



# CEAC Newsletter

**Dec 2017**

**Editor: Pat DeChellis**



*The CLODS wish to thank Sacramento County, **CLOD Mike Penrose, Deborah Ryans** (Mike's former Administrative Assistant) and their staff for all the coordination and arrangements made for a very successful **2017 CLODS Barbeque.***



**Tom Mlcoch, Mike Crump, Pat DeChellis, Doug Wilson, Tom Mattson, Max Bridges, Julie Bueren, Peter Rei, Matt Machado, Mehdi Sadjadi, Scott McGolpin, Dave Gravenkamp, Win Westfall, Phil Demery, and Mike Penrose**

# Jeff Pratt 2017-18 CEAC President



## Meet the 2017-18 CEAC President

**Jeff Pratt**, P.E. Director

Ventura County Public Works Agency

Jeff is only the 4th CEAC President from Ventura County following:

- ◆ **Charles W. Petit**, 1923-24
- ◆ **Robert L. Ryan**, 1949-50

(**Editor's Note:** see the Droppings for an interesting fact regarding Mr. Ryan)

- ◆ **Arthur E. Goulet**, 1988-89



Jeff became Director of the Ventura County Public Works Agency in October 2008. In this capacity, Jeff serves as the County Road Commissioner, the Chief Engineer of several special districts and the Executive Officer of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency – which protects the largest groundwater aquifer in the county. After a tour of duty in the Navy, Jeff worked at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration on Climate Change, as an engineer at a construction and geotechnical firm, and for two cities and two counties. He prefers public sector employment because of the cradle to grave nature of project participation. For the last twenty years, Jeff has specialized in water resources. Throughout his 37 years of service, Jeff has demonstrated a passion and talent for process improvement and the elimination of inefficient, redundant, and/or wasteful practices. Jeff was trained as a structural engineer at Washington University in St. Louis, and has completed several graduate courses in public policy, public administration, and business management at the Universities of Missouri and Washington. He approaches public service with a unique perspective and sense of humor.

**CONGRATULATIONS, Jeff!!!**



# 2017 NACE President's Dinner



In honor of the **NACE President**, CEAC President, **John Presleigh**, hosted a dinner at Lucca's Restaurant for the NACE President, his wife Beverly, and CEAC Officers and guests.



NACE President, **Brian Keierleber**, County Engineer, Buchanan County, Iowa, and his wife, Beverly



**Max Bridges**, 1997-98 CEAC President; **Phil Demery**, 2002-03 CEAC President and 2010-11 NACE President; **Brian Keierleber**, NACE President; and **Scott McGolpin**, 2013-14 CEAC President and current NACE Western VP



**Brian Keierleber**, NACE President, and **John Presleigh**, 2016-17 CEAC President

## 2017-18 CEAC Officers Installation

The 2017-18 CEAC Officers were installed at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Sacramento on December 1, 2017. **Pat DeChellis**, CEAC Newsletter Editor, had the honor of installing the Officers.



From l-r, **Dave Gravenkamp**, Historian; **Rick Tippett**, Secretary; **Mike Penrose**, NACE Representative; **Jim Porter**, Vice President; **Jeff Pratt**, President; **Pat DeChellis**, Newsletter Editor; **John Presleigh**, Immediate Past President; **Mike Crump**, Treasurer; **Mehdi Sadjadi**, Treasurer Emeritus; and **Doug Wilson**, Parliamentarian

### Dear Colleagues,

I would like to extend you an invitation to join me at our 2018 Spring Conference. This year's conference is again being held with the League of California Cities Public Work Officers Institute.



The Conference provides County engineers, surveyors, senior staff and consultants the opportunity to discuss critical issues facing California Counties, while sharing ideas about common issues with our League of Cities counterparts.

**Jeff Pratt**, 2017-18 CEAC President, Public Works Director, Ventura County



### Upcoming CEAC/NACE events:

- **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 (Spring 2018)
- **2018 CEAC Policy Conference**, Sacramento, September 12-13, 2018

## 2017 County Engineer of the Year



### **Rick Tippett, Trinity County and 2017-18 CEAC Secretary, receives *2017 County Engineer of the Year Award* from CEAC President John Presleigh**

Rick was nominated for his unique and innovative collaboration with the Federal Highway Administration Central Federal Lands for the delivery of bridge projects through the Highway Local Highway Bridge Program

in 2004 at the City of Placerville where, as the City Engineer, he gained valuable insight and experience which equipped him to link “big city” traffic problems and solutions to “rural communities” and fueled his drive to look for more innovative ways to do projects not only quicker, but above all - safer - all while exploring more effective processes that might lead to zero deaths (another passion of Rick’s).

The “frontier-rural” (*coined by Rick*) community of Trinity County brought Rick on board in 2009 as the Director of Transportation. Currently Rick not only oversees engineering and Road Crews, but also serves as the Airport Manager, the Executive Secretary of the Transportation Commission, the Project Manager for the new Detention Facility, as well as managing the Building, Planning and Environmental Health Departments including the handling of Code Enforcement for Cannabis Cultivation.

Rick has served as the local representative on the Program Decisions Committee for the Federal Lands Access Program and helped with the California Strategic Highway Safety Plan as the Roadway Departures Co-Lead. He continues to be the rural counties representative on the Transportation Cooperative Committee for CEAC and the Rural Counties Task Force representative on the Highway Safety Improvement Program Advisory Committee. Rick’s blend of past experiences, both urban and rural, has helped him see our state transportation as a system with many important users over a broad spectrum of needs.

In addition to the outside groups, he has served as vice chair on the CEAC Land Use Committee and the Transportation Committee. He was also the unlucky recipient of the prestigious Buffalo Bull Award in 2013, and became well known for in 2014, almost losing it at Arcata Airport in neighboring Humboldt County.

Rick graduated from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo with a major in civil engineering in 1991, earned his California civil engineer license in 1996, and has been a California Traffic Engineer since 2001.

Rick’s career in local government began with the City of Auburn in 1995. Rick then joined the City of Roseville in 1997 managing the Traffic Engineering Section at one of its most dynamic times, overseeing the design and installation of fifty new traffic signals in the City over the next seven years, opening numerous roads – not the least of which were the roads servicing their new Roseville Galleria, and then observing the traffic dynamics of 120,000 people a day during the opening days of the mall. In Roseville, Rick set standards that are still used today in the construction of traffic signals. But during that time the project which gave him the greatest satisfaction was laying the foundation for a roundabout at the mall– a project that resonates with Rick’s passion for safety.

As much as Roseville was a great fit for Rick, new opportunities opened up

## 2017 County Surveyor of the Year



**Warren Smith, San Joaquin County Surveyor, receives  
Surveyor of the Year Award from John Presleigh**

Warren has been the San Joaquin County Surveyor for the past 3 years. He was the Assistant County Surveyor for 2 years prior and the City Surveyor for the City of Oxnard for 22 years. He is a licensed surveyor in Arizona, California, Nevada and Washington. He is currently the Chair of the CEAC Survey Policy Committee and has been a longstanding member of the California Land Surveyor Association (CLSA) and the League of California Surveying Organizations where he has been the Vice Chair since 2014.

Warren has been a tireless champion of monument preservation. He collaborates on outreach efforts with local agencies on the importance of and methodology for monument preservation.

Warren spearheaded a survey of Mt. Boardman, only one of two places in California where four counties converge at one point. He coordinated the efforts with the County Surveyors from Alameda, Stanislaus, and Santa Clara to retrace previous surveys and calculate the coordinates of this historic location. Warren wrote an article about the expedition in California Surveyor magazine, entitled "Mr. Boardman Expedition".

## William D. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

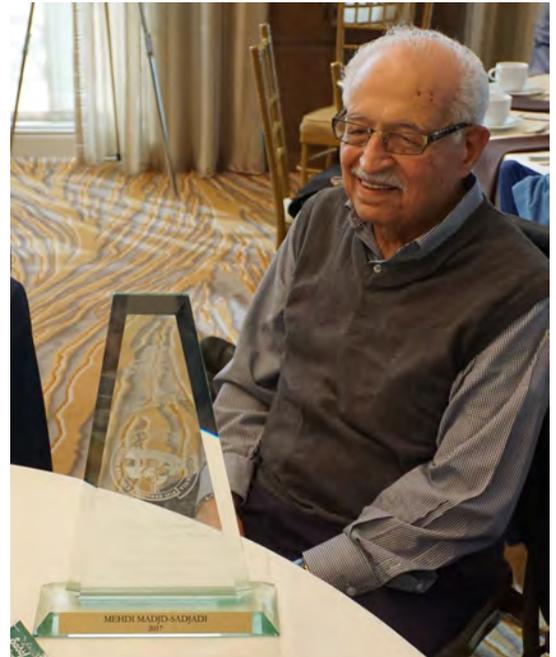
**Mehdi Sadjadi** receives the **William D. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award** from Doug Wilson, Tulare County, 1996-97 CEAC President.



**Mehdi Sadjadi**, Marin County, 1998-99 CEAC President, is only the 5th recipient of the **William D. McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award**. The Award is a special recognition of a CEAC member of long standing who has made significant contributions over a period of years which have improved the practice of county engineering, introduced activities and programs to assure the continued viability of CEAC, enhanced the professional stature of the Association, and increased the ability of the Association to provide desirable and necessary public works for the people of California.

The other Lifetime Achievement Award recipients:

- ◆ 1997 Bill McIntosh, Lassen County, 1963-64 CEAC President
- ◆ 2000 Verne Davis, Merced County, 1983-84 CEAC President
- ◆ 2002 Budge Campbell, Mendocino County, 1979-80 CEAC President
- ◆ 2005 Dave Gravenkamp, Siskiyou County, 1991-92 CEAC President



**Mehdi with the William D. McIntosh  
Lifetime Achievement Award**

## VERY Special Recognition



**DeAnn Baker** accepts the President's Award from Alameda County Supervisor **Keith Carson**

### *DeAnn Baker*

Out-going CSAC President, Alameda County Supervisor **Keith Carson** presented the President's Award to **DeAnn Baker**, CSAC Deputy Executive Director for Legislative Affairs, who is retiring at the end of January after a 30-year career with CSAC. DeAnn's accomplishments are far too numerous to list — but suffice it to say that there hasn't been an important piece of legislation relative to housing, land use or transportation in the last 30 years that doesn't have her imprint on it.



**Matt Cate**, Executive Director CSAC, congratulates **DeAnn** on her very well-deserved recognition



**Doug Wilson** on behalf of all of **CEAC** congratulates **DeAnn**



**DeAnn** is congratulated by the **CHICS** (California Honorable Intrepid County Sisters) on receipt of the CSAC President's Award and her upcoming retirement. From left to right - **Tanya Allen**, Tuolumne County; **Tracy Bartlett**, NCE; **Kiana Valentine**, CSAC; **Julie Bueren**, Contra Costa County (retired), 2010-11 CEAC President; **Pattie McNamee**, Contra Costa County (retired) , Quincy Engineering; and **Merrin Gerety**, CSAC

# CEAC Awards

## The Newest CLOD - John Presleigh



**Max Bridges** (left), San Benito County, 1997-98 CEAC President, and **Doug Wilson** (right) present **John Presleigh** with CLODS T-shirt. John is already wearing the CLODS cap.

**Jeff Pratt** (below) incoming CEAC President, presents **John Presleigh** with the CEAC tile in recognition of his outstanding work as the 2016-17 CEAC President.



**Buddy Award** – is presented to the spouse of a county engineer for his/her dedication, support and love for his/her spouse.

**Mike Penrose** (right) on behalf of his wife, **Rose**, the 2015 Buddy Award recipient, presents the 2017 Buddy Award to **John Presleigh** on behalf of his wife, **Maren Presleigh**



## CEAC LIFE MEMBERS



**Maren Presleigh** shows off the Buddy Award to her First Grade class at Delaveaga Elementary School, Santa Cruz City School District



**John Presleigh** presents CEAC life membership certificates to **Susan Klassen**, Sonoma County, and **Rick Marshall**, Napa County.

## Member Spotlights

### *Changes in Sacramento County*

**Ron E. Vicari** was appointed Director of Sacramento County Department of Transportation effective October 15. Through a national recruitment search of highly qualified candidates, Ron was shown to be the top qualifier based on experience, education, and overall qualifications for the Director of Transportation position. “Sacramento County is fortunate to have an exceedingly qualified individual from within its ranks to serve as the Director of the Department of Transportation,” said Michael Penrose, Deputy County Executive, Public Works and Infrastructure Agency.



Ron has been committed to leading teams to improve regional transportation needs. “Over the last 14 years, I am most proud of my efforts to collaborate with County staff and local developers to achieve reasonable development fees, stimulate smart development and innovation while providing solutions that improve and deliver the supporting transportation infrastructure. I look forward to inspiring continued teamwork and leading the department into the future.”

Ron replaces Mike Penrose who was appointed to the position of Deputy County Executive in May. Ron received a Bachelors of Science in Civil Engineering from Chico State University and has been a Professional Civil Engineer in the State of California since 2001. He is married to Jane and has two daughters Amber and Caitlin, and one son, Ronnie. He is a Sacramento native and well known in the community.



The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors authorized the County Executive to appoint **Michael Penrose** as Deputy County Executive of the Public Works and Infrastructure Agency, effective May 14, 2017.

“Michael Penrose is an excellent choice for the job,” said Board Chairman Don Nottoli. “His experience and demonstrated leadership skills have prepared him well to serve as Agency Administrator and we wish him every success in this new position.”

“Michael Penrose has proven himself to be a highly qualified leader within the County for many years and has the experience necessary to lead this newly created agency,” said County Executive Nav Gill. “We are fortunate to have someone of Michael’s caliber within our own ranks, and we look forward to his leadership as we enhance services to County residents.”

The creation of the Public Works and Infrastructure Agency was part of an organizational restructuring plan approved by the Board of Supervisors on April 11, 2017. The Agency will house the newly created Office of Development and Code Services, along with the Departments of Transportation, Waste Management and Recycling and Water Resources.

Mike has worked for the County of Sacramento for over 26 years and has served as the Director of Transportation for more than nine years.

He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University and a Master of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Sacramento State University.

## Member Spotlights

### San Joaquin Valley Region

**Ahmad Alkhayyat** was recently selected as the next CEAC Regional Director for the San Joaquin Valley Region. This Region includes Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare counties.

Ahmad was appointed as the Public Works Director for Madera County on April 16, 2016. He is a California registered civil engineer and has worked for Madera County for 11 years, having over 20 years of engineering and management experience. Ahmad received his bachelor's degree in construction engineering from Iowa State University and a master's degree in business administration from the University of La Verne. He is currently on faculty with the University of Phoenix teaching math and was awarded Faculty of the Year in 2016.



He has been married to a wonderful lady for 18 years and has 3 beautiful children.

### San Luis Obispo County

- ◆ **Wade Horton**, who had been the County's Public Works Director for the past 3 years, was appointed to the position of Chief Administrative Officer by the Board of Supervisors on November 7, 2017.



- ◆ **John Diodati** will serve as the Interim Public Works Director while the county conducts recruitment for the position of County Public Works Director. Previously, John worked on project development for water resource projects, most recently as a team member of a \$187M coastal recycled wastewater facility, with no ocean outfall and 100% beneficial reuse. John has a degree in agriculture and MBA, both from Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo.



### 2017 CEAC Scholarship Award Recipient

In the October Issue of the Newsletter, **Matthew Weaver** was honored as one of the 2017 CEAC Award Recipients. On October 20, 2017, **Kevin McAlister**, Kings County and previous San Joaquin Valley Regional Director, presented the scholarship check to Matthew at their Regional Meeting.

## New CEAC Affiliates

# Michael Baker

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governments, and a wide range of commercial clients. Michael Baker International has more than 6,000 employees in more than 90 locations across the U.S. and internationally.

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### **Cal Engineering & Geology, Inc.**

**(CE&G)** is a California-certified Small Business (#23143) with headquarters in Walnut Creek, an office in San Jose, and an office and geotechnical testing laboratory in Oakland. Since its founding in 1993, CE&G has provided geotechnical, geologic, and related civil engineering services to

public agency and private industry clients throughout the Bay Area. CE&G provides a full-range of geotechnical consulting services and also has full design capabilities, routinely preparing complete PS&E packages for public works agencies on geotechnical-related projects.

CE&G is a California C-corporation, currently licensed to conduct the services through its engineers who hold California civil and geotechnical engineering licenses. Current professional staff at CE&G includes five registered geotechnical engineers, three certified engineering geologists, and three registered civil engineers. The firm also holds small business certifications for Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

As a professional services company, CE&G is committed to pursuing continuing education to stay up-to-date on the latest case studies, building codes, and professional practices. In order to accomplish these goals, CE&G participates in and is a member of associations such as the Geoprofessional Business Association and the California Geotechnical Engineering Association (CalGeo).

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submitted by: **Matt Tuggle, Regional Director, Solano County**

## Floods, Fires, and Federal Funds

The Bay Region will forever remember 2017 as the year filled full of “F” words. The rain and floods that we experienced in January and February added to rain totals that broke century old winter season records. And the series of fires in October left epic destruction throughout much of California’s wine country. These disasters elicited local, state, and federal disaster declarations, which brought Federal Highway Administration and FEMA funds to the rescue.

During these events, our agencies responded by mobilizing disaster service workers, activating and staffing Emergency Operations Centers, clearing debris, performing emergency opening work, and engineering and contracting for the permanent restoration work.

## Slips N’ Slides

Most of the Bay Region counties share the joys of maintaining rural roads in steep topography. Which means we also share the distresses that this infrastructure brings during wet weather failures. Typical failures that were experienced last winter included:

- Shallow slippages
- Landslides
- Culvert and bridge washouts
- Treefall and debris dams
- Sinkholes, potholes, and cracks

A federal disaster declaration opens up most failures to federal fund reimbursement for clean-up and repairs. Our agencies individually suffered millions to tens of millions in damage, putting most permanent repairs out of reach without federal aid. Our agencies worked with FEMA and Caltrans (for FHWA funds) to complete emergency opening work over the last 9 months. However, it will likely take another 2 years before we complete the permanent restoration for our larger sites.

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*“We will remain united in our efforts to build more housing, streamline services and protect public health. We will work alongside our community for as long as it takes.”*

*- Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Shirlee Zane*

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**Alameda County**

The familiar sights—slips, slides, and washouts



**Contra Costa County**



**Sonoma County**



## Fire in Wine Country

On October 8, a series of small fires started in Sonoma, Mendocino, and Napa Counties and quickly grew into major fires due to dry conditions and high winds. These fires burned so quickly that within the week, over 6,500 homes had been destroyed. Even more shocking, was the devastation wrought upon modern subdivision homes. The fires burned through the month of October, burning over 210,000 acres in the region.



### Tubbs Fire

The aerial photo shown left is the remains of the Coffey Park Subdivision in Santa Rosa after the Tubbs Fire. This Subdivision and the surrounding neighborhoods lost a total of 3,000 homes.



## Cleaning up the Mess

In a massive effort to coordinate the fire debris removal and limit hazardous waste exposure, the US EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, and the State Office of Emergency Services began a program to offer homeowners assistance in cleaning up their burnt homes.

Our local cities and counties have been working to clean up the burned road infrastructure, which includes treefall, ash debris, burned guardrail, and burned signs and markers. The worst may come this winter for the roads, as the hills are denuded of vegetation leaving them prone to severe erosion and debris flows.

But then again, that's what we're here for... And good luck to all of our recovering counties in California!



By Dave "Road Runner" Gravenkamp  
CEAC Historian

### **CEAC HISTORY, 1941-42**

When I get lazy (which happens a lot lately) or I can't think of an appropriate subject, I research previous *Droppings*. I guess most of you hadn't been born in 1941-42.

#### **CEAC History 1941-42**

*The 1941 CEAC Annual Meeting was held at the County Courthouse in Sacramento March 13-15. Vice President Alfred Jones, Los Angeles County, presided over the meeting as President Burnett Hamilton, Alameda County, was ill. It should be noted in the minutes that Past-President George Jones was also not in attendance due to ill health. In checking records which date back to 1914 (when our Association was formed), there is no record of George being CEAC President. Not sure anyone can explain this mystery!*

*During the meeting, the Hollywood Convention Bureau extended an invitation to meet in Hollywood in 1942. Edgar Smith spoke in favor of Fresno but apparently seeing the handwriting on the wall for 1942, "...hoped that the convention would be held in Fresno within the next few years." It is interesting to note that CEAC did not meet in Fresno until 1957, some 16 years after Mr. Smith's impassioned plea. Anthony Kennedy (I know not from whence he came) explained to the delegation "...that he attempts to protect engineers without sacrificing public policy." If only he were alive now!*

*A field trip was taken to inspect the operation of a large gold dredge at Natoma about 15 miles east of*

*Sacramento. Had they only known, this could have been the beginning of the infamous CLODS barbeque.*

#### **Officers elected for 1941-42 were:**

- ◆ *Alfred Jones, President, Los Angeles County*
- ◆ *Frank Kelly, Vice President, Humboldt County*
- ◆ *Howard L. Way, Secretary-Treasurer, San Bernardino County*

*The 1942 CEAC Annual Meeting was held May 20-23 in conjunction with the National Association of County Officials, CSAC, and the Interstate Association of Public Lands Counties. CEAC was headquartered at the Hollywood Roosevelt Hotel. During the meeting, Marshall Wallace, Sonoma County "...explained a plan he is sponsoring for the use of county-owned equipment, operating, accounting, and supervising personnel as individual units for construction work on military projects." Hope was expressed "...that the plan might be used in localities wherever equipment is not immediately needed for local work." I would have thought that for the war effort county manpower and equipment could have been commandeered?*

*Another interesting tidbit - a motion was passed which instructed CEAC Officers to "...make satisfactory connections with legal counsel to represent our organization as a group at the next session of legislature...." The Officers were empowered to spend up to \$120 from the treasury for the effort. **It would appear that the attorneys had a lower price tag back then.***

#### **Officers elected for 1942-43 were:**

- ◆ *Frank Kelly, President*
- ◆ *Robert Ryan, Vice President, Ventura County*
- ◆ *Howard L. Way, Secretary-Treasurer*

*It is interesting to note that Mr. Ryan did not succeed Mr. Kelly as President in 1943-44. It wasn't until 1949-50 that Mr. Ryan became CEAC President. And, Mr. Way was Secretary-Treasurer for 2 consecutive terms, never becoming CEAC President.*

# County SpotlightLos - Angeles County

submitted by **Kerjon Lee**, Strategic Communications Manager, Los Angeles County Public Works



## Public Service Abroad



In desperate need of assistance following a 7.1 earthquake on Sep. 19, Mexican government officials welcomed a Los Angeles County Urban Search and Rescue Team that included four structural engineers from LA County Public Works.

With the epicenter of the Central Mexico Quake located just 75 miles south of Mexico City, dozens of buildings collapsed, trapping victims, creating large plumes of dust and igniting fires. Local emergency crews and volunteers rescued more than 60 victims from rubble in the immediate aftermath. More than 360 people died in the quake—220 of them in Mexico City, itself.

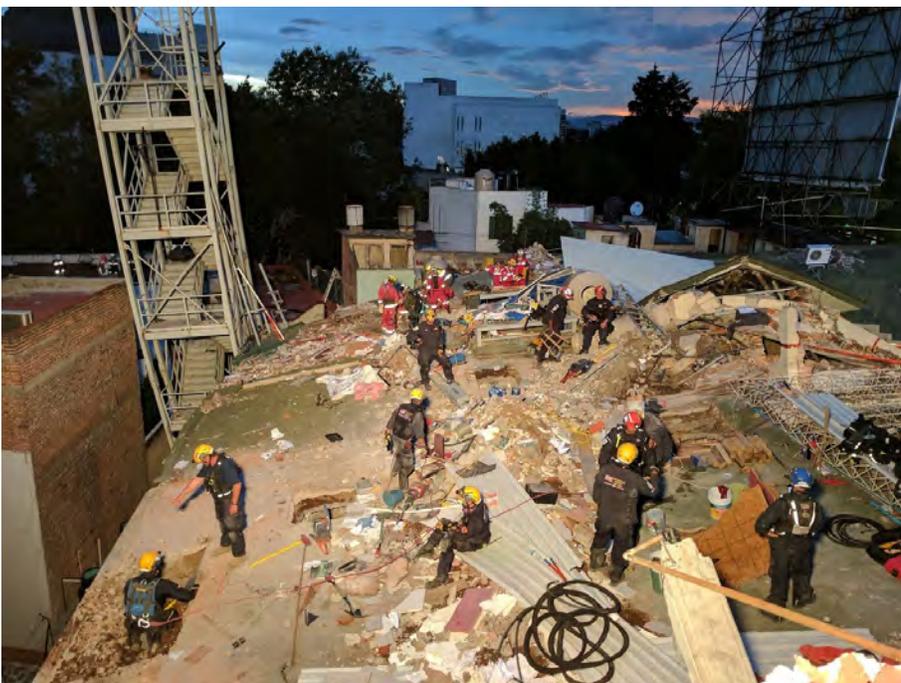
International aid flowed into the stricken area within days.

LA County Public Works structural engineers **Josh Svensson**, **Carlos Slythe**, **Lukas Bradley** and **Brian Smith** were part of a U.S. response task force lead by the Los Angeles County Fire Department.

The structures specialists provided safety oversight to County firefighters in their rescue and recovery efforts and conducted 60 building assessments for Mexico’s National Center for Prevention of Disasters to determine whether buildings were safe enough for emergency workers, and members of the public, to enter.

“We were also able to provide advice and assurance to residents regarding the integrity of their homes,” **Svensson** said.

The team spent an exhausting ten days in Mexico City and returned home on September 3.



Structural specialists from Los Angeles County and Mexican government agencies survey the roof of a collapsed, seven-story building on Avenida Alvaro Obregon, one of the Central Mexico Quake’s most heavily damaged structures.

The stairway at the left in the picture once reached the original roof level.

## County Spotlight - Los Angeles County-Public Service Abroad (cont'd)

The deployment to Central Mexico was the first time public sector engineers were sent as part of LA County's Urban Search and Rescue team; previous specialists were recruited from private industry.

When asked how the four civil servants fared during their time abroad, Los Angeles County Fire Department **Captain Trey Espy**, the team's technical operations coordinator, was effusive in his praise.

"Those guys did an excellent job!" he wrote. "They have gotten rave reviews from the team and truly fit right into our program. You gave us your best, and they really stepped up to the challenge."

**LA County Public Works Director Mark Pestrella**, who first learned of the need for qualified structural engineers from **Los Angeles County Fire Department Chief Daryl Osby**, said County engineers were ideally suited to provide assistance during this type of humanitarian disaster.

"Emergency response is the highest level of public service," **Pestrella** said. "It's an extreme honor to have Public Works represented as part of the Fire Department's California Task Force 2.

"In the end, it's all about the public," he continued. "The public never needs us more than when we are responding to these kinds of incidents - fires, storm events, earthquakes."

Los Angeles County Public Works Civil Engineer, **Josh Svensson** (pictured right), deploys to a work site with other members of the LA County Urban Search and Rescue Task Force



Urban Search and Rescue California Task Force 2 members (l-r) Fire Captain **Greg Short**, Search Team Manager; Senior Civil Engineer **Brian Smith**, Structures Specialist; Firefighter **Bennie Simms**, Heavy Equipment and Rigging Specialist; Associate Civil Engineer **Carlos Slythe**, Structures Specialist; Civil Engineer **Lukas Bradley**, Structures Specialist; Carri Engineering owner **Joe Carri**, Structures Specialist; Civil Engineer **Josh Svensson**, Structures Specialist.

# CLODS BBQ - Sacramento County, November 30, 2017



**CLODS** serving their guests at the **CLODS BBQ**



**George Johnson**, Riverside County CAO and 2007-08 CEAC President, missed the CLODS group photo on cover page



**Scott McGolpin**, Santa Barbara County and Western NACE VP, with **Brian Keierleber**, Buchanan County, IA and NACE President, and **Beverly Keierleber**



**The "Bowl" continues its presence!!!**



# CLODS BBQ (continued)



It appears that everyone is enjoying themselves at the **CLODS BBQ**



**CLODS  
preparing  
The FEAST**



Congrats to **Phil Demery**, 2002-03 CEAC President, on a very "classy" **CLODS BBQ Program** - a typical (or, not) meeting of "your county" Board of Supervisors. And, thanks to all who participated.

# 2017 CEAC Fall Conference—Sacramento County



**Julie Bueren**, Contra Costa County and 2010-11 CEAC President, is congratulated by **Pattie McNamee**, Contra Costa County (retired), on behalf of all of **CEAC** on her retirement August 2017



The **CLODS** with **Brian Keierleber**, County Engineer Buchanan County, IA and **NACE President** (far left), at breakfast on Thursday morning



# 2017 CEAC Fall Conference Sacramento County (continued)



## Thank you Conference Sponsors!

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## 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 in Monterey in March.

Thank you to those who have already submitted nominations. Keep them coming.

Remember Rule #1:

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

In case you forget Rule #1, don't forget Rule #2:

**Rule #2:** *Someone is going to be selected for the Buffalo Bull Award. You all are eligible so with few nominations to select from, you never know...*

All nominations are kept in strict confidence by the Committee. A very rare exception has occurred when a couple of boastful and blustery nominators bragged that they had in fact nominated their own boss. Of course, these are the best nominations!!!

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 by the Tres Pinos Committee in a secret meeting at Borovich's Irish Hacienda—a favorite watering hole of the Committee.

**Please forward your nominations to the**

**CEAC Newsletter Editor at [CEACNewsletterEditor@gmail.com](mailto:CEACNewsletterEditor@gmail.com)**



## CEAC Board of Directors

Friday, December 1, 2017 | 11:00 am – 12:30 pm  
Hyatt Regency Sacramento | Golden State AB  
1209 L Street, Sacramento, California



### AGENDA

1. **Call to Order** (Pratt)
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - August 31, 2017 (Porter) - Attachment One – Action Item
  - September 22, 2017 (Porter) - Attachment Two – Action Item
3. **Correspondence** (Pratt)
4. **CLODS Report** (CLODS)
5. **NACE Report** (McGolpin)
6. **CSAC Report** (CSAC Staff)
7. **Regional Directors Reports**
8. **Treasurers Report** (Crump) – Attachment Three – Action Item (2018 CEAC Budget)
9. **Committee Reports**
  - a) Flood Control and Water Resources
  - b) Resource Recovery and Waste Management
  - c) Surveyor
  - d) Land Use
  - e) Transportation
  - f) Oversight and Special Tasks
10. **Other Committee Reports**
  - a) Fellowship
  - b) Scholarship (DeLeon)
  - c) Outside Committees (HBP, CUCCAC, CCSFCC, SHSP, TRCC, CTCDC, FLAP, TDAWG, ATP-TAC)
11. **Life Membership**
12. **Unfinished Business**
  - a) CEAC Memorial Scholarship Program (Crump) - Attachment Four – Discussion Item
  - b) CEAC Newsletter redesign (DeChellis) - Discussion/Action Item
13. **New Business**
  - a) Hosting NACE 2020/2021 - Attachment Five – Discussion Item
14. **Scheduled Conferences**
  - a) CEAC Spring Conference, Monterey, March 28-30, 2018
  - b) NACE Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells, April 22-26, 2018
  - c) CEAC 13th Annual Policy Conference, Sacramento, September 12-13, 2018
  - d) CSAC 124th Annual Meeting, Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina, November 27-30, 2018
15. **CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule**
  - a) March 30, 2018 (CEAC Spring Conference)
  - b) September 13, 2018 (CEAC Policy Conference)
  - c) November 30, 2018 (CSAC Annual Meeting)
16. **Adjourn**



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