

# CEAC Newsletter

**March 2014**

## **President's Message**

**By**

**Scott D. McGolpin  
Santa Barbara County**



I am honored that the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) membership and CLODS (California's Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants) have selected me to guide our organization as your President for 2014 - our centennial year. I am proud to have the opportunity to serve in this capacity, to represent each of you and the tremendous public service you provide to the citizens of your county and this great state. The active participation of each of you in our respective CEAC regional activities and policy committees at our conferences is the basis of CEAC's outstanding reputation and service. Thank you for the continued support!

I would like to acknowledge Tom Mattson, our Past President, for his leadership and dedication to CEAC over this last year. I will certainly be calling on Tom for guidance in 2014; in fact I made my first call to him last week. Congratulations to Mike Penrose for accepting the position of President-Elect and Matt Machado on his installation as incoming Secretary. All of us, together with the entire Board of Directors, are excited to work with CEAC and each of you in 2014.

This year will be a milestone year for CEAC as it will be our 100th anniversary. In 1914, CEAC was established to provide a mechanism for our State's 58 counties to meet and work together on common engineering problems and issues in an effort to improve engineering practices and services to the public. Your CEAC Board of Directors wants to make the upcoming year a special one by developing information and tools which can be used to promote our organization to each of your county board of supervisors, as well as the public that we serve. As county public works representatives, we



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want to inform the public about what we do every day to make California's communities better. We need 100% support from each of our member counties to get the word out about our special anniversary. A 100-year anniversary committee was formed to celebrate this milestone anniversary. A very big thank you goes out to former CEAC President and CLOD, Julie Bueren, Contra Costa County, for leading this effort. Please keep an eye out for information packages you can use for local resolutions, etc. to mar this milestone in our organization's history.

As we celebrate the first century of our outstanding association, we must also set the course for CEAC's next 100 years. As California has grown and changed over the last 100 years, so has CEAC and its member counties; expanding into service areas that were not envisioned in 1914. Public Works Departments are now providing building maintenance services, park services, the management and operations of airports, waste disposal and a broad list of other valuable services. As an organization, we need to recognize these new service demands and accommodate our member's needs, just as we have for more traditional public works services. In 2013, Tom Mattson, started the process to review how CEAC can assist our members in these new service areas. We need to continue that effort to ensure we are an inclusive organization; one that recognizes all of the services performed by public works organizations in California today, and offer opportunities for policy work, professional development, and fellowship with those areas for CEAC members in the future.

As we all know, the lack of adequate funding has been an issue in transportation for many years. I would venture to guess that one of the reason CEAC was started in 1914 was due to a lack of funding to adequately address the infrastructure needs at the time. Unfortunately, little has changed, and social changes and developments in technology will continue to diminish the usefulness of funding mechanisms designed for the 20th century. As an organization, we have discussed an increase to our core funding sources, the Federal and State Gas Taxes, for many years. To succeed in today's environment,

we must have partners and we must continue to build strong alliances to obtain the additional funding we will need to adequately address our infrastructure needs. At the recent annual meeting in San Jose, we heard Transportation California's proposal to increase revenue options. Transportation California is representative of the type of partnership we need to develop in the coming years to bring us the resources needed to deliver the services our communities expect. MAP 21, the federal transportation funding bill is scheduled to be re-authorized in 2014. California must be at the table when these discussions commence in earnest. If we are not, California will be left behind. CEAC will continue to partner with the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the League of California Cities and the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) to insure that our delegation knows what California's counties and cities need from Washington D.C. and the re-authorized federal transportation bill.

Through a tremendous effort in 2013, our organization, in collaboration with Los Angeles County and many others brought Senate Bill 804 to the Governor's desk. This bill would have advanced solid waste conversion technologies as an alternative to landfills in California by providing them with a clear regulatory pathway. The Governor stated that the last minute amendments made the bill "overly complicated and unworkable" and he unfortunately vetoed the bill. It is time for us as an organization to double down on developing legislation to considered next year. Continuing to bury our municipal solid waste is not a sustainable practice over the next 100 years. California needs to once again take a leadership role to develop resource recovery and alternative disposal methods for municipal solid waste material. It is our job to let the legislature know how that should be accomplished.

Since the March 2011 Tsunami, a "Governor's proclamation of a state of emergency" has included state contributions to local government emergency or disaster related costs in two of eighteen declared events. In 16 events, no California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funds were made available. This needs to be corrected! These actions by the State,

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coupled with FEMA's continued denial of a Road Commissioners' authority contained with state law must be addressed. CEAC must endeavor to ensure that the taxpayers of each County have the tools and cash flow needed to meet the requirements of ever-changing regulations when a disaster strikes. Furthermore, we must protect our ability to obtain Gubernatorial Proclamations of State Emergency with access to state grant proceeds. The ability to expeditiously repair California's infrastructure when disaster strikes, depends on state and federal relief during times of emergency.

In closing, I want to say thank you to the CLODS for inviting me to be a part of the CEAC leadership team, and for allowing me the honor of assuming the role of President. Thank you to the Board of Directors of CEAC, the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of our committees, and our Regional Directors. An organization is only as strong as its participants, and CEAC's strength today is due to the leadership and expertise each of you brings to your roles in this association. Thank you to our members, sponsors and affiliates. Your involvement is critical to our success to improve the quality of life for the communities we serve as county engineers. I look forward to seeing each of you at our Spring Conference in Sacramento, March 26 - 28, 2014.

~Scott



The newly elected CEAC President for 2013/2014 addresses the membership.... then dons the traditional CEAC hardhat before taking flight.



# Engineer of the Year



**Daniel Woldezenbet**, Director of Public Works for Alameda County, was honored as CEAC’s **“Engineer of the Year”** for 2013

# Surveyor of the Year



Gwen Gee, Santa Clara County, was presented with the “Surveyor of the Year” Award for 2013 by President Tom Mattson

## Member Spotlight



**Ralph Chappel**, spouse of Julie Bueren, Contra Costa County, makes presentation of 2013 “Buddy Award” to **Ari DeChellis**, Los Angeles County.

The “Buddy Award” was initiated in 1983 when it was presented to R.J. “Rudy” Massman of San Diego County. The award has been presented annually since then to the spouse of a County Engineer who has exhibited his/her dedication, support and love to his/her spouse.



For 2013 the CHICS presented its “Golden Egg Award” to **George Bradley**, Petrochem Manufacturing, Inc., and **Doug Wilson**, CEAC Parliamentarian and man of many hats, including Tulare and Inyo Counties and Willdan Engineering.

The “Golden Egg Award” was created in 2007 to honor individuals that have exhibited outstanding and extraordinary efforts or initiative in fostering professional growth and opportunities for participation by women and minorities in the public works field and have contributed to promoting diversity and cultural awareness within CEAC or their own organization.

# Member Spotlight

## New Affiliate

**BSK Associates** provides consulting engineering and analytical testing for clients with projects ranging in size from small to complex, in both natural and built environments. BSK is an employee owned company started over 45 years ago. It has a staff of over 150 engineers, scientists, chemists, technicians, inspectors, and project managers with offices, laboratories, and sample drop-off locations throughout Northern and Central California.



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Additional contacts and offices in Livermore,  
Fresno and Bakersfield.

## New Principal Member

**Al Sawyer**  
Assistant Director of Public Works, Development  
Sutter County  
1130 Civic Center Blvd.  
Yuba City, CA 95993

## New Regional Directors

Southern California:  
**Vincent Gin**, Orange County

Northern California:  
**Scott DeLeon**, Lake County

Sacramento-Mother Lode:  
Position currently vacant.

## Scholarship



Ignacio Ochoa, Kevin Onuma and Vincent Gin of Orange County Public Works present \$2,000 CEAC scholarship check to Alma Carillo, civil engineering student at U.C. Irvine.

## 2014 Bedroll Conference

Tom Hunter has announced that the annual Bedroll Conference at Lake Almanor will be held July 23 through 25 this year. Mark your calendars for another exciting and informative conference.

## 2014 NACE Annual Meeting

There is still time to register and join your fellow CEAC members at the NACE Annual Meeting. See the NACE website at [www.countyengineers.org](http://www.countyengineers.org) for all the details about the meeting and registration.



# Public Works Secretarial Seminar

Department of Transportation  
Michael J. Penrose, Director



**Divisions**  
Administration  
Maintenance & Operations  
Engineering & Planning

## County of Sacramento

### 29<sup>TH</sup> Annual Public Works Secretarial Seminar Sacramento County May 21 – 23, 2014

February 3, 2014

Dear PWSS Members:

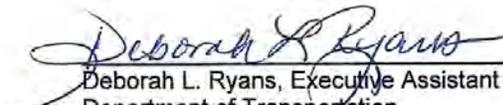
Sacramento County will host the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Work Secretarial Seminar at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Sacramento, CA. The registration table will open at 4:00 P.M. on the day you arrive. It will be located in the lobby directly behind the check-in counter. We will take a short walk to the Delta King Restaurant for our Reception which begins at 6:00 p.m.

We have put together an exciting and informative agenda which we hope you will remember for years to come! Please join us as we network with our peers, learn new skills and gain insight about two of the Municipal Services (Public Works) Projects in Sacramento County. Thursday, we will tour the newly constructed Vineyard Water Treatment Facility and on Friday, we will take you on a tour of Sacramento International Airport's Terminal A. For those of you flying in, Friday's lunch will be served in the large Conference room at Terminal A. You may choose to depart after lunch on Friday. Those of you who plan to stay another day, we recommend signing up for the Underground Tour. Come explore Old Sacramento's underground hidden beneath the city. It has been the capital's best kept secret for nearly 150 years!

The discounted room rate of \$150/night ends on April 30, 2014, so be sure to book early! Every room is a suite and can easily accommodate two people. Buffet breakfast is included in the room rate for both days. Please submit your registration by May 2, 2014.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces and meeting new participants as well. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-7125.

Sincerely,

  
Deborah L. Ryans, Executive Assistant  
Department of Transportation

/dlr

Attachment:  
Registration Form

For seminar registration form, agenda,  
and other seminar details go to  
[www.sacdot.com/pages/pwss.aspx](http://www.sacdot.com/pages/pwss.aspx)

# Board of Directors



**CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
 CSAC 119<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
 Friday, November 22, 2013 ~ 10:00 – 12:00  
 San Jose Marriott, Almaden Room  
 San Jose, Santa Clara County



**Call to Order** (McGolpin) Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am on Friday, November 22, 2013

**Meeting Roster:**

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>County</b>
Scott McGolpin	President	Santa Barbara
Michael Penrose	President Elect	Sacramento
Matt Machado	Secretary	Stanislaus
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi	Treasurer	Marin (Retired)
Doug Wilson	Parliamentarian	Tulare (Retired)
Ken Miller	Newsletter Editor	San Bernardino (Retired)
Tom Mattson	Past President	Humboldt
Patrick DeChellis	NACE Representative	Los Angeles
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
<b>Regional Directors</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>County</b>
Stephen Kowalewski	Bay Area	Contra Costa
Rick Tippet	Northern California	Trinity
Tom Garcia	Sacramento Mother Lode	Calaveras
Michael Selling	San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin
Paavo Ogren	Central Coast	San Luis Obispo
Jeff Pratt	Southern California	Ventura
<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>County</b>
Matt Machado	Transportation	Stanislaus
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 Presliegh	Scholarship	Santa Cruz
Pat Proano	Solid Waste	Los Angeles
Steven Steinhoff	Survey	Los Angeles
<b>CSAC/CEAC Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency/County</b>
DeAnn Baker	Director Legislative Affairs	CSAC
Karen Keene	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Kiana Buss	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Cara Martinson	Associate Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Chris Lee	Legislative Analyst	CSAC/CEAC
<b>Other Attendees</b>		
David Fleisch		Ventura

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Bob Perreault		Plumas
Max Bridges		San Benito (Retired)
Jerry Quinn		Gerard J. Quinn & Associates
Mort August		Glenn (Retired)
Mark Schleich		Santa Barbara
Pattie McNamee		Quincy Engineering
David Leamon		Stanislaus

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

## 2. Approval of Minutes –

- July 26, 2013 minutes (re-adopted because Steve Steinhoff, who had seconded motion at September 12 meeting, was committee chair, not a board member) - Upon a motion by Mehdi Sadjadi and second by Michael Penrose, were **unanimously approved**.
- September 12, 2013 minutes - Upon a motion by Mehdi Sadjadi and second by Michael Penrose, were **unanimously approved**.

## 3. Correspondence (Scott McGolpin)

- a) None

## 4. CLODS Report (CLODS) – Mehdi Sadjadi reported that the CLODS B-B-Q went well, even though they had a rough start. A couple of concerns were organization of transportation and facility access. Precise instructions will be developed for future events. The program was a great success and the food was amazing. The event was complete by 3 pm.

## 5. NACE Report (Michael Penrose) – Several CEAC members attended the Western Regional NACE conference in Laughlin, Nevada, November 6-8. Member attendees included Pat DeChellis, Mike Penrose, Pat Proano, and Bill Brunet. Upcoming NACE events include the 2014 Annual Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 13-17, followed by the Western Regional NACE conference in Laughlin, Nevada, November 5-7, 2014. Michael encouraged that all should go to represent California with a high turnout.

## 6. CSAC Report (CSAC Staff) – DeAnn Baker expressed CSAC’s commitment to CEAC as expressed by the CSAC Executive Director Matt Cate. Matt has made substantial changes in CSAC with high expectations of serving members well. His proactive philosophy will be helpful and he recognizes the positive unique working relationship with CEAC. Staff is supportive and committed to continue to enhance its’ relationship with CEAC. Chris Lee, Legislative Analyst, is the newest addition to staff and has good knowledge and experience with counties. An item to be aware of is relative to the Transportation California tax effort; prior CSAC BOD supported new taxes. New members of the CSAC BOD may be more conservative and may voice tax initiative concerns. Counties will need to keep their local elected officials informed on the need and status. Should this effort be supported by the Governor then we could see movement in early February. CSAC would then be in a position to voice an opinion in late spring or summer. Merrin Gerety shared that the new CEAC shirts were well received and all enjoyed the 100 year anniversary video. **Action Item: Merrin to**

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*distribute additional centennial items through public works directors.*

## 7. Regional Directors Reports

- San Joaquin Valley – Michael Selling reported that the last meeting of the year was in Fresno in October. During the October meeting Dan Gibbs from Fresno County was elected president. There is still discussion on who will be the Regional Director considering the travel distance to Sacramento and travel limitations. Completed a plaque for the 100 year anniversary of CEAC. The plaque was submitted yesterday to Tom Mattson, and hopefully will be on display for all to see. The next meeting will be in January in Kings County.
- Northern California – Rick Tippet reported that there were 80 participants for the first annual snow plow rodeo held in Trinity County, October 29. It was a great success. There is a web video link on Trinity County's website. Shasta County won the event. The following year will be hosted by Shasta County (hopefully). The region held a meeting during the annual meeting. The next meeting will be in January, where new officers will be selected.
- Central Coast – Scott McGolpin reported they last met in mid-August. The next meeting will be in spring, 2014.
- Bay Area – Stephen Kowalewski reported their last meeting was during the Fall Policy Conference. After the first of year they are planning the next meeting. They are hoping to implement a Web X system to get better participation.
- Southern California – Jeff Pratt reported that they met this week. One of the larger items of discussion was the fact that NACO is looking for candidates to represent parts of the nation on flood plain mapping. With this call for nominations it was decided that Southern California is unique enough to have representation. The group has made a nomination with Jeff as the alternate. They are working with Karen Keene through NACO. The Southern California region elected Vince Gin, Orange County as their new Regional Director. Jeff also discussed the topic of outreach and the need to create a constant drum beat. A PowerPoint was shared at the transportation committee. This PowerPoint can be shared with CEAC for distribution.
- Sacramento Motherlode – Tom Garcia reported that the last meeting was during the Fall Policy Conference. The next meeting will be in January.

8. **Treasurers Report (Sadjadi)** – Mehdi included in the packet a treasurer's report and budget document for next year. He commented that the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment contract is in order and represented in the budget. Action is needed for approval on budget and either approval or acceptance of the treasurer report. DeAnn inquired whether the line item for CEAC staff was flexible considering cost of living / 2.5% numbers are not yet reflected in the budget. Mehdi commented the line item was flexible and could be modified as soon as the numbers are known. Motion to approve the Treasurer Report by Jeff Pratt, second by Mike Penrose – **unanimously approved**. Motion to approve the Proposed Budget by Stephen Kowalewski, second by Matt Machado – **unanimously approved**.

## 9. Committee Reports

- a) Flood Control and Water Resources – Karen Keene provided highlights, the water bond was discussed relative flood control related funds and process to secure those funds. Cara Martinson provided legislative update. There was discussion regarding re-initiating

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- regular meetings with the Department of Fish and Wildlife to create open dialogue with agencies. Santa Clara Water District provided a brief update on legislation that requires endowments as part of mitigation plans.
- b) Solid Waste – Karen Keene reported that Cara Martinson has taken a larger role in solid waste. She put considerable energy into SB804. She is also tasked with work on Organics legislation. Mark Schleich reported that SB804 was vetoed by the Governor. The State is pushing for banning organics. This would remove ~30% by tonnage the amount of material going to landfills. This reduced tonnage would affect fee structures that are based upon weight. Additionally, the effort by the legislation to ban plastic bags fell short by just 2 votes. There most likely will be a push this year for this legislation. Pharmaceuticals continue to be a hot topic. Finally, homelessness is becoming a source and problem for illegal dumping in some counties.
  - c) Surveyor – Cara Martinson reported that there is continued discussion on AB1063. This proposed legislation impacts surveyor committee and community. CEAC has been contacted by sponsor to work through solutions to concerns. Matt Machado reported that there was a good discussion on an upcoming record of survey workshop. It has been decided to bring this item to the spring conference, to brainstorm topics and answers in preparation for the CLSA annual conference. The workshop at the CLSA conference will be open to all (focus on private sector), with a goal to create consistency among all county map checkers. Other topics of discussion included Surveyor of the Year Award and the idea of having the private sector nominate surveyors from each region.
  - d) Land Use – Rick Tippett reported that Rule 20A agreement edits are good and being wrapped up for PG&E. Legislative issues were summarized. The committee introduced a new survey to determine the land use committee direction.
  - e) Transportation – Matt Machado reported that Will Kempton gave a great presentation for a new transportation revenue idea. Jeff Holm, from FHWA, presented on the topic of MAP 21- Enhanced National Highway System. Discussion on this topic resulted in a need to draft a joint comment letter. The committee discussed re-authorization priorities. Kiana drafted the priorities in a new, concise form. The committee was asked to review so that this item can be brought to the spring conference for adoption. Transportation Tax Swap – annual true- up was a good discussion, before moving any particular direction we will discuss with the League of California Cities and Caltrans to insure consensus on any proposed changes. Cleanup language for AB720 was discussed. Two of the three concerns have been clarified to the satisfaction of all. The third item is unresolved and will remain to be interpreted as the current law is written and by each individual county. Action was taken to move this direction. The final minutes of the meeting were spent on the topic of messaging. Jeff Pratt from Ventura County gave a good presentation on the topic, which resulted in considerable discussion. Prior to the spring conference an existing open consultant contract (from the visioning process) will be reviewed to determine if there is some resources that can be used to guide and develop this message. The topic of messaging will be taken through the Oversight Committee. **Action Item: Matt will draft a joint comment letter to FHWA.**
  - f) Oversight and Special Tasks Committee – Jim Porter reported that the committee discussed invoicing of affiliates and the look and components of that invoice. In summary it was decided that the invoice would include annual dues and annual sponsorship. This is the topic of agenda item 12c), see below for action on this item. A final discussion item was on the topic of forming a sub-committee to discuss and update

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CEAC bylaws and the manual. The sub-committee will be made up of the following: newsletter editor, treasurer, historian, parliamentarian, current president, secretary, president elect, past president, and oversight chair. Tom Mattson will take the lead on gathering comments and drafting a redline version to share out with sub-committee, prior to the spring conference. President McGolpin asked for a motion to form a sub-committee to include listed members for discussed purpose. Moved by Tom Mattson to form sub-committee, second by Matt Machado – **unanimously approved**.

## 10. Other Committee Reports

- a) Fellowship – Mort August and Pattie McNamee, representing the affiliates was thanked for outstanding fellowship.
- b) Scholarship (Steve Kowalewski) – It was a great year with 40+ applications, all quality students. This led to a difficult decision to narrow down the group. There is clearly a need for more scholarships. Before the end of year they will be sending out a letter to ask for donations to the scholarship fund. The Surveyor and Engineer of the Year awards were well done. Mehdi commented that some donations (Quincy Engineering and a couple of individual members) have already been coming in for the next year. Mehdi further commented that media should be used to share winner details. This will raise awareness of our efforts.
- c) Outside Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSIP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG) – Federal Lands Act – Pat DeChellis and Rick Tippett participated in an effort to improve process and application process. Transportation Coop met, new chair, breath of fresh air, keeping things on track. Regarding CCSFCC, SHSIP Tom Mattson reported on effort with Caltrans to keep programs moving forward.

## 11. Life Membership - None

## 12. Unfinished Business

- a) Jerry Quinn Service Proposal: White Paper “Emergency Procurement for FEMA and the DHS OIG” – **Attachment Three**. Jerry drafted and submitted a letter / proposal to help counties develop a procurement process. This process would be developed under CEAC, for all counties to use. Some counties continue to deal with FEMA appeal process. With counties standing together to use road commissioner authority and other existing authorities then regulatory agencies will not be able to reject claims as easily. The cost for the proposal is \$15,000. Motion by Tom Mattson, second by Michael Selling - **unanimously approved**. **Action Item – Scott McGolpin to send contract for \$15,000 to Jerry Quinn.**
- b) General Service Committee Survey - No Update
- c) Affiliate Sponsorship Program - **Attachment Four**, Motion by Mike Selling, second by Tom Mattson – **unanimously approved**

## 13. New Business

- a) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, August 27-28, 2014 - **Confirmed**
- b) CEAC Bylaws - **Attachment Five**

## 14. Scheduled Conferences

- a) CEAC Spring Conference/League of California Cities PWOI, Sacramento County, Sheraton Grand Hotel, March 26-28, 2014

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- b) NACE Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 13-17, 2014
- c) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento County, August 27-28, 2014 —Note: Changed To Sept. 17-18
- d) CSAC 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Anaheim, Orange County, November 18-21, 2014

15. **CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**

- a) March 28, 2014, 10:15am (Spring Conference)
- b) August 28, 2014, Time TBD (Policy Conference)
- c) November 21, 2014, 10:00am (Annual Meeting)

Scott McGolpin adjourned the meeting at 11:36 am

Minutes prepared by Matt Machado, CEAC Secretary



CEAC's 2013/2014 Board of Directors, Executive Committee

L. to R.: Matt Machado, Secretary - Stanislaus Co., Tom Mattson, Past President - Humboldt Co., Scott McGolpin, President - Santa Barbara Co., and Mike Penrose, President Elect - Sacramento Co.

# Droppings



## Droppings

*from out of the past*

By

**Dave 'Road Runner' Gravenkamp**

CEAC Historian

### **"More Early Newsletters"**

I'll again report on a couple more of Bob Glenn's early Newsletters. As 2014 marks our 100th anniversary, I'd like to do a story or two about our early years, but I'm lacking information. Can you help?

Issue No. 19, July 1966:

Bob told of the passing of Newton Templin on May 6th. Newt had served as Los Angeles County Road Commissioner for eight years and was CEAC's Vice President at the time of his death. The Board of Directors, at their Spring meeting in San Francisco selected Jack Lambie, Los Angeles County Engineer, to be the acting CEAC Vice President to complete Newt's term. Jack had previously served as President of NACE.

At the same Spring meeting, the Special Assignments Committee suggested the matter of staff assistance to CEAC. It was subsequently moved, seconded and passed that "...the President contact Bill McDougall (CSAC's Executive Officer) to discuss the possibility of CSAC providing assistance, with a spending limit of \$5,000 and to work out the mechanics of the program." *My..... how we have progressed.*

Also during the meeting, Joe Hughes, Fellowship Committee, stated "those who desire libation at future conferences will have to voluntarily supply the same." *I wonder how long he lasted in that position.*

Also noted in this issue was a report that David Speer, San Diego County, had been selected one of the nations "Top 10 Public Works Engineers of the Year" by the American Public Works Association.

Issue No. 20, October 1966

Siskiyou County Road Commissioner, Al Powers, passed away on July 24th at the age of 63. Like Newt Templin in Los Angeles County, Al worked as Road Commissioner a total of eight years. *Of little or no interest to anyone, I worked for both Newt and Al, Newt from 1959-64 and Al from 1964 until his death.*

At the NACE annual meeting in July of 1966 in New Orleans, CEAC's President, Bruce McLain of Monterey County, was elected as the NACE Western Region Vice President and Bill McIntosh of Lassen County was selected as NACE Vice President. Not to be outdone, Acting CEAC Vice President, Jack Lambie, was elected Vice President of the American Public Works Association at their annual meeting in Chicago.

Roster changes noted in this issue included yours truly being appointed as Road Commissioner of Siskiyou County and Joe Spaeth resigning as Road Commissioner of Calaveras County and being replaced by Robert Thomas. Other changes were Joe Walsh replacing Glenn Hoch as Road Commissioner in Tuolumne County, the appointment of Jim Brock as County Engineer for Plumas County and the appointment of Irv Mohar as Road Commissioner in Los Angeles County.

Again, I would like to do an article or two on our early years and would appreciate getting any information that you may have in that regard.

## CEAC 100 Years

During its 100 year history, CEAC has been served by individuals that had exceptional talent and not only supported the CEAC organization, but served their counties, communities and local organizations with the highest engineering and professional expertise. Following are brief biographies of two of these individuals.

**Drury DeWolf Butler** served as **CEAC's 9th President** during 1922-23. He was born in White Rock, a small town about 6 miles south of Folsom on November 22, 1887. He graduated first in his high school class and earned a Civil Engineering degree from the University of California in 1903.

Upon graduation, Drury worked in engineering in Colorado, South America and California. He worked with Pacific Gas and Electric doing hydraulic engineering, and was assistant engineer for the Sacramento Southern Railroad.



Butler worked as Assistant County Surveyor from 1908 to 1911. He then went into private practice, working on several reclamation projects. He was appointed Sacramento County Surveyor in 1914 and was re-elected to that office numerous times until leaving office in 1935.

There were 38 bridges built by the County during Butler's tenure, many of which are still in use today. He had oversight of the Joseph Strauss bascule bridges built over the Sacramento River. He built the 12th Street Bridge and the Folsom Rainbow Bridge over the American River.

Drury joined ASCE in 1919 and was a founding member of the Sacramento Section in 1922. He was later chapter president.

He served on many statewide committees and commissions that focused on the regulation of engineer-

ing standards and the California Vehicle Code. He was a strong advocate for the professional licensing of Civil Engineers.

Following his 20 years as County Surveyor, Butler returned to private practice and designed two subdivisions in the City of Sacramento. He also served as a consultant engineer and designer to the cities of North Sacramento, Galt, and Escalon. In the Sacramento community he was a charter member of the Rotary Club, a member of the Chamber of Commerce and reached the Scottish Rite high honor of 33rd degree mason.

Drury Butler passed away in 1964.

**Lloyd Aldrich** was born on July 1, 1886 in Marion, Kansas. He later graduated from the University of Illinois with a degree in Civil Engineering.

He became a resident of Los Angeles in 1915. However, during his early engineering career he did engineering work for several California counties, one of which was Sonoma County. It was during his time with the Sonoma County that he served as **CEAC's 7th President** in 1920-21.

Also, during his early career he did consulting work for oil companies, governmental agencies and irrigation districts. He was a director for the California Bridge and Tunnel Co., which constructed the "Posey Tube", a vehicular tunnel under the Alameda Estuary.

He was made City Engineer of the City of Los Angeles in 1933 and remained in that position until retirement in 1955. During his term as City Engineer he directed the design and construction of the Hyperion Sewage Treatment Plant, which was recognized at that time by ASCE as one of the seven "Engineering Wonders of the U.S."

Lloyd died on July 22, 1967.



## CEAC 100 Years

During its regular meeting on February 25, 2014, the County of Tulare's Board of Supervisors approved a "Proclamation" recognizing the 100th anniversary of the County Engineers Association of California.

To supplement this proclamation, a CEAC 100 Year Banner was prominently posted on the wall of the Board Chambers for all to view (see photo below).

Your CEAC Board of Directors encourages all counties to make an effort to have your Boards take similar steps to recognize and promote not only the past achievements of CEAC members and all of the counties in the development of the State's public works infrastructure, but also the present and future endeavors that make life better for all of our residents.

We are continuing to gather historical information about CEAC's first 100 years and are still searching for photographs of the following CEAC Presidents. Any assistance you could provide in finding any of these in your Department or County archives would be greatly appreciated.

Arthur E. Cowell, Merced County, 1921-22  
H.F. Cozzens, Monterey County, 1933-34  
Marshall Wallace, Sonoma County, 1950-51  
Earle A. Burt, Los Angeles County, 1951-52  
Joseph H. Mack, San Diego County, 1953-54  
Carl L. Lind, Fresno County, 1957  
Charles S. Dumble, Kern County, 1958-59  
David K. Speer, San Diego County, 1968-69  
Clinton D. Beery, Fresno County, 1972-73  
S.H. Cantwell, San Mateo County, 1977-78

Also, better photographs of the following are also desired:

Alfred Jones, Los Angeles County, 1941-42  
Robert L. Ryan, Ventura County, 1949-50  
A.E. Rhodes, Jr., Yolo County, 1957-58  
A.S. Koch, Orange County, 1962-63  
H. Van Reyper, Jr., Yolo County, 1969-70



## CLODS Barbeque



### **THE CLODS - 2013**

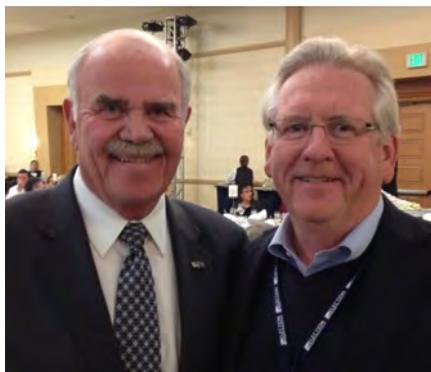
Kneeling - L. to R.: Doug Wilson, Julie Bueren, Henry Hirata, Richard Welton.

Standing - L. to R.: Gerry Shaul, Tom Mattson, Peter Rei, Maurice Shiu, Daniel Woldesenbet, Mike Crump, Max Bridges, Mehdi Sadjadi, Win Westfall, Ken Miller, Dave Gravenkamp, Tom MICoch.

*Thank you to Michael Murdter and Staff at Santa Clara County for your arrangements that made for another wonderful CLODS Barbeque!*

*-The CLODS-*

# 2013 Fall Conference Photos



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## “Jest a Minute”



An elderly man was stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and was asked where he was going at that time of the night.

The man replied, “I’m on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well as smoking and staying out late.”

The officer then asked, “Really? Who’s fiving that lecture at this time of night?”

The man replied, “That would be my wife.”

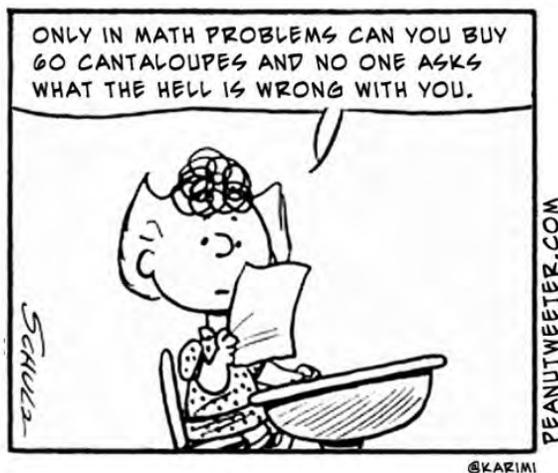
The personnel manager, while conducting a job interview, said to the Maguire brothers: “We’re going to give you a written examination .....10 questions. Whoever gets most right we’ll hire.”

Papers were produced and the boys set to work answering the general knowledge questions. When the time was up the personnel manager collected and marked the papers.

“Well,” said he, “you’ve both got nine out of ten correct, but I’m giving Mick the job.”

“Why’s that?” asked Pat.

“Well,” said the manager, “you both got the same question wrong, but he had ‘I don’t know this’ for an answer and .....you had ‘neither do I!’”



### Grandma Changed

In the dim and distant past  
When life’s tempo wasn’t so fast,  
Grandma used to rock and knit,  
Crochet, tat and baby sit.

When the kids were in a jam,  
They could always call on Gram.  
But today she’s in the gym  
Exercising to keep slim.

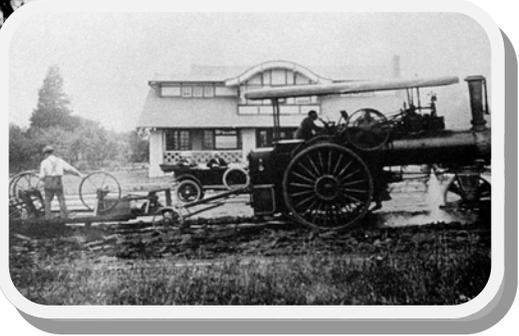
She’s checking he web or surfing the net,  
Sending some e-mail or placing a bet.  
Nothing seems to stop or block her,  
Now that Grandma’s off her rocker.

Tom had this problem of getting up late in the morning and was always late to work. His boss was mad at him and threatened to fire him if he didn’t do something about his problem. Tom went to his doctor who gave him a pill and told him to take it before he went to bed. Tom slept well and in fact beat the alarm in the morning by almost two hours, had a leisurely breakfast and drove cheerfully to work.

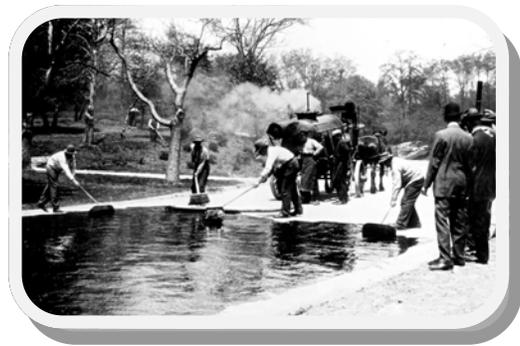
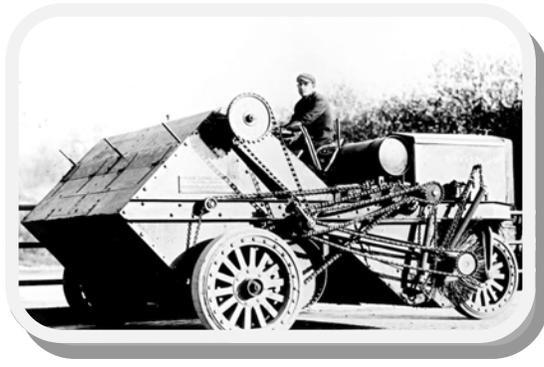
“Boss”, he said, “The pill actually worked!”

“That’s all fine,” said the boss, “But where were you yesterday?”





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## Member Spotlight - New CLOD, Tom Mlcoch

At a meeting of the CLODS in September 2013, the CLODS, by silent voice vote, unanimously decided to honor a long time member and contributor, not only to the CEAC organization, but to many of your counties as well, by welcoming this member as a CLOD. This honor was bestowed upon **Tom Mlcoch** at the annual CLODS BBQ in San Jose in November.

Let me tell you a little bit about this newest CLOD.

The CEAC Newsletter of January 1963 identified Tom, as the Alternate Regional Director for one of CEAC's Regions and as a full-fledged member of the Highway Committee (which is now the Transportation Committee).

The CEAC Newsletter of April 1964 gave notice that Tom would be "stepping out of the public trough" and would be entering the world of engineering consultants in the Garden of Eden, California.

Over the years, Tom worked for several well recognized and renowned engineering firms on the "dark side", and eventually formed a new consulting engineering practice. During this long period, spanning over fifty years, Tom worked on dozens and dozens of major engineering projects, many of which were projects located in your counties.

For over 50 years Tom has supported and assisted the CEAC organization, your counties, and the CLODS.

Tom is an avid fisherman.....and .....according to the internet, which we all know is always true and correct, was once purported to have caught a 46-in long salmon weighing in at 44 lbs. in the Sacramento River.

Tom was installed as a CLOD through his acceptance of the following oath:

*I, Tom Mlcoch, humbly accept my election to "California's Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants", and by virtue of this election, I agree to evoke the spirit of camaraderie throughout the County Engi-*

*neers Association of California, I agree to carry out my duties as a member of the Montezuma County Grand Jury, and I agree to honor the rules and bylaws of the CLODS, forever and a day. So help me Hanna.*

Tom was regaled with all the CLODS' paraphernalia including the precious CLODS' watch provided by the late Verne Davis.

### CONGRATULATIONS TOM

