp

CEAC Historian

The meeting was held on March 18, 1993 during the annual Spring Conference. This, by invitation only, gathering was called by your truly (recently having been elected CEAC Historian) to solicit advice from “old timers” on what should be the Historian’s job duties. Attending were: Larry Coleman, Tehama Co.; Dick Curry, Shasta Co.; Bruce McClain, Monterey Co.; Bill McIntosh, Lassen Co.; Lloyd Roberts, Yolo Co.; Lee Steward, Santa Barbara Co.; Vern’e” Davis, Merced Co.; Richard Welton, Fresno Co.; Vic Sauer, Contra Costa Co.; Jim Pott, Santa Clara Co.; Art Goulet, Ventura Co.; Mike Walford, Contra Costa Co.; Dave Pierson, Imperial Co.; George Protopapas, San Luis Obispo Co.; and Clay Castleberry, Butte Co. There may have been a few more.

It was suggested by someone that the writings of Earle Burt, Los Angeles Co. Road Commissioner and Past President of CEAC (1952) might be a good source of history as he had visited every County seat and kept good records of his travels. Unfortunately, a follow-up conversation determined that his records were no longer available.

It was agreed that the Historian should keep good records of the happenings at each annual Spring and Fall Conference. You ‘oldsters’ will (or may) recall that this effort was made a part of the “Two Years at a Glance” articles that were previously written in the Newsletter.

The CEAC logo was discussed and it was concluded that the logo was to be designed by San Diego Co. road boss, Dave Spear. As the meeting progressed (or deteriorated), individuals put forth tidbits of what

they felt should be a part of CEAC’s recorded history. Dave Pierson recalled that Al Kuck often put up his own money for the good of the organization and that the CSAC and CEAC regions were first established in 1958. Clay Castleberry had several comments, however, nobody in attendance could see what they had to do with CEAC history.

Bruce McClain added that at the 1958 Annual Meeting, Ed Hanna had waged a fierce campaign to hold the 1960 or 1961 annual meeting in Tres Pinos. This of course led to discussion of the Buffalo Bull Award, which all concluded should be continued and that the “winners” should be recognized and be given a place of honor in CEAC annals. Others offered that the “Road Commissioner” title came into being with the passage of the Collier-Burns Act in 1948, that San Mateo County had the last elected County Surveyor and that Alameda County had the only elected Road Commissioner.

I have written previously about the effect of the Collier-Burns Act on bringing about significant change in road management policies and procedures. Prior to the Act it was common for each county supervisor to have his own road commissioner and crews and wouldn’t allow them to be traded or used in other areas of the county.

You probably wonder what all of this has to do with CEAC History. My point is that in the 60 plus “Droppings” written and published since the initial 1993 meeting were in large measure the outgrowth of that meeting and also from substantial input from all of you. Also, thanks for your many suggestions for future “Droppings.”

While I’m in a thanking mood, a big THANKS to all for your responses to the note in our last Newsletter advising that I was “under the weather.” I’m happy to report that I’m fine and thank you for your calls, cards, and thoughts.

Now.....what to write about in the next Newsletter?



CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 2009 Public Works Officers Institute

Friday, March 27, 2009 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Los Angeles Room, Monterey Marriott Hotel
350 Calle Principal, Monterey, CA

1. Call to Order

Peter Rei called the County Engineer Association of California (CEAC), Board of Directors meeting to order at 11:00 at the PWOI meeting in Monterey, CA with the following in attendance:

<u>Officer's Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>County</u>
Peter Rei	President	Tuolumne
Patrick DeChellis	President Elect	Los Angeles
Julie Bueren	Secretary	Contra Costa
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
George Johnson	Past President/NACE Rep	Riverside

<u>Regional Directors</u>	<u>Region</u>	<u>County</u>
Jim Porter	Central Coast	San Mateo
Tom Mattson	Northern California	Humboldt
Birgitta Corsello*	North Bay	Solano
Michael Penrose*	Sacramento Mother Lode	Sacramento
Tom Flinn*	San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin
Paul Greenway*	South Central Coast	Monterey
Ignacio Ochoa*	Southern California	Orange

<u>Committee Chairs</u>	<u>Committee</u>	<u>County</u>
Tom Mattson	Transportation	Humboldt
Pattie McNamee	Fellowship	Contra Costa
Mitch Avalon*	Flood Control and Water Resources	Contra Costa
Wes Zicker*	Land Use	Placer
Daniel Woldesenbet*	Oversight	Alameda
Scott McGolpin*	Scholarship	Santa Barbara
Susan Klassen*	Solid Waste	Sonoma
Mike Emmons*	Survey	Santa Barbara

***All Regional Directors and Committee Chairs/Co-Chairs are listed. Those shown with an * and shaded were not in attendance.**

<u>CSAC/CEAC Staff</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Agency/County</u>
DeAnn Baker	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CEAC

<u>Other Attendees</u>		
Max Bridges	CLOD	San Benito (Retired)

2. **Approval of Minutes of January 30, 2009** (Bueren)
Julie missed the January 30, 2009 meeting and Pat DeChellis took the minutes in her absence. They were not ready for review and approval at this meeting.
3. **Correspondence** (Rei) - No correspondence received. Mehdi sent two letters to new Directors.
4. **CLODS Report** (CLODS) - Mehdi Sadjadi gave the CLODS' report. The program for the President's Banquet was very good. Thanks to Merrin and CSAC staff for all of their help. The CLODS are preparing for the CLODS Barbecue at the fall conference and they are reaching out to the Director from Monterey County.
5. **NACE Report** (Johnson)
 - Upcoming Conference in Peoria.
 - Next year the conference will be in Fort Worth, Texas and Phil will be sworn in as President.
6. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff – DeAnn, Karen, Merrin)
 - DeAnn presented a history of the CSAC/CEAC contract and made a proposal to go back to a lump sum contract of \$125,000 for 2009. The Board approved this concept and DeAnn will bring back for the May meeting. See **Attachment 1, History of CSAC/CEAC Contract**
 - Merrin reported that the hardcopies of the roster were sent out that week and she would follow up with e-mail when she gets back to the office.
 - The website has been designed and should be up soon.
 - Discussed the Appointment to the CUCCAC and other committees that ask for CEAC representation. Agreed we should do a call for interest in these situations. Merrin will work with Pat to define a process. Merrin will also follow up to see what representatives are serving on the various committees – Safety, bridge, Coop, etc.
 - Discussion about subcommittee's role in the Board of Director's meetings. General consensus is that the chair should either be at the meeting or provide a report.
 - Tom Mattson raised the issue of focusing on specifics to work on process improvements with regard to project delivery. He agreed to review the "agenda for Change" and "project Red Tape" efforts to see what has been addressed and what still needs work.

7. **Regional Directors Reports** (Informational Item Only)
 - **San Joaquin** – No Report
 - **Southern California** - No Report
 - **Sacramento Mother Lode** - Peter Rei reported that Mike Penrose is the Regional Director for Sacramento Mother Lode. The Region has become more active with two meetings last year and a meeting is coming up.
 - **North Bay** – No Report
 - **Northern California** –Tom Mattson, Humboldt County, reported that the Northern Region met on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at PWOI in Monterey. Trinity County received the Region's safety award with zero reportable accidents on County Roads. Carl Bonomini is retiring in May.
 - **Central Coast** - Jim Porter, San Mateo County reported they had a meeting in February in Alameda County. The meeting's focus was the Federal Stimulus. They plan to do a quick meeting before Brian Lee's retirement Party in on April 3. Jim and Birgitta Corsello, Solano County, are planning at a joint Central Coast and North Bay meeting, possibly in May. These two regions include the nine Bay Area Counties in both Caltrans District 4 and MTC.

8. **Treasurers Report** (Sadjadi)
 - The Treasurer's Report, including Budget, (**Attachment 2**) was reviewed and accepted. Motion by Pat DeChellis, 2nd by Tom Mattson.

9. **Committee Reports**
 - a) **Flood Control and Water Resources** – there was an update on the Flood Control Needs Assessment. The effort by DWR is stalled because of frozen bond funds. Plan to use some of the \$14,000 that has been collected by CEAC from counties. Meeting minutes are included as **Attachment 3**.
 - b) **Solid Waste** – Meeting focused on Senate Bill 1016 and the Waste Board participated in the meeting via a conference call connection.
 - c) **Surveyor** – The Committee's forwarded the Guide for the Preparation of Records of Surveys and Corner Records to CEAC Board of Directors with a request to adopt. The Board of Directors approved the Committee's recommendation and adopted the Guide. George Johnson made the motion with a second by Ken Miller. A copy of the Committee's request and the Guide are included as **Attachment 4**.
 - d) **Land Use** – Wes Zicker reported that the Land Use Committee used the time to share information and discuss common issues since they had addressed policy and legislative issues at the Fall Policy Conference. The feedback was very positive.
 - e) **Transportation** – A lot of focus on the economic stimulus. Good report by Denix regarding the issues in project delivery for the stimulus projects – 1511 certification, DBE program, etc. Also discussion about AB1409 that concerns the

definition of day labor

- f) **Oversight and Special Tasks Committee** – Discussed Vision 2012. There will be a follow up meeting in May of the Oversight Committee focused on Vision 2012. **The meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2009, 10:00am – 3:00pm in Sacramento at CSAC's office (3rd Floor Conference Room).** The intent of the meeting is to:
- Finalize our Vision 2012 recommendations.
 - Create a list of action items to implement the recommendations.
 - Create a budget request (if necessary).

10. Other Committee Reports

- a) **Fellowship** – There was no report, but it was noted what a great job the committee did with hospitality. People seemed to really enjoy the themes.
- b) **Scholarship** – Information with the forms and instructions is on the website

11. Life Membership

Tom Mattson recommended that Carl Bonomini be recognized with a Life Membership. Carl has been very active in CEAC, particularly with regard to safety. The Board of **Directors voted to approve a Life Membership for Carl Bonomini to be presented at his retirement function or at a meeting of the Northern Chapter Regional meeting.**

12. Unfinished Business

- a) CLODS BBQ. The CLODS are preparing for the CLODS Barbecue at the fall conference and they are reaching out to the Director from Monterey County.
- b) Sponsorship at Annual Conference (Rei) Pete and Merrin discussed ideas for additional sponsorship opportunities at our conferences such as having consultants sponsor a tee at the golf tournament.
- c) Policy of reimbursement for spouses to NACE and CEAC conferences (Rei) The decision was made to not pay for spouses travel to conferences. We will follow up with a revision to the bylaws to clarify this. We also discussed a stipend for the Treasurer to reimburse him for his costs of keeping our books. We will discuss a specific proposal at our next meeting.
- d) Road report contract amount – Maurice Shiu (Rei) We had authorized a budget amount of \$10,000 for Maurice Shiu to work to modify the State Road Report. The actual proposal submitted was for \$10,350. Pete will talk to Maurice to rectify.
- e) Statewide Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Oversight Committee Final Draft Report (DeChellis) Talked about the next steps for the Needs Assessment – how to use it effectively as a tool to make our case for funding of the local system.

13. New Business

- a) CEAC Contract amendment (Baker)
- b) CEAC Associate Membership (Rei)
- c) Brian Lee retirement resolution (Shiu) Maurice recommended that CEAC present Brian Lee with a Resolution for all of his work for the Association during his career. Julie agreed to prepare one for review by the Officers. Julie will present both the Resolution and his Life Membership at Brian's retirement party.

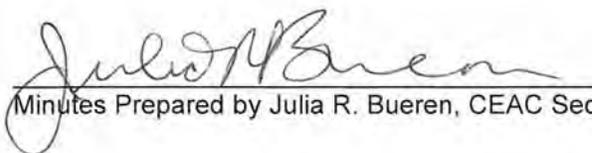
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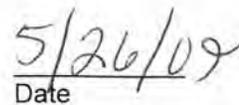
- a) NACE Conference - Peoria, Illinois, April 19-23, 2009
- b) CSAC Legislative Conference - Sacramento, CA, May 27-28, 2009
- c) NACo Annual Conference - Nashville, TN, July 24-29, 2009
- d) CEAC Policy Conference - Sacramento, CA, October 8-9 2009
- e) CSAC 115th Annual Meeting - Monterey, CA, November 17-20, 2009

15. CEAC Board of Directors 2009 Meeting Schedule (proposed)

- a) Wednesday, May 27, 2009 from 3:30-4:30pm, CSAC Leg Conference/Conference Call **The meeting is scheduled from 2:30 to 4:30 at CSAC's Office, 1100 K Street, 1st Floor Conference Room, Sacramento or via conference call: 916.445.5476.**
- b) July 16, 2009: 10:30 – 11:30am, Bedroll Conference/Conference Call
- c) October 9, 2009: 10:15 – 11:30, Fall Policy Conference

16. Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm


Minutes Prepared by Julia R. Bueren, CEAC Secretary


Date

Attachments

- 1. CSAC/CEAC Contract Update (Item 6)
- 2. Treasurer's Report and Budget (Item 8)
- 3. Flood Control Committee Report (Item 9a)
- 4. Survey Committee - Guide for the Preparation of Records of Surveys and Corner Records (Item 9c)

Late Spring Conference Photos



Congratulations from the *Tres Pinos Committee* to Phil Demery on another fine effort to take home the “U.P.S.” Award (The Big Brown One) for a second time. Phil is flanked by last year’s recipient, Pat DeChellis on the left, and two happy losers George Johnson and Brian “Stand-in” Lee.



Our Glorious Leader Peter and Spouse Deborah

Bedroll 2009

A report from Tom Hunter, Plumas County–Retired, indicates another successful conference occurred in the wild at Lake Almanor. All enjoyed the review and discussion of current important issues facing Public Works programs throughout the State, done in a more relaxed atmosphere in the beautiful mountains of Plumas County. In addition, great food and beverage was again served by volunteers from those attending. And you thought they could only pave roads and build bridges.

Rumor has it that one recently retired Public Works Director from Trinity County was seen at some point during the conference about 20 feet up in a pine tree choking the snot out of a # 4 Utility Club. The name of this gentleman will remain anonymous, but you can ask him about it the next time he appears at a CEAC function. There were pictures of the incident, but unfortunately they did not reproduce well enough to show you here, as it was so dark way up in that old pine tree.



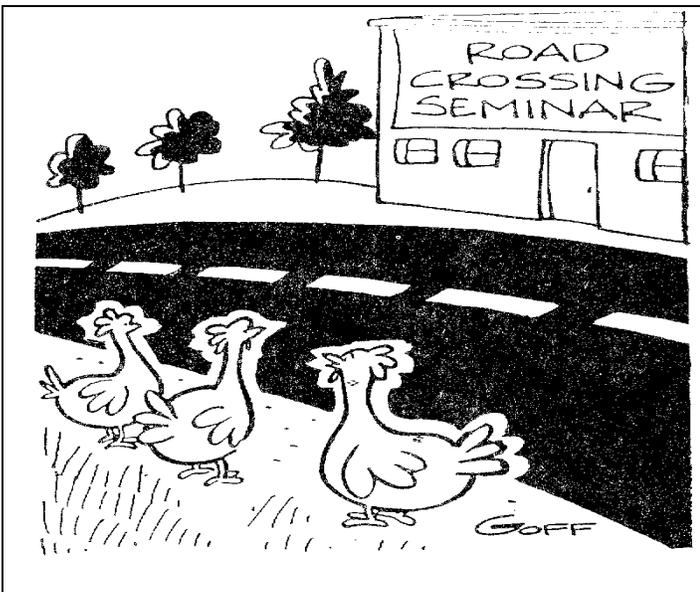
This and That

One Morning, members of a local highway department crew reached their job site and realized they'd forgotten their shovels.

The crew's foreman radioed the office and told his supervisor the situation.

"Don't worry," the supervisor radioed back, "We'll send some shovels. Just lean on each other until they arrive."

A Young Minister, at his first parish, spoke at the funeral of an eccentric man who had just died. Standing before the open casket and consoling the man's widow, he said, "I know this must be difficult, Mrs. Vernon, But we must remember that what we see here is the husk, only, the shell, the nut has gone to be with the Lord."



Don Labelle's Margaritas:

(A cure for insomnia)

½ cup Minute Maid (lemonade Concentrate – no substitute)

½ Cup Triple Sec

1 cup Tequila

Add Ice and Blend

"I never hated a man enough to give back the diamonds."

~Zsa Zsa Gabor

The Cardiologist's Diet: *"If it tastes good, spit it out."*
~Unknown

"The secret to a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending,.....and to have the two as close together as possible."

~George Burns



After The Party, as the couple drove home, the wife asked her husband, "Honey, has anyone ever told you how handsome, sexy and irresistible to women you are?"

"Not that I recall," the husband replied.

"Then what on Earth gave you that idea at the party tonight?"

A Man is trying to cross the street. As he steps off the curb, a car comes screaming around the corner and heads straight for him. The man walks faster, trying to hurry across the street, but the car changes lanes and is still coming at him.

The man turns around to go back, but the car changes lanes again and is still coming at him. By now, the car is so close, and the man so scared, that he just freezes in the middle of the road.

The car gets closer, then swerves at the last moment and screeches to a halt beside him.

The man sees a squirrel behind the wheel.

After rolling down his car window, the squirrel looks at the man and says, "See, it's not as easy as it looks, is it?"

Buffalo Bull Award Nominations

This is a **first call** for nominations for one of CEAC's most prestigious awards that dates to 1972. Although the award is not scheduled to be presented again until the Spring 2010 Meeting, it is not too early to get your thoughts together and provide a nomination before you forget the despicable engineering misdeeds that would warrant a nomination.



A By-Product of Grass Roots Government

Awarded annually by the CLODS for the Most Inexplicable and Incomprehensible Contribution to County Engineering in California.

Send your nominations to the Newsletter Editor as noted below. He will, in turn, forward the nominations to an unknown post office box in Tres Pinos, CA for consideration.

Still Lost in Love!

Happy Anniversaries!

Verne and Dawn Davis (August 6th) - 60 years.

Max and Dee Dee Bridges (August 15th) - 39 years.

In the first year of marriage, the man speaks and the woman listens. In the second year, the woman speaks and the man listens. In the third year, they both speak and the neighbors listen.

Now what do you think happens in the 60th year?

Editorial Note:

Thanks to a number of you that sent letters, photos, and newsworthy stuff. Unfortunately my "hard drive" decided to have a stroke and I lost a number of files and the info you provided in the process of replacing it. Hopefully, I will be savvy enough to do a better job of backing up these files in the future.

ATTENTION ALL READERS

The Newsletter has been a fixture of our organization for many years with a purpose of bringing to CEAC members, affiliates and friends a summary of activities, issues and events with a blend of humor and sometimes even a little sarcasm. Whether you have been a reader for many years or you are new to CEAC, your activities, opinions, ideas, concerns, etc. and those of your County or business are of great interest to other CEAC members and retirees.

Your contributions to the Newsletter are always welcome.

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