



CEAC Newsletter

October 2017

Editor: Pat DeChellis

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

The year is racing by. I feel like I am just getting warmed up as the 2017 CEAC President. I strongly encourage all of you to get and stay involved with CEAC simply because it offers you the opportunity to participate on statewide policy issues. It also allows us to challenge legislative proposals that are detrimental to our counties and public works. I would also ask that you introduce your staff to the benefits of being involved with CEAC, as well as having the opportunity to work with such an exceptional staff at CSAC.

We just completed a very successful 2017 Policy Conference in Sacramento. I know that we all appreciate the involvement that each CEAC member brings to the Policy Committees that they serve on. Thank you all for the time you invest as many of you invest a large amount of your own time to the committees.

It still astonishes me that SB 1 passed earlier this year, and we are now preparing the list of projects for the 2017/2018 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account. The lists were due to the California Transportation Commission by October 16. On August 17, **Kiana Valentine** and **Chris Lee** sent out an email to all of us regarding SB 1 implementation, including the reporting guidelines and a press and public relations tool kit. Please take time to educate your residents on the benefits that SB 1 will bring to their communities.

The CEAC Fall Conference is coming up fast so start planning for your attendance. **Brian Keierleber**, the NACE President from Independence, Iowa, and his wife Beverly, will be attending. Brian is best known for his outstanding bridge program, and has developed a great presentation on the subject.

I attended the Bedroll Conference at Camp Conery, Lake Almanor, mid-August. A big thanks goes out to **Tom Hunter**, former Public Works Director Plumas County and CEAC President 2001-02, for making the conference happen (again) and to **Scott DeLeon** for organizing the program. I would also like to thank **Rick Tippett** for taking the lead on the Conference Program. I recommend you attend a Bedroll Conference in the future. It is a great opportunity to network with other County members and affiliates in a very different setting than our other Conferences. But, more importantly, I found it a great opportunity to talk with and learn from several CLODS who continue to attend this event year after year. *(Editor's Note: See the Droppings in this Newsletter for more information about the Bedroll Conference.)*

I also attended the CEAC Southern California Regional Meeting on August 14, 2017, hosted by San



President's Message (continued)

Bernardino County and their new Public Works Director, **Kevin Blakeslee**. A special thank you also goes out to **Patty Romo**, the Regional Director from Riverside County, for making this happen. The highlight was a tour of the Seven Oaks Dam located on the Santa Ana River about 4 miles northeast of the City of Redlands in San Bernardino County. The dam is quite impressive. It is one of the largest embankment dams in the United States and when completed in January 2000, was the 12th highest dam in the world. (*Editor's 2nd Note: See the Regional Report from Patty in this Newsletter for more information about the dam.*)

Fall is here and most everyone is trying to get their larger construction projects completed before winter hits. Hopefully, the central coast and northern California will not see the same magnitude of precipitation that we saw this last winter. As you may be aware, SB 231 (stormwater) was sent to the Governor for signature on Sept 6. Cara Martinson has requested that we support the Governor's signing of the bill. SB 231 would allow local governments to charge fees to finance projects capturing stormwater in the same manner that sewer, water, trash collection and water delivery system projects are financed.

We are losing two outstanding Public Works Directors to retirement. **Julie Bueren**, Public Works Director Contra Costa County, retired at the end of August. **Susan Klassen**, Public Works Director Sonoma County, retired on October 9th. Julie was the 2010-2011 CEAC President, NACE Western Vice President from 2014 to 2017, and inexplicably was awarded the very distinguished "Buffalo Bull" award in 2012. Both Julie and Susan are past "Engineer of the Year" award recipients for their outstanding contributions to CEAC and the civil engineering profession. Susan has served on so many Policy Committees that I am sure that she could run for the state legislature because of her infinite knowledge on California political issues. A well-deserved congratulations to both for successful careers, outstanding commitment to CEAC and public works, and your friendships to us all. May you both stay active in CEAC; otherwise, we will really miss you and the knowledge that you have accumulated and shared over your very productive careers.

I also wanted to remind you all that there are several upcoming CEAC/NACE events:

- NACE Western Region Conference, Laughlin, NV, November 15-17, 2017
- CSAC 123rd Annual Meeting, Sacramento, CA, November 28-December 1, 2017
- 2018 CEAC Spring Conference, Monterey, CA, March 28-30, 2018
- 2018 NACE Conference, Wisconsin Dells, WI, April 22-26, 2018
- 2018 Public Works Secretarial Seminar, Santa Cruz, CA, TBD

I would like to take an opportunity to thank **Jeff Pratt**, Vice President; **Jim Porter**, Secretary; and **Matt Machado**, Past President, for their continued support over this past year. It is quite the honor to serve with these individuals on the Board of Directors, and I have greatly benefited from their input on an ongoing basis. I also greatly appreciate the support from the very distinguished **CLODS**, as well as their continuous guidance (education) on a number of items. Lastly, I wish to thank the affiliates in their continued support of CEAC and the great engineering expertise they provide to each of us.

Let's have a great fall season! - John



NACE Report – Summer 2017

By **Scott D. McGolpin**, NACE Western Region Vice President,
Director of Public Works Santa Barbara County



This will be my last NACE Report. A new CEAC Representative to the NACE Board of Directors will be installed as part of the 2017-18 CEAC Slate of Officers at the Fall Conference in Sacramento. I was installed as the NACE Western Region Vice President at the NACE Annual Conference held in Columbus, Ohio in April. I replaced **Julie Bueren** who recently retired from Contra Costa County and was the Western VP for the past 3 years. I have certainly learned a lot as the CEAC Rep to NACE over these past 2 years.

For me, being the NACE Rep was a great position as I had the benefit of being a contributing member of the NACE Board of Directors and was also a member of the NACo Transportation Committee. This helped me to co-sponsor two very important resolutions for California and our local roads and bridges. The first one was a few years ago to get federal funding re-established for the local on-system non-NHS Bridges. Recall, when Congress approved MAP-21 and collapsed multiple programs into a handful, they assumed funding for NHS bridges included all on-system bridges. That, unfortunately, was not the case and we all went to work. My Supervisor who co-sponsored that resolution is now our Congressman for Santa Barbara County.

Most recently, I co-sponsored another resolution to provide for a set aside from the President's proposed \$1 Trillion Infrastructure Spending Bill for county and city roads. In July, this resolution was given a one year life. I included it in my June Report. It is incumbent upon each of us to advocate for this proposal to make it a reality especially when interacting with our federal representatives. If we could secure a direct subvention for county and city roads of even 10% from any federal infrastructure spending program, we just may have a chance to save Main Street U.S.A. in California!

With the new NACE dues structure in place now, theoretically, each of us may include our entire department as members to NACE. With that in mind, a few weeks ago **Merrin** sent our CEAC Roster to NACE to add to the NACE membership list. Our NACE membership increased fivefold. If you would like to go deeper within your organization and add additional staff members to the NACE roster, please drop me a note. I will connect you with the appropriate NACE staff to assist you.

I want to thank each of you for the support you provided me. It really is a great role as you get to work on the national level to improve how we do our work in California. I look forward to diving into my new role as Western Region VP and again helping all of us in the Western Region. Together, with our new NACE Rep, I promise that California will be well represented at the national level. I look forward to seeing more of our outstanding CEAC members at NACE and NACo conferences in the future. Please join us when your schedule allows.

Take care, Scott.



2017 CEAC Memorial Scholarship Recipients



Daniel Woldesenbet, Director of Public Works, Alameda County, presents **Alexander Chen**, a 2017 CEAC Memorial Scholarship Award Recipient, with a \$2,000 check

Alexander is a student at UC Berkeley scheduled to graduate with a master of science degree in structural engineering in May 2018. He graduated in June 2017 with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from UC San Diego. He is pursuing a master degree to strengthen his knowledge and understanding for a career as a structural engineer to contribute to the safety of large-scale structures. To him, large-scale structures are the most challenging and will keep engineering a thriving field.

His decision to pursue an education in civil engineering was driven by the desire to ensure safety of others. Engineers design with the protection of innocent lives in mind. He believes that this emphasis on safety is what makes engineering a noble profession.



Matthew Weaver

2017 CEAC Memorial Scholarship Award Recipient

Matthew is a student at CSU Fresno scheduled to graduate with a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering in May 2018. Upon graduation, he plans to pursue a masters degree in structural engineering or structural engineering and engineering management. Upon completion of the master's program, Matthew wants to return to the Central Valley to begin his civil engineering career and make positive contributions to his community and the prestige of the Central Valley.

Matthew is an active member of the Fresno State Student Chapter of ASCE and is currently the Chapter President. In addition, he has been a member and officer of both Tau Beta Pi and Chi Epsilon which have further enriched his learning experiences and helped him become a better leader.

Matthew has worked continually since high school to pay for the full costs of his education. He has had the opportunity to work at three engineering firms in the Central Valley specializing in different aspects of civil engineering which ultimately led to his decision to pursue a degree with an emphasis in structural engineering.



The First Bedroll

Dave "Road Runner" Gravenkamp

CEAC Historian

When Tom Hunter, Plumas County Director of Public Works (retired) asked last year about the history of the Bedroll Conference, I seemed to recall doing a **Droppings** about the very first Bedroll Conference. The first, however, wasn't at Lake Almanor as have the last 35 years. The first was in San Benito County some 22 years before the first Almanor Bedroll. The following is my report on the first which was included in the Spring 1995 Newsletter.

The background for this story was provided by Bill McIntosh who salvaged the information from Ed Hanna's old files. Actually, this story is taken from an article which appeared in the December 1960 edition of "Rural Roads" Magazine, pages 28-34.

The very first Bedroll happened in Shirtfall Gulch on the Howard Harris Ranch near Tres Pinos in San Benito County, June 8-10, 1960. The conference was sponsored by the Good Government League of Tres Pinos with site selection and meal preparation provided by the Wild Ass Mining Company. Top executives from the Tres Pinos Overhead Sewer Company were also present to guarantee the success of the conference. It should be noted that all of these (Good Government League, Mining Company, and Sewer Company) are also known as Ed Hanna. He did it all!

In many ways, the Bedroll Conference of 1960 was a lot like those at Camp Conery. Both were in remote locations far removed from the hustle and bustle, and both featured an abundance of good cuisine and other refreshments at a modest price (\$16 in 1960 and \$60 in 1994). Sixty public officials attend the T.P. affair which closely approximates the attendance at Camp Conery. Both had substantive programs with city/county cooperation, the main thrust of the Tres Pinos meeting.

There were significant differences, however; the most noteworthy being those in attendance. The T.P. gathering included all of CEAC, or more correctly stated selected members of CEAC representing the entire state. Cities were well represented at the Tres Pinos event and included representatives from the League of California Cities, city managers, city engineers, an assemblyman, a district attorney, a County CAO, General Manager and Counsel of CSAC, the Director of the Institute of Transportation Traffic Engineering University of California, and the Executive Vice President California State Automobile Association. Richard Zettel, economist, Institute of Transportation Traffic Engineering, was the conference chair. There were a lot of "big hitters" in Tres Pinos.

The Tres Pinos gathering also had established ground rules and each participant had to agree in advance that:

- 1. He will let his hair down (if any); air his pet peeves; blow off steam; analyze down to earth working arrangements; and listen to the other fellow's problems and ideas.*
- 2. He will contribute as much as possible to the sessions with the objective of finding ways of improving his relations and operations.*
- 3. He will give and take criticism without taking offense or indulging in personalities.*
- 4. He will listen with an open mind and he will not be bellicose, verbose, reluctant, illogical, or just plain stupid.*
- 5. That regardless of what transpires, we will bury our hatchets on the conference grounds and go home as friends.*

Droppings - from out of the past (continued)

The program headings were as follows: City-County Cooperation – Past, Present, and Future; How We Appear to the Taxpayer, How We Appear to the Legislature; Legal Problems and Relationships; Joint Public Works Planning; Joint Construction and Maintenance; Joint Agreements and Contracts; Consolidated Functions; Problems Created by Special Districts; and Annexation Problems. Also included as a wrap-up was the subject – What Do We Want to Do Next? Bill McIntosh indicated that there was in fact a second Bedroll Conference in Dos Palmas, Riverside County, but since Bill was not able to attend, there is nothing to report.

Perhaps it's time to re-examine the purpose of the Bedroll Conference. Maybe we can learn something from the Good Government League of Tres Pinos, the Wild Ass Mining Company, and the Tres Pinos Overhead Sewer Company.

I am sure that Tom's inquiry was regarding the first Bedroll at Lake Almanor which occurred in 1982. I don't recall every writing about that one so I will have to rely on my memory (which isn't all that great) to report on the early Almanor Bedrolls.

The Bedroll was John Redmond's idea. John was a peddler but I don't recall the name of his company. Early Bedrolls were solely for the three most northerly CEAC Regions – Sacramento Mother Lode, North Coast, and Northern California. These three Regions filled the PG&E Camp Conery facility. A different Region assumed program responsibility each year. The Camp Conery facility has been upgraded over the years as in the beginning eating was under a parachute affair with a gravel floor. One could always find money in the gravel the morning after the previous night's poker game.

In the early years, the conference was only attended by "boys" which allowed both restrooms for guy use. Although golf was a popular activity, horseshoe and volleyball tournaments drew considerable interest. Bailey Creek Golf and Country Club hadn't yet been constructed so golf was played on a 9-hole course on the west side of the Lake. Apparently meals haven't changed over the years with dinner consisting of salmon one night and steak the other. One year, when Budge Campbell, Mendocino County, was cooking breakfast, he wrapped several \$5 bills in foil which he added to his biscuit mix.

I haven't attended the Bedroll since I retired in 2002. I understand the conference is now open statewide. Tom tells me that there were 59 attendees for the 2016 conference (I believe that capacity of the Camp is 50) but only 13 were working county folk. No doubt the CEAC Policy Conference the week following Bedroll had an effect on attendance. For 2017, Tom reports that attendance was similar to 2016 with 11 working county employees.

Is it time for a change?

Three decades ago, the California condor was facing a lethal fate. As a result of habitat destruction, hunters, and lead poisoning, their numbers had dwindled significantly in the 20th century and, by 1987, there wasn't a wild condor left.

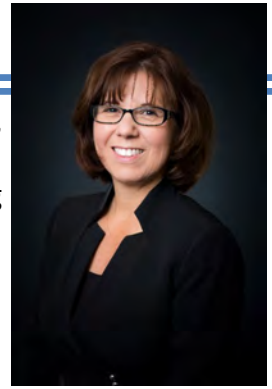
That year, all 22 remaining birds were captured by wildlife officials and taken to the Los Angeles and San Diego zoos for captive breeding.

Since their reintroduction to the wild in the 1990s, however, the vultures appear to be making a remarkable recovery. This is due in large part to robust conservation efforts. There are now around 450 condors, 270 of which are wild, in California, Arizona, Utah and northeastern Mexico.



Member Spotlight: Southern California Region

By Patricia Romo Regional Director, Director of Transportation, County of Riverside



Southern California Region is comprised of **Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura Counties**. Our goal is to meet quarterly to share common challenges, projects, and ideas. Our most recent meeting was on August 24, 2017 at the Seven Oaks Dam in San Bernardino County where Public Works Director **Kevin Blakeslee** treated us to a tour of the Dam. The Dam was completed in 2000 at a cost of \$450 million and is a major flood control feature protecting 160 square miles of urban development, mostly in Orange County, but also includes parts of Riverside and San Bernardino Counties. The structure is 550 feet tall, 2,980 feet across, and has a reservoir volume of 115,000 acre-feet. Our CEAC President, **John Presleigh**, has been making the rounds to visit the regions, and we were thrilled to have him join us at our August meeting.

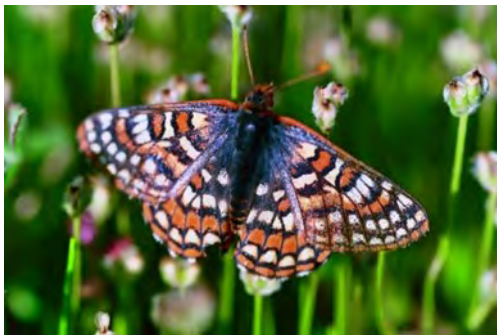


View from the crest of Seven Oaks Dam looking upstream



CEAC members from the Southern California Region at Seven Oaks Dam

There are several notable projects underway in Southern California Counties. **Riverside County** is constructing a new 6 mile expressway, Clinton Keith Road, which will connect Interstate 215 with State Route 79 to provide commuters with a new east-west corridor serving the thousands of new residents in the Murrieta area. This project is an example of excellent environmental stewardship. Hundreds of goats helped with the clearing of vegetation



last spring and a butterfly crossing for the Quino Checkerspot Butterfly is nearly complete. The expressway is expected to be open to traffic in mid-2018. The photo shows the structures that will be covered with fill that will allow the butterflies to cross over the road.

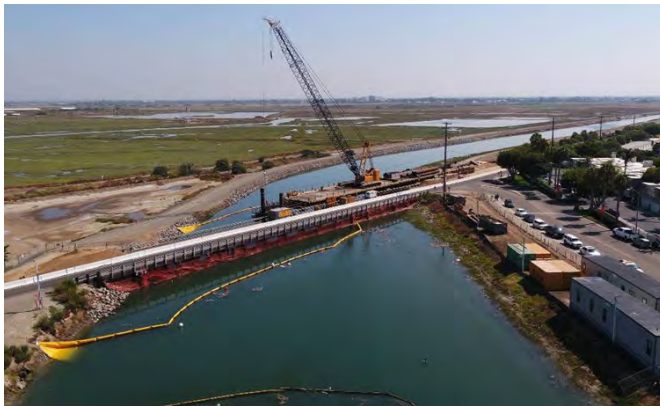


Member Spotlight: Southern California Region (continued)

San Bernardino County Flood Control Districts Cactus Basin project in the City of Rialto is designed to alleviate flooding along Rialto Channel. The basin is part of a planned system of basins and channels that will provide 100-year flood protection once the system is fully developed. The project cost \$18.5 million to construct and was funded with a \$1 million grant from the State Department of Water Resources, and \$8 million contribution from Caltrans, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, and the City of Rialto. The remainder of the cost was financed by the District.



Orange County's Edinger Bridge Replacement project in the City of Huntington Beach spans the Bolsa Chica Channel. The existing timber bridge was constructed in 1968, is approximately 300 feet long and 30 feet wide. The deteriorated bridge will be replaced with a wider precast concrete bridge. The construction cost is estimated at \$15 million and is to be funded by the Federal Highway Bridge Program. Construction began in April 2017 and will be completed in December 2018.



The County of San Diego's Multi-Year Resurfacing Program was developed to balance community input, funding availability, and operational safety needs. It was introduced to the public in 2015. Over the last 2 years San Diego County has invested \$35 million in roadway resurfacing projects, and expects to invest another \$538 Million over the next ten years with the passage of SB 1.

The County's Board of Supervisors has set a goal to improve the overall condition of the County's maintained road system from a PCI of 60 today to a PCI rating of 70 in five years.



News Items - Retirements

Susan Klassen retired as the Director of Transportation and Public Works for Sonoma County on October 9, 2017 after a very productive career spanning 35 years. Sonoma County Supervisor Shirlee Zane, the Board's Chairwoman, credited Susan with being a pioneer as the first female Director. "Without a doubt, she's got one of the most demanding jobs in the county. She does it with uncommon grace, professionalism and brilliance day in and day out."



Susan began her career with Caltrans in 1982 after earning a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from CSU Chico. She spent two years with Kern County in their Environmental Division before beginning her career with the Sonoma County's Transportation and Public Works Department in 1985. She rose through the ranks to become the Director in 2013. Susan was appointed following a rigorous national recruitment process following **Phil Demery** as Director. Phil was CEAC President 2002-03

Susan was very active in statewide and national engineering organizations including CEAC, ASCE, APWA, and the Solid Waster Association of North America.

We wish Susan well and hope to see her at upcoming conferences as one of the new CEAC Life Members.

Julie Bueren retired as the Director of Public Works for Contra Costa County on August 31, 2017 after an illustrious career with the County spanning 36 years. She was the CEAC President 2010-11 and served as the NACE Western Region VP for the past 3 years. Julie was named one of the Top Ten Public Works Leaders of 2013 by APWA. "The Top Ten Leaders are exceptional public works professionals who have been selected by a committee of their peers for their career-long professionalism, expertise, service and personal dedication to improving the quality of life in the communities they serve."



Julie began her career with Contra Costa County in 1981 after earning a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from UC Davis. She was appointed Director in 2008 following in the footsteps of **Maurice Shiu**, CEAC President 2005-06, and **Mike Walford**, CEAC President 1990-91.

Julie took over Public Works just as the Great Recession took hold of the country. Some of the county's primary funding sources were being threatened at that time. She was thrust into a situation that was very difficult. She did an outstanding job as she guided the Department through with grace and empathy. Julie also led the Department during the merger of two departments. Her openness, experience, and steadfastness helped make the merger successful.

She began and ended her career with two crazy storm years. Her first winter with the County in 1982 was a "doozy". There was major storm damage throughout the County with numerous slides and creek damages. This was an exciting start to her career and provided her an opportunity to work on some interesting projects. 2017 was another "doozy". The County suffered \$13 million of storm damage to county roads and another \$1 million of damage to flood control facilities.

On September 22, 2017, her family, friends, and associates gathered at the Lafayette Veterans Memorial Building to celebrate Julie's retirement and all that she has done for Contra Costa County, the State of California, and the civil engineering and public works profession. Following are pictures of this gala event.

News Items - Retirements (continued)



Presentation by **Brian Balbas**, Interim Public Works Director CC County, "Congrats on 36 years of Service - so many titles, but always a friend"



Presentation by **Mehdi Sadjadi**, CEAC President 1998-99, CLODS Cow Pie Clock, made by **Dave Gravenkamp**, CEAC President 1991-92



Presentation by former Contra Costa County Public Works Directors **Maurice Shiu**, CEAC President 2005-06, and **Mike Walford**, CEAC President 1991-92



Presentation by **John Presleigh**, CEAC President, of crystal plaque from NACE which was shattered in shipping—replacement has already been sent



Julie and Ralph



Julie and the CHICS, California's Honorable Intrepid County Sisters

News Items - New County Public Works Directors

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

The Sonoma County Board of Supervisors has promoted **Johannes Hoevertsz** to become the next director of the County's Transportation and Public Works Department effective October 10, 2017. Johannes had been Deputy Director for the Department since 2015. He replaces **Susan Klassen** who retired on October 9, 2017 after 32 years with the Department, the last four as the Director. Before joining Sonoma County, Johannes worked for Madera County for eight years, the last three of which he served as the Director of Public Works. He had also worked for Fresno County as a senior engineer and division manager bringing more than 18 years of experience to his new position.



The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors has appointed **Rafael Martinez** as Director of Transportation effective August 19, 2017. Recently, the County reorganized what is now Community Development Services to include directors of three primary departments including transportation. Before joining El Dorado County, Rafael was the division manager for transportation for the City of West Sacramento. He also served as the City of Corona's transportation manager and then the City of Manifee's Deputy Public Works Director upon incorporation. He subsequently return to the City of Corona as the engineering manager overseeing transportation and capital improvement projects. Rafael earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Cal Poly Pomona.



The San Benito County Board of Supervisors has appointed **John Guertin** to head the County's Resource Management Agency. His first day on the job was the first week in September. He replaces Brent Barnes who resigned in March 2017. The Agency administers a wide array of critical county functions including issuing building permits, planning, street maintenance and code enforcement. Previously John worked for the Monterey County Resource management Agency for nine years and the City of Monterey for almost 6 years.

News Items

From Stanislaus County - The McHenry Avenue Corridor Improvement Project a joint project between Stanislaus and San Joaquin Counties



The McHenry Avenue Corridor Improvements project will enhance safety, inter-regional traffic circulation, and air quality. The improvements will include:

- 1.1 miles of widening along McHenry Avenue from 1,487 feet south of River Road to 190 feet south of Jones Road.
- Stanislaus River and SSJID Canal Bridges will be replaced with wider and safer bridges, satisfying current seismic design standards.
- Installation of a two-way left turn center lane to facilitate turns into and out of drive ways on McHenry Avenue.
- Increased width of roadway shoulders to accommodate alternative travel modes, including bicyclists.
- Installation of a traffic signal on McHenry Avenue and River Road that will accommodate existing and future traffic demands.

Buffalo Bull Award 2018

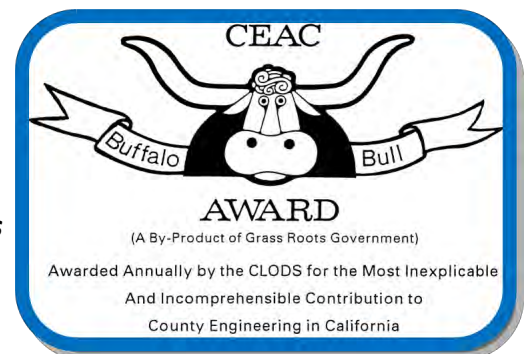
It is that time again. The CLODS' **Tres Pinos Committee** is accepting nominations for the prestigious Buffalo Bull Award to be presented to a most deserving "sole" (buffoon) at the President's Banquet during the 2018 Spring Conference.

Thank you to those who have already submitted nominations.
Remember Rule #1:

Rule #1: A good defense is a good offense... Get your nominations in because you may have already been nominated.

Remember, all nominations are kept in strict confidence by the committee. A very rare exception to this precedent occurred recently when a couple of boastful and blustery nominators bragged that they had in fact nominated their own boss. The Committee hopes they are still employed.

Any and all nominations should be sent directly to the **CEAC Newsletter Editor**, who will in turn send them to an unknown P.O. Box in Tres Pinos, California to be opened sometime early next year by the Tres Pinos Committee in a secret meeting at Borovich's Irish Hacienda.... A favorite watering hole of the committee and the location where the concept for the overhead sewage treatment facility was hatched.



2017 Bedroll Conference

By R. Gary Hicks, California Pavement (CP2) Center, CSU, Chico



Nearly 60 people 'roughed it' at the 36th Annual Bedroll Conference at Lake Almanor, Plumas County, August 16-18, 2017. This popular event was organized by **Scott DeLeon** of Lake County and facilitated by **Rick Tippett** of Trinity County. The event brings together Public Works Directors, industry and academia from northern California to discuss new and challenging issues faced by local agencies. The program consisted of the following topics:

- Latest Developments on National Specifications for Emulsions and Pavement Preservation Treatments (**Gary Hicks**, CP2 Center)
- Alternative Bridge Project Delivery (**Rick Tippett**, Trinity County)
- CEAC Update (**John Presleigh**, CEAC President)
- Methods for Rehabilitating Damaged or Defective Culverts (**Cullom Walker**, Precision Pipe Products)
- Run off the Road Accidents (**Ken Kochevar**, FHWA, and **Rick Tippett**, Trinity County)
- Job Order Contracting (**Paul Burns**, Gordian)
- Legislative Update (**Chris Lee**, CSAC)
- Local Assistance Update (**John Hoole**, Caltrans)
- CEAC and Affiliate Roundtable Discussion of information for Northern California Counties

Some of the key takeaways from the meeting included:

- New national specifications for emulsions and preservations treatments are becoming available.
- New delivery systems for projects
- Key issues that are important related to SB1 deadlines and implementation.



Rick Tippett, Conference Facilitator



Pat DeChellis, Merrin Gerety, Mike Crump, and DeAnn Baker



Terry Abbott and Tom Hunter as they are about to drive off at the conclusion of the conference.



Friday morning
Cleanup Crew

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - August 31, 2017



CEAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
CEAC 12th Annual Policy Conference
CSAC Peterson Conference Room
1100 K Street, 1st Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814
August 31, 2017
Draft Minutes



Call to Order – (Presleigh) Meeting called to order at 12:17pm— Have a quorum

Approval of Minutes (Porter) - Minutes from March 24, 2017 – Motion to approve – Machado, 2nd Sadjadi. Approved

Correspondence (Presleigh) - None

CLODS Report (CLODS) – The CLODS received their invitation to Fall Conference. Sadjadi presented the CLODS Report and passed on that the CLODS thank CEAC for its support. The CLODS assembled on Wednesday, August 30th for the annual business meeting and developed the slate of officers for 2017-18 to be presented to the CEAC membership for vote at the Fall Conference in Sacramento. The CLODS are also preparing the menu and program for the CLODS BBQ at the Fall Conference. Sadjadi also stated that we have two new named birds. Pat DeChellis is “Macaw” and Mike Crump is “Bower Bird.” There was also a reminder that Regional Directors should solicit nominations for Engineer and Surveyor of the Year awards. Finally, Sadjadi asked that the Officers Manual be printed and distributed to all that are required to attend the BOD meetings: officers, regional directors, and committee chairs.

NACE Report (McGolpin) – Laughlin Conference is scheduled on November 15-17, 2017. NACE has asked if California would host the national conference in 2021. CEAC would need to prepare a proposal. Crump moved and DeChellis seconded a motion to direct McGolpin and Gerety to reach out to NACE to further explore the idea. Approved

CSAC Report (CSAC Staff) – Updates were provided on SB 1, AB 1250, and affordable housing issues. New CSAC staff member Nick Cronenwett was introduced. Next year’s CEAC Policy Conference is scheduled for September 12-13, 2018 in Sacramento.

Regional Director Reports

San Joaquin - Their last meeting was in July in Madera County. High Speed Rail construction is ongoing in Central Valley. Next meeting in San Joaquin County

Central Coast - Met in May in Santa Maria and had a drone demonstration. Fall meeting scheduled for October 6. Dave Flynn will be new Regional Director next year

Northern California - No report

Sacramento - No report

Southern California - Had a presentation on surveying flood control channels using drones at its May 18, 2017 Regional Meeting. SB 1 funding was also discussed.

Bay Area – March Regional meeting held but not well attended due to storm events in the Bay Area. Storm damage recovery will be a topic of future meetings.

Treasurers Report (Crump) – The budget is on track and balanced.

Committee Reports

Flood Control and Water Resources – Discussed the need for a new stormwater funding source to pay for increasingly restrictive permit requirements. Pratt brought up DWR Needs Study prepared several years ago that did not include stormwater funding needs for locals. Committee will focus now on educating the public on stormwater infrastructure and the need to preserve it.

Resource Recovery and Waste Management – No update

Surveyor – No update

Land Use – No update

Transportation – SB 1 discussion dominated the meeting. Vision Zero Initiative was discussed.

Also, Pavement Research Center proposal was discussed. Setting CEAC priorities for the year: three new legislative policies/priorities discussed and submitted to Board for approval - SB 1, CSAC Policy on Autonomous Vehicles, and City/County Pavement Improvement Center. Two ongoing items remain. Machado moved to approve transportation legislative policies/priorities, Pratt seconded. Motion approved. Need new SoCal primary representative on MUTCD committee.

Oversight and Special Tasks – Discussion on SB 1 Reporting with CTC representatives. PPT to be posted on CEAC's website. Also, reminder to use social media to publicize the use of the SB 1 funds. Finally, send ideas to change the format of CEAC Newsletter and any items of interest (including pictures) to be included in the Newsletter to Newsletter Editor DeChellis.

Other Reports

Fellowship - Wednesday night's social event went well. Discussion ensued regarding sponsors attendance at the social events. The consensus of Board was to leave current practice in place for Fall Conference. The Committee will explore changes to current practice for future conferences. With regard to the upcoming Fall Conference, the hotel will provide servers for receptions.

Scholarship - Two winners checks for scholarships have been sent out. One winner (LA County) has not yet come forward.

Outside Committees – SHSP and Bridge committees met. No reports.

Life Membership – **Julie Bueren** – Motion, Crump, 2nd Machado – Approved. **Susan Klassen** – Motion, Sadjadi, second Presleigh – Approved. **Rick Marshall** – Motion, Wilson, 2nd DeChellis - Approved

Unfinished Business - None

New Business/Other Items –

- a. Treasurer Crump was asked to investigate if CEAC could work with Sarah West, Executive Director, CTF to see if CEAC could use her foundation's tax exempt status for CEAC's Scholarship donations so that we would not need to consider changing our tax status from a 501(3)6 to 501(c)3. The main benefit of partnership would be CTF helping with fiscal administration and the ability for contributions to be tax-deductible without the work of setting up our own 501(c)3).

- b. PWSS – Fund balance for event is about \$16,000 and growing. Discussion ensued regarding whether CEAC’s \$2,500 annual contribution was necessary every year. Consensus was to maintain status quo, including \$2,500 annual contribution.
- c. **City and County Pavement Improvement Center** – Valentine provided overview of concept and funding options. Discussion ensued regarding the value of the program to CEAC membership and what CEAC’s involvement should be. It was proposed that CEAC create a subcommittee composed of members of the Transportation Committee to work on a scope of work for CEAC’s involvement with the Pavement Improvement Center and the expected benefit to our membership, for Board consideration. Motion: Wilson – President to appoint members for a steering committee to refine the Pavement Improvement Center’s proposal to CEAC. 2nd Machado. Approved.
- d. **CEAC Program Manager** reclassification to CEAC Program Director and increase CSAC/CEAC services contract amount by \$10,542. Wilson clarified that CEAC can support the reclassification but CSAC has authority over staffing. CEAC’s authority is limited to approving the contract amendment for funding. Motion: Machado – implement a contract amendment to compensate CSAC for additional funds. 2nd Presleigh. Approved.

Scheduled Conferences

NACE Western Region Conference, Laughlin, Nevada, November 15-17, 2017
CSAC 123rd Annual Meeting, Sacramento, November 28-December 1, 2017
PWOI/CEAC Spring Meeting, Monterey, March 28-30, 2018

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

September 22, 2017 at Contra Costa County DPW Offices, Martinez, CA at 3 PM
December 1, 2017, 11:00 AM (CSAC Annual Conference)
March 28-30, 2018 (CEAC Spring Conference)

Adjourned – Presleigh

CEAC BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETING

ROSTER

August 31, 2017

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

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

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Minutes - September 22, 2017



CEAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Contra Costa County
255 Glacier Drive, Conference Room A
Martinez, CA 94553
September 22, 2017
Draft Minutes



Call to Order – (Presleigh) Meeting called to order at 3:15 PM (Due to lack of quorum, no actions taken)

Approval of Minutes (Porter) - Minutes from August 31, 2017 – to be considered at the December 1, 2017 Board Meeting

Correspondence (Presleigh) – Letter sent to CLODS to invite them to Fall Conference and BBQ.

CLODS Report (CLODS) – Thanked CEAC for the invitation to Fall conference. The CLODS have a slate of officers for approval at the Fall Conference.

NACE Report (Gerety) – Conversation held with NACE President about hosting NACE 2021 Conference in California and potential conference venues. Possibly San Diego, Long Beach, or Anaheim. Item will be agendized for the Oversight Committee at the Fall Conference.

CSAC Report (CSAC Staff) – A major effort is occurring to repeal SB 1. An anti-repeal campaign is also forming. The SB 1 repeal measure may be on the ballot in November 2018. AB 231 is on Governor's desk to change the definition of sewers to include stormwater. Letters of support are encouraged. New Directors – Rafael Martinez, El Dorado County and Johannes Hovertsz in Sonoma County (effective October, 2017).

Regional Director Reports (None)

Treasurers Report (Crump) – Began discussions with Sarah West, Executive Director, CTF to see if CEAC could use her foundation's tax-exempt status for CEAC's Scholarship donations.

Committee Reports (None)

Other Reports

Fellowship - None

Scholarship (DeLeon) – Scholarship notifications sent out

Outside Committees – (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG, ATP-TAC) - none

Life Membership – **Julie Bueren** will receive hers on September 22, 2017. **Susan Klassen** and **Rick Marshall** will receive theirs at the Fall Conference.

Unfinished Business - None

New Business/Other Items –

- a. Utilizing California Transportation Foundations' (CTF) 501(c)3 for **CEAC Scholarship Fund** (Crump) – Crump reached out to CTF re: hosting the Scholarship fund to take advantage of their 501(c)3 status. Had an encouraging discussion. Scholarship recipients must be interested in entering the Transportation field. CTF will keep an accounting of donations from CEAC.

Crump recommends that Scholarship Committee discuss and recommend that we proceed. Discussion ensued about whether CEAC should become a 501(c)3 to encourage tax exempt donations to the scholarship funds. CSAC has created a “foundation.” Gerety will check with CSAC to see if it’s a 501(c) 3 and whether CSAC would allow CEAC to move our Scholarship Fund there. Crump will explore getting a proposal on the pros and cons of converting CEAC to a 501(c) 3 from a tax specialist.

- b. **CEAC Newsletter Redesign** (DeChellis) – Gerety received a proposal from a graphic designer to redesign newsletter. The cost is about \$800. For \$1,250 the graphic designer would develop an Adobe template for the newsletter. Content should include more information about what’s going on in member counties with more pictures and links to articles. First step, leave format as-is and work on content. Then work on design for a more modern look and feel later. The consensus was to postpone the work proposed by the graphic designer and instead focus on newsletter content.
- c. **Pavement Resource Center** – Presleigh to further explore the creation of the Center.

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CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

December 1, 2017, 11:00 AM (CSAC Annual Conference)
 March 30, 2018 (CEAC Spring Conference)
 September 13, 2018 (CEAC Policy Conference)

Adjourn – Presleigh 4:04 PM

Meeting Roster

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Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (retired)

Regional Directors **NONE**

Committee Chairs **NONE**

CSAC/CEAC Staff

Cara Martinson	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Merrin Gerety	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC

Other **NONE**

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From the CLODS...



The CLODS with their spouses, et al, on August 29, 2017 in Sacramento wishing each and everyone of you a very, very.....

Happy Thanksgiving

