



# CEAC Newsletter

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## President's Message

by **Brian Balbas**  
Director of Public Works  
Contra Costa County



I am honored to serve as the 2023 CEAC President. Thank you to our CEAC membership and the CLODS for this opportunity. I will work to represent our 108-year organization to the best of my ability and I look forward to working with our CEAC Board of Directors, including our Vice President Panos Kokkas and our Secretary David Leamon.

I first became active in CEAC in 2008. I was asked by **Julie Bueren**, our Contra Costa County Public Works Director at that time, and Rick Marshall, then Vice Chair of the Land Development Policy Committee, now officially renamed the Infrastructure and Development Policy Committee, to serve as the liaison to the State Planners Association, or California American Planners Association (APA). It was a great opportunity to get my feet wet in CEAC and interact with our counterparts in land development planning at the county level. Since that time, I have been fortunate to work in various committees and efforts within CEAC, culminating this year as CEAC President. I certainly hope the CLODS will someday consider me for the ultimate honor, to be inducted as a member of the CLODS.

We just completed a very successful Fall Conference as part of the 128<sup>th</sup> CSAC Annual Conference in Anaheim at the Disneyland Hotel and Conference Center the week of November 15, 2022. I want to thank **Howard Dashiell**, our CEAC President this last year. Howard has done an outstanding job leading our organization during the last 2 years. Due to some changes in our CEAC Board of Directors positions, Howard took on many additional roles and responsibilities to lead CEAC. He com-

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- Review**
- Revision**
- Rejection**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

pleted a number of key initiatives keeping CEAC fiscally sound and moving our organization forward, leaving it in a wonderful position to be successful in the years ahead.

I also want to again congratulate **Scott DeLeon** from Lake County on being named the Engineer of the Year and Ray **Mathe** from San Diego County as Surveyor of the Year. Both gentlemen are well deserving of these awards and I appreciate their continued participation in CEAC. It was a pleasure having our NACE President **Chris Champion** and his wife Jana attend our Fall Conference. In addition to Chris attending our committee meetings and conference events, they had an opportunity to take in some of the Southern California sites. Both he and Jana expressed their appreciation for our California hospitality, and we enjoyed spending time with them both. NACE CEO and Executive Director **Kevan Stone** also attended our conference and both he and Chris provided some informative updates and information from a national perspective to those in attendance.

As usual, our Policy Committees were an excellent opportunity to hear the latest information on legislation, policy and best management practices for the work we do as public agencies. We had opportunities to network with our sponsors and hear from other agency partners both at the committee meetings and at the Hospitality Suite, which was once again a huge success. From new CARB regulations in our Administrative Committee to the impacts on our county road networks from APPS such as WAZE, Google Maps and Apple Maps sending traffic onto roads that might not normally see such high levels of traffic, there was lots of great information shared.

As I mentioned at the conference in my remarks as in-coming CEAC President, we have all felt the impacts of the last almost three years of COVID-19. While our organization did a tremendous job responding under the leadership of **Jim Porter, Rick Tippett and Howard Dashiell**, and we learned many new ways to meet and carry on our work both in-person and virtually, I think it is fair to say this, in conjunction with so many retirements, has impacted our organization. Therefore, I plan to work with all of our membership to recharge our engagement and grow our participation in CEAC. The commitment from so many folks at various counties is incredible, but we must work to “deepen our bench” and grow participation up and down the state to strengthen CEAC and provide a solid foundation of future leadership for our CEAC organization.

We all know the successes CEAC has afforded us in carrying on our mission. The Local Streets and Roads work, legislation advocacy and partnerships we have formed with CSAC and Sacramento are all testaments to the hard work of our engaged membership. But through attrition and the pandemic it is time to recommit to full and engaged participation from all 58 counties in our State. Therefore, I am committed to working with all our counties, the CEAC Regional Directors and our CEAC Board of Directors to focus on this effort and I'll need partnerships with many to help deliver on this focus. I also want to continue on the great work done by Howard Dashiell, George Johnson and others on the fiscal prudence of CEAC. We've had to raise fees to keep up with rising costs and I will work with CSAC staff and Merrin to look for those areas we can reduce costs and increase revenues where we can.

Of course, we will still work to inform our elected officials about impacts of proposed legislation and I look forward to working with **Mark Neuburger** and the entire CSAC staff on those issues throughout the coming year. As was highlighted at a few of our Policy Committee meetings, the sheer number of legislative proposals is huge and it is imperative we remain alert and engaged to the potential impacts this legislation may have on us a County Engineers, and more importantly our residents.

Once again, thank you for this opportunity and I welcome input, ideas and suggestions from our CEAC family over the next year. One final thank you to **Merrin Gerety**. Merrin has already been extremely helpful since I was first installed as Secretary and I know I'll enjoy working with her over the next year as CEAC President.

Happy Holidays to all and here's to a wonderful New Year!

**Brian Balbas**

**2023 CEAC President**

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**CEAC would like to thank all of our  
SPONSORS  
for making the Fall Conference  
another SUCCESS Story!!!**



## WHAT'S HAPPENING???

### SAVE the DATES

- ◆ **2023 CEAC Spring Conference** - March 8-10, 2023, Universal City, Los Angeles County
- ◆ **2023 NACE Annual Conference** - April 16-20, 2023, Orange Beach, Alabama
- ◆ **2023 CEAC Policy Conference** - TBD, Sacramento
- ◆ **2023 CSAC Annual Meeting/CEAC Fall Conference** - November 13-17, 2023, Alameda County



**Registration for the 2023 CEAC Spring Conference will be Open soon!!!**

You are invited to the 2023 CEAC Spring conference to be held in conjunction with the Cal Cities Public Works Officers Institute in Universal City, Los Angeles County

**When:** Wednesday, March 8, 2023—Friday, March 10, 2023

**Where:** Hilton, Universal City, Los Angeles County

#### **Registration Deadlines**

Early Bird Registration Ends February 14, 2023

## **Presentation of the 2023 Buffalo Bull Award will take place at the 2023 CEAC Spring Conference**

**So, if you don't want to be the next recipient, submit your nomination (s) to the CEAC Newsletter Editor for delivery to the Tres Pinos Committee.**

# 2022-23 CEAC Officers

## Contra Costa County Public Works Director to Lead Statewide County Engineering Organization

SACRAMENTO – The County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) recently elected its officers for 2022/2023 at the Association’s 128th Annual Meeting held in Orange County.

Contra Costa Public Works Director, **Brian Balbas**, will serve as President of the organization for the coming year. Also elected were Trinity County Director of Transportation, **Panos Kokkas**, as Vice President, and Stanislaus County Public Works Director, **David Leamon**, as Secretary. **Howard Dashiell**, Transportation Director from Mendocino County, will serve as the Past President.

Brian Balbas has served as a CEAC officer for the past two years, including holding the post of Vice President and Secretary. He has played an active role in CEAC, representing urban counties and the Oversight Committee for several years, chairman of the Administrative and Infrastructure and Development committees, and a member of the Executive Committee.

Panos Kokkas currently represents the rural county areas on the statewide Transportation Co-Op Committee and has been actively involved in the association since 2009. Panos has served as a CEAC Sacramento Motherlode Regional Director, Vice Chairman of the CEAC Transportation Committee, and a member of the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Oversight Committee.

David Leamon has been actively involved in CEAC since 2008 and a member of the CEAC Board of Directors for four years. He has shown a great commitment to CEAC over the years, including serving as Project Manager of the Local Streets and Roads Needs Assessment Oversight committee since 2016, and Chairman of the Flood Control and Resources committee.

## Below are the 2022-23 CEAC Officers



From left to right—**Brian Balbas**, President; **Panos Kokkas**, Vice President; **George Johnson**, Treasurer; **Mehdi Sadjadi**, Treasurer Emeritus; **Mike Penrose**, Parliamentarian; **Dave Gravenkamp**, Historian; **Pat DeChellis**, Newsletter Editor; **David Leamon**, Secretary; and **Matt Machado**, NACE Rep - no present - **Howard Dasheill**, Immediate Past President

# 2022-23 CEAC Board of Directors

## 2022-23 CEAC Officers

**President**—Brian Balbas, Contra Costa County

**Vice President**—Panos Kokkas, Nevada County

**Secretary**—David Leamon, Stanislaus County

**Immediate Past President**—Howard Dashiell, Mendocino County

**Treasurer**—George Johnson, Riverside County (retired)

**Treasurer -Emeritus**—Mehdi Sadjadi, Marin County (retired)

**Parliamentarian**—Mike Penrose, Sacramento County (retired)

**Historian**—Dave Gravenkamp, Siskiyou County (retired)

**NACE Representative**—Matt Machado, Santa Cruz County

**Newsletter Editor**—Patrick DeChellis, Los Angeles County (retired)

## CEAC Regional Directors

Northern California    **Bob Bronkall**    Humboldt County - **servng**    Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity

Bay Area                    **Johannes**                    Sonoma County    - **servng** Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, **Hovertsz**                    San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sonoma, Solano

Sacramento-  
Motherlode                **Matt Randall**                Placer County                - **servng** Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo, Yuba

San Joaquin Valley        **Fritz Bushman**                Fresno County                - **servng** Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare

Central Coast                **Kent Edler**                    Santa Cruz County - **servng** Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara,

Southern California      **Nardy Khan**                    Orange County                - **servng** Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, Ventura

**These 16 individuals comprise the CEAC Board of Directors for 2022-23.**

### **Transportation Co-Op Committee (TCC)**

1. Joshua Pack, Butte County (Northern California)
2. Najee Zarif, San Joaquin County (Northern California/Central Valley)
3. Mary Reyes, Los Angeles County (Southern California)
4. Mark Lancaster, Riverside County (Southern California)
5. Dave Fleisch, Ventura County (Southern California)
6. Scott McGolpin, Santa Barbara County (Central Coast)

## Meet the 2022-23 CEAC Secretary - David Leamon

**David Leamon** was elected as the 2022-23 CEAC Secretary. He is currently the Director of Public Work for Stanislaus County as well as the County's Commissioner of Roads. David Graduated from Turlock Christian High School in 1987 and went on to San Diego State University obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1996. David has been a registered Civil Engineer since 2000.

David possesses 20+ years progressive experience including 10 years of private practice engineering, three years of public service with the City of Modesto, before coming to Stanislaus County Public Works in 2007.

David's career with the County started in 2007 as a Senior Civil Engineer, and in 2014 he was promoted to Deputy Director. In October of 2018 David was promoted to his current role as the Director of Public Works and the County's Commissioner of Roads. During his career with Stanislaus County his extensive experience has included oversight of design, programming, construction, roads, development services, and traffic.

David enjoys spending time with his family, golfing, and camping.

David believes that Stanislaus County Public Works understands the importance of the infrastructure that our citizens use every day. Our roads, bridges, sewer projects, sidewalk and bike path projects all benefit the community we work, live and play in.



## Meet the CSAC/CEAC Staff

<b>CSAC/CEAC Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency</b>
<b>Mark Neuburger</b>	Legislative Representative	CSAC
<b>Catherine Freeman</b>	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
<b>Ada Waelder</b>	Legislative Representative	CSAC
<b>Kristina Gallagher</b>	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
<b>Amber Garcia</b>	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
<b>Merrin Gerety</b>	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC



As you may notice, there is a new addition to the CSAC legislative team. **Amber Garcia** started earlier this month as a legislative analyst for the AENR group (Agriculture Environmental and Natural Resources) to support Catherine and Ada. Amber most recently worked in the legislative office of the Department of Health Care Services, after working in the Assembly.

Left - **CEAC President Balbas** recognizing from l-r **Merrin Gerety, Mark Neuburger, and Kristina Gallagher** for their hard work this past year. Not present (but still receiving a basket) Catherine Freeman, Ada Waelder, and Amber Garcia.

# 2023 CEAC Policy & other Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs

## Flood Control and Water Resources Policy Committee

Chair, **Glenn Shephard**, Ventura  
Vice Chair, **Nardy Khan**, Orange  
Vice Chair, **Walter Rubalcava**, Santa Barbara  
Vice Chair, **Kent Edler**, Santa Cruz

## Infrastructure & Development Policy Committee

Chair, **Trisha Tillotson**, Nevada  
Vice Chair, **Warren Lai**, Contra Costa  
Vice Chair, **Matt Randall**, Placer

## Resource Recovery & Waste Management Policy Committee

Chair, **Jared Carter**, Madera County  
Vice Chair, Emiko Thompson, LA  
Vice Chair, **David Garcia**, Nevada  
Vice Chair, **Johannes Hoeverstz**, Sonoma

## Surveyor Policy Committee

Chair, **Aleksandar Jevremovic**, Santa Barbara  
Vice Chair, **Ian Wilson**, Alameda  
Vice Chair, **Bob Bronkall**, Humboldt

## Transportation Policy Committee

Chair, **Najee Zarif**, San Joaquin County  
Vice Chair, **Stephen Kowalewski**, Contra Costa  
Vice Chair, **Steve Burger**, Los Angeles  
Vice Chair, **Chris Sneddon**, Santa Barbara  
Vice Chair, **Chris Kurgan**, Ventura

## Other Committees

## Administrative Committee

Chair, **Joshua Pack**, Butte County  
Vice Chair, **Tom Mattson**, Humboldt  
Vice Chair, **Johannes Hoeverstz**, Sonoma  
Vice Chair, **Joan Araujo**, Ventura

## Fellowship Committee

Chair, **Pattie McNamee**, Contra Costa (Ret.)  
Vice Chair, **Martin McIlroy**, MGE Engineering  
Vice Chair, **Traci Bartlett**, NCE  
Vice Chair, **Jim Porter**, San Mateo

## Scholarship Committee

Chair, **Alicia Meier**, Mendocino  
Vice Chair, **Scott DeLeon**, Lake  
Vice Chair, **Glenn Shephard**, Ventura

## NACE 2024 Special Committee

**Matt Machado**, Santa Cruz, Co-Chair  
**Jim Porter**, San Mateo (retired), Co-Chair

## HSIP CEAC Representatives

**Tom Mattson**, Humboldt  
**Trish Tillotson**, Nevada

## Transportation Co-Op Committee (TCC)

**Joshua Pack**, Butte (Northern California)  
**Najee Zarif**, San Joaquin (No Cal/Central Valley)  
**Mary Reyes**, Los Angeles (Southern California)  
**Mark Lancaster**, Riverside (Southern California)  
**Dave Fleisch**, Ventura (Southern California)  
**Scott McGolpin**, Santa Barbara (Central Coast)

**Other ongoing outside committee appointments are listed on the CEAC website at**

*<https://www.ceaccounties.org/about-us/advisory-committee-appointees/>*

## 2022 CEAC Engineer of the Year

It is my pleasure to nominate **Mr. Scott Deleon** as the 2022 CEAC Engineer of the Year. A little background about Scott:

Scott began his work with Lake County as an Engineering Technician while attending college. He continued working for Lake County and served as the County's Principal Engineer from 1987 until 1998. Scott returned to Lake County in 2010 as the County Water Resources Director. In 2012, he was appointed to the position of Public Works Director and the position of County Water Resources Director was incorporated into that position.



He has served as the CEAC Regional Director from 2016-2018 and has served as the Scholarship Committee chair for more than 5 years.

I want to relate a story that demonstrates Scott's dedication to CEAC. Scott was the lead for the Bedroll Conference in 2019 and had materials for the conference stored at his home. There was a fire in the area, and not only was Scott unable to leave Lake County because of the emergency, but he was under mandatory evacuation from his home. Because of Scott's commitment, he arranged with the Sheriff for an escort to get into the evacuation area and to his home to load the materials for bedroll. Then, his wife, Melody delivered the materials to the Bedroll Conference. I have always thought that is the kind of dedication that Scott deserves to be recognized as the CEAC County Engineer of the Year. I also have thought it is the kind of serve that should result in Melody receiving the Buddy Award.

I find it difficult to imagine anyone in CEAC who has not gone through the Chairs having more point for this award than Scott.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this nomination of a deserving member.

Doug Wilson, Life Member

## 2022 CEAC Surveyor of the Year



**Raymond Mathe** was hired as the San Diego county Surveyor on January 8, 2016. Prior to that, he was the Senior Registrar Land Surveyor for the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Geologists, a position he held from 2012 through September 2014. He also served as Chief Surveyor for the Coachella Valley Water District from October 2014 to April 2015. Previously, he was the County Surveyor for Orange County from 2004 to 2012. His experience includes six years project management in private practice and as the Deputy County Surveyor for Riverside County.

Since he was licensed in 1989, Ray has been active in the California Land Surveyors Association (CLSA) and the Western Federation of Professional Surveyors (WFPS) serving as local chapter and State CLSA President; Chairman WFPS; past Education Chairman; all facets of development of the State Land Surveyor exam; and an instructor in engineering and land surveying. Presently, he is the Western States Director for the National Association of County Surveyors (NACS).

Ray obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Workforce Education and Development from Southern Illinois University of Carbondale in 1995 and an Associate Degree in Land Surveying from Riverside Community College in 1984.

As a member of CEAC, he has been closely involved in the two major edits of the Guide to the Preparation of Records of Survey and Corner Records (2004 and 2020). As County Surveyor, he has partnered with the private surveying community on many issues - the latest is the modification of an online research system that will be able to house and make available many historic private surveyor notes. Making these notes more accessible will benefit and reduce the cost of retracing historic property lines.

# CHICS Golden Egg Award



**California's Honorable Intrepid County Sisters (the CHICS)** came upon the CEAC scene at the CLODS Barbecue in 2006 to challenge the organization to accept and encourage participation from a more diverse membership than had been its history. Back then they were a small group of about a dozen women from counties, CSAC and affiliates.

The CHICS were created with a mission to increase diversity in CEAC membership and involvement. And to provide a forum for networking, support and camaraderie. They promote the furthering of diversity in CEAC through our Golden Egg Award. The CHICS Golden Egg Award reflects their mission in recognizing someone who is furthering that goal in CEAC or in their own organization.

**Brian Balbas** was selected for this year's Golden Egg Award. The CHICS were very impressed by the diversity of Brian's team at Contra Costa County. In addition to being the Director of Public Works for Contra Costa County, Brian is also the CEAC President. Above, **Pattie McNamee** with Brian.

The CHICS no longer present a certificate or Golden Egg to the recipient. They honor the Recipient with a CHIC lapel pin. See a picture of the lapel pin to the right.



## Past Recipients

- 2007 Mort August
- 2008 Mike Walford
- 2009 Peter Rei
- 2010 Phil Demery
- 2011 Pattie McNamee
- 2012 DeAnn Baker
- 2013 George Bradley and Doug Wilson
- 2014 Ken Miller
- 2015 Pat DeChellis
- 2016 Karen Keene
- 2017 No Award Given
- 2018 Melody DeLeon and Kiana Valentine
- 2019 Johannes Hoevertsz
- 2020 Rick Tippet
- 2021 George Johnson

# 2022 Buddy Award

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

This year's Buddy Award was presented to **Nicole Balbas** (left) by **Linda Dashiell**.



## Past Award Recipients

- 2021 Delores Sadjadi (Mehdi Sadjadi)
- 2020 No Award Given
- 2019 Sue Tippett (Rick Tippett)
- 2018 Lourdes Pratt (Jeff Pratt)
- 2017 Maren Presleigh (John Presleigh)
- 2016 No Award Given
- 2015 Rose Penrose (Mike Penrose)
- 2014 No Award Given
- 2013 Ari DeChellis, Los Angeles County (Patrick DeChellis)
- 2012 Ralph Chappell, Contra Costa County (Julie Bueren)
- 2011 Pam Hospers, Butte County (Mike Crump)
- 2010 Marlene Demery, Sonoma County (Phil)
- 2009 Delores Sadjadi, Marin County (Mehdi)
- 2008 Luann Johnson, Riverside County (George)
- 2007 Paula Zicker, Placer County (Wes)
- 2006 Esther Shiu, Contra Costa County (Maurice)
- 2005 Dee Dee Bridges, San Benito County (Max)
- 2004 Karen Hackworth, Placer County (Tim)
- 2003 Nancy Brogan, Fresno County (Richard)
- 2002 Sharon LaBelle, Alameda County (Don)
- 2001 Sandy Miller, San Bernardino County (Ken)
- 2000 Delores Sadjadi, Marin County (Mehdi)
- 1999 Dawn Davis, Merced County (Verne)
- 1998 Barbara Hunter, Plumas County (Tom)
- 1997 Jill Shaul, Lake County (Gerry)
- 1996 Carol Welton, Fresno County (Richard)
- 1995 Willa Coleman, Tehama County (Larry)
- 1994 Dawn Davis, Merced County (Verne)
- 1993 Linda Wilson, Tulare County (Doug)
- 1992 Carol Callahan, Stanislaus County (Harold)
- 1991 Ginny Pierson, Imperial County (David)
- 1990 Alice Hirata, San Joaquin County (Henry)
- 1989 Pam Walford, Contra Costa County (Mike)
- 1988 Jane Head, Sonoma County (Don)
- 1987 Claire Sans, San Mateo County (Bob)
- 1986 Dixie McIntosh, Lassen County (Bill)
- 1985 Bev Protopapas, San Luis Obispo County (George)
- 1984 Liz Hanna, San Diego County (Ed)
- 1983 R.J Massman, San Diego County

# 2022 CEAC Scholarship Awards

## CEAC Memorial Scholarship Program

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

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

Money to support this worthwhile CEAC activity initially came from CEAC members who donated to the fund in remembrance of a family member or loved one.

CEAC will grant up to three \$2,000 cash scholarships to qualified engineering or land surveying students for study leading to a bachelor's degree in civil engineering or land surveying. Each student must be enrolled in upper division course work leading to a civil engineering or land surveying Degree, with a high grade point average, have demonstrated a need for the scholarship, and have participated in related outside activities such as a Student Chapter ASCE, Student Member CLSA or American Public Works Association. These various factors, including outside activities, will be considered in awarding the scholarship. **2022 CEAC Scholarship Awardees:**



**Luke Stewart**, Cal Poly San Louis Obispo,  
with **Brian Balbas**



**Nardy Khan**, So Cal Regional Director, and **Brian Balbas** with **Mariam Youssef**, Cal Poly Pomona



Left - **Jacqueline Gomez**, Cal Poly Pomona with **Nardy Khan**

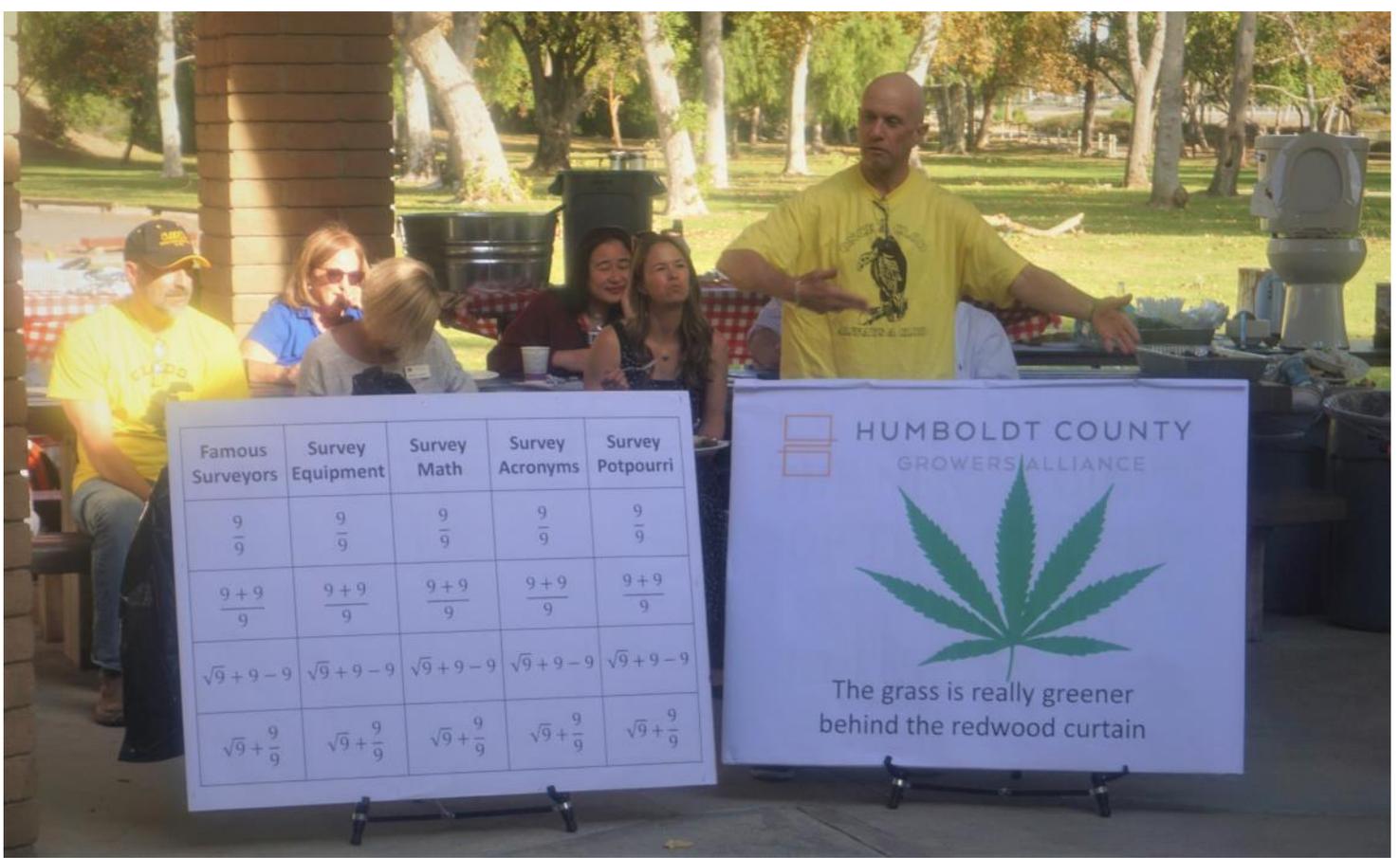
# CLODS BBQ



l - r: Dave Gravenkamp, Pat DeChellis (w/ hand raised), Mehdi Sadjadi, Rick Tippett, George Johnson, Matt Machado, Peter Rei, Jim Porter, Jeff Pratt, Mike Penrose, Doug Wilson, John Presleigh, Tom Mattson, Ken Miller







# FRIDAY BREAKFAST and INSTALLATION of the OFFICERS



**CLODS** - l - r: Jim Porter 2018-19 and 2020-21), George Johnson (2007-08), Matt Machado (2015-16) John Presleigh, (2016-17), Tom Mattson (2012-13), Rick Tippett (2019-20), Doug Wilson (1996-97), Peter Rei (2008-09), Pat DeChellis (2009-10), and Mehdi Sadjadi (1998-99).

Seated - Dave Gravenkamp (1991-92) and Ken Miller (2000-01).

# BRIAN BALBAS installed as the 2022-23 CEAC President



**Matt Machado** has the honor of providing with Brian the CEAC Helmet which contains a “memento” from each Past President and other paraphernalia such as the CEAC President’s Satchel.



**Brian with the CEAC Cap**

*“I’m their Leader. Which was did they go?”*



Brian is congratulated by **John M. Gioia**, Contra County Supervisor, and **Nicole Balbas**

# 2022 NACE President Came to Visit



## NACE President and NACE Executive Officer with CEAC Officers

From left to right - **Linda Dashiell**, Howard's wife; **George Johnson**; Jana Champion, **Chris Champion**, NACE President and Henry County (Alabama) Engineer ; **Kevan Stone**, NACE Executive Director; and **Panos Kokkas**.



**Chris Champion and his wife, Jana, certainly enjoyed the CLODS BBQ**

### **Note from Chris sent to CEAC upon his return home**

Gentlemen (you too Machado!),

Wanted to say thank you for making our first trip to California so memorable! The hospitality shown by all the CEAC members couldn't have been better and we felt most welcome. The CLODS BBQ was certainly the highlight and I'm a little nervous as to where the video of me flapping like a chicken may show up! It's easy to see why CA is one of NACE's strongest affiliates. The camaraderie among your members, which you share with visitors, is so enjoyable and is evident in how you work together for California. Thanks again for everything and I hope to see you all in beautiful Orange Beach, AL for NACE next April. Take care!

### **Chris Champion**

NACE President 2022-2023

Henry County Engineer

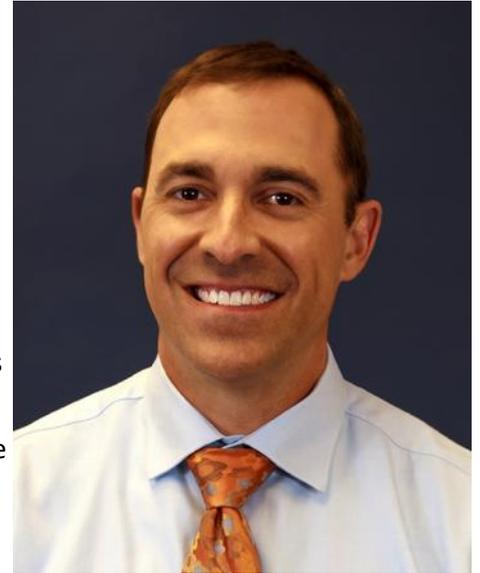
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# NACE REPORT



## Matt Machado, CEAC NACE Representative



Happy Holidays to all. As we wrap up another year I will share a vision of how NACE plans to operate in the coming year and where they plan to focus their attention.

NACE Administration has modified it's staffing model. Those changes include – Connie Radoulovitch has retired, congratulations to him! Staci Morgan is now a part-time contract employee, she is focused on NACE conference management. NACE has hired a new full time communications staff person, her name is Emily White, Congratulations Emily – Welcome! Lastly, Kevan Stone has hired a consultant team to manage all back office duties and corporate membership recruitment. All of this change has resulted in a projected budget savings of \$40,000 annually.

Continuing along the lines of budget, this past NACE budget year saw dramatic inflation increases in the cost of hosting conferences. To match this inflationary increase, conference dues will be increased. This increase is expected to be in the range of \$100.

The NACE Board took action this past fall to focus more attention on member participation in committees. NACE considers committee membership and participation and representatives to task forces or organization liaisons a critical part of our goals and objectives. Participation engages NACE members in the business of the association, supports the NACE strategic plan and enriches and rewards individual members professionally.

With this in mind, guidelines have been developed for these activities. The purpose of the Technical Committee will be to coordinate training and professional development at association events in conjunction with NACE Staff to ensure that members receive up-to-date technical information and new improvements in the public works industry. The Technical Committee shall be the clearinghouse for all technical training, research and coordination with affiliated organizations. The Technical Committee shall have several subcommittees that include, but are not limited to: Emergency Preparedness and Operations, Safety and Technology, Structures and Environmental, Unpaved Roads, Pavement Preservation. Standing committees are the permanent committees as defined in the NACE By-Laws. Standing committees typically deal with the operational issues of the association. The following are guidelines for the purpose, composition and operation of the standing committees as identified in the NACE By-Laws.

Below is a list of both types of committees. If you have interest in any of these committees then please let me know. NACE will be asking for our interest in participating in these committees in the coming months.

### Technical Committees

- Emergency Preparedness
- Pavement Preservation
- Safety & Technology
- Structures and Environment
- Unpaved Roads

# NACE REPORT (continued)

## Standing Committees

- Awards
- Constitution & Bylaws
- Corporate Services
- Legislative
- Membership

As an example of how NACE can help us all in our own counties, NACE is planning a Washington DC Fly-in as part of the NACo Legislative Conference in February. We plan to meet with DOT, EPA, FEMA and the White House. I will try to express our California concerns and push for needed change in these areas. The more involved we are, the more we can expect positive change for our Federal Legislative and Regulatory needs.

Lastly, I hope you are planning to attend the NACE Spring Conference in Alabama. It will be a great and informative event, especially since we will be promoting NACE 2024 in Palm Springs. See below for conference dates and information.

### **NACE 2023 – Alabama, Perdido Beach Resort – April 15-19, 2023**

<https://www.edgereg.net/er/Registration/StepRegInfo.jsp?ActivityID=41119&StepNumber=1>

### **NACE 2024 – California, Palm Springs – April 15-18, 2024**

Let me know if you would like to participate in the planning of this event.

### **NACE 2025 – Illinois, Schaumburg (suburb of Chicago) – Date TBD**





# Droppings

*from out of the past*

By Dave "Road Runner" Gravenkamp  
CEAC Historian

**Editor's Note:** The following article appeared in the March 2010 Newsletter. It seems very appropriate considering CEAC President Brian Balbas' Message to all of us leading off this issue of the Newsletter.

## **Forty-Five Years of Progress?**

The following is a report that appeared in CEAC's January 1965 Newsletter prepared by Editor Bob Glenn of I.T.T.E. highlighting the activities, accomplishments and recommendations of the 1964 CEAC President, **Bill McIntosh**, of Lassen County:

*Bill traveled over 15,000 miles during his year as CEAC President which required a total time of 31 days, attending 15 meetings including at least one meeting in each Region. He counts his trip to Washington, D.C. for the NACE meeting, together with V.P. Dave, as one of the bright spots in his regime and, in a measure, was a reward for time spent on behalf of CEAC. They attended a White House lawn party, met President Johnson and family, V.P. (elect) Humphrey, and six cabinet members.*

*Among other accomplishments listed for the past year was the development and issuance of CEAC membership certificates, including those for life members; action taken to rejoin the Legislative Council of Professional Engineers; and cooperative work with NMACE in the development of a Maintenance Manual.*

*In closing, President Bill offered the following:*

*"I would like to leave this office with a few recommendations for the future:*

- 1. Continue active support and participation in the NACE Program.*
- 2. Encourage Regional Associations to continue their good work and improve their effectiveness wherever possible.*

- 3. Bring about closer relations between CEAC and its members through the Region of each CEAC Committee. In turn, each committee member and Regional Director should keep their group in touch with the activities of CEAC by reporting the results of committee and Director meetings at their Regional meetings. There should be no reason why the entire membership should not be fully and currently informed of the business of the County Engineers Association.*
- 4. Continue and **protect** our close association with the Supervisors Association.*
- 5. PLEASE HELP BOB GLENN GATHER INFORMATION FOR OUR NEWSLETTER!*

*In closing, I extend to my fellow officers, directors, committee chairs, committee members and friends my warmest gratitude for helping make this past year a propitious one."*

As I (the Historian is now writing for myself) have now been retired from County public works processes for over seven years and may be somewhat out of touch with the day to day business of my own County (Siskiyou) as well as CEAC, I am still quite interested in helping to see that our CEAC organization continues to be a strong force in Statewide public works issues and endeavors.

When I ran across the copy of the 1965 CEAC Newsletter in my files and read the portion that pertained to President Bill McIntosh's report and recommendations upon concluding his term, I thought it would be interesting to reflect on the goals he presented and whether any of these goals are relevant today, forty-five years later.

The first of these goals, to actively support and participate in the NACE program seems to be alive and well particularly due to the influences and work of Phil Demery, NACE President 2010; Scott McGolpin, NACE President 2020; and the CEAC Representatives to the NACE Board of Directors starting with Phil until he was elected the NACE Western Region V.P. in 2006; George Johnson till 2011; Pat DeChellis until 2015 pending his upcoming retirement in early 2016; Scott until he was elected the NACE Secretary/Treasurer in 2018; Mike Penrose until 2019; and Matt Machado ever since. Each have taken the time to become involved in NACE committees, to get to know public works peers and issues in other states, and to provide professional representation at the national level for California.



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The next two of Bill's recommendations deal with the work of regional associations and the dissemination of information through the regional associations and the various CEAC committees to the membership. It is my belief that work of many of the regional associations has suffered in recent years. Although there are a few regions that have regular meetings, many only meet sporadically and some not at all. The regional associations are an important link in fostering ideas and information to be passed onto the CEAC Board and to the various committees as well as an important vehicle to transfer information

back to the local CEAC membership. The Board and the committees need to know what is important in your regions to appropriately develop a work program, legislation and policy.

The fourth recommendation to continue and protect CEAC's association with the Supervisors Association has changed dramatically over the years. Some of the reason for this is probably structural. In the distant past, the Road Commissioner was the "go to" guy for the County Supervisors when it came to getting things done on the roads or in the public works arena. Not so today. As County Organizations became larger, the CAO positions and their chain of command often became the go-to persons and the direct link to public works was often lessened.

Now, are these forty-five year old recommendations of Bill McIntosh still relevant today? All we have to do is look at the four goals that have been developed for CEAC Vision 2012 and this question is answered.

The four Vision 2012 goals are as follows:

1. CEAC will be recognized as a leader in advancing public policies as they relate to public works for the communities we serve and for the benefit of all Californians.
2. CEAC member will be informed of the programs and projects undertaken by CEAC, and actively involved in these programs and projects for their benefit and the benefit of CEAC.
3. CEAC will become an entity that the public, the elected officials and other government agencies know of and know want we stand for.
4. CEAC will influence and partner with regional/state/federal agencies.

Past President, Peter Rei, asked each of the Regional Directors to get involved by taking these goals and discussing them within their respective regions to help create a work plan that will enable the goals to be accomplished. Current President Pat DeChellis has made it a goal to attend at least one meeting of each of the regional associations during 2010. Both of these efforts are to reinforce and recreate the good work that can be achieved with the aide of the regional associations.

Although our roles in public works have expanded over the years and new legal, fiscal and environmental obligations have complicated our jobs, we still must strive to create strong working relationships at the local, regional, state and federal levels to strengthen our CEAC organization, just as was suggested forty-five years ago.

**Editor's follow-up note:** For those who haven't, please read the CEAC President Brian Balbas President's especially the 2nd page. Bill McIntosh's recommendations for CEAC after he completed his year at CEAC President (1965) and the Historian's follow-up 45 years later still resonate today.

# SACRAMENTO - MOTHERLODE REGIONAL REPORT

by Matt Randal, Regional Director, Placer County

## YUBA COUNTY

Big News! Yuba County was awarded a ~\$27million ATP project for our West Linda area for bike lanes, sidewalks, etc. We will be prepping for that transformative project!

### McGowan Parkway Bicycle Lane and Pedestrian Improvement Project

Project originated as an ATP project to install sidewalk and bike lanes. With additional help from LPP and Yuba Water Agency, the County is also installing a two way left turn lane, right turn pocket, drainage infrastructure, and a road rehabilitation between State Routes 70 and 65. Lastly, to support Olivehurst Public Utility District's (OPUD's) future south county annexation project, the County of Yuba is granting ~\$1.9million to OPUD and managing the construction of the sewer/water infrastructure along this roadway. This is mutually beneficial, as the County was able to meet our ATP timelines, OPUD doesn't have to construct their improvements in a new roadway, and the impact to the public is minimized.

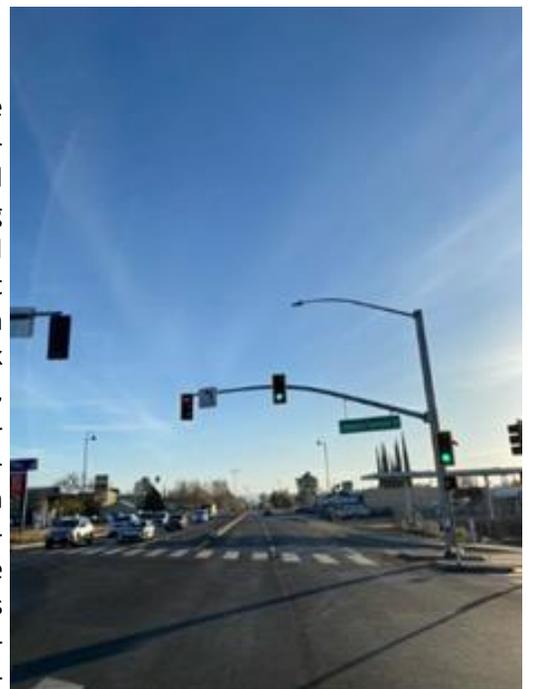
Constructing \$5.8million of bike lanes, sidewalks, a bus turn out, traffic improvements, drainage improvements, road rehabilitation, and sewer/water infrastructure.

Partnering with OPUD to install the first portion of their South County Annexation Project for water/sewer infrastructure



### North Beale Road Complete Streets Phase II

The current phase of the project (Phase 2) includes constructing complete street improvements between Hammonton-Smartsville Road and Linda Avenue. Over the last two funding cycles through the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Public Works was successful in amassing \$4,529,000 in federal aid funds toward the Phase 2 project. The additional funds to complete the ~\$8million project included development impact fees, resource depletion tax, and Yuba Water Agency drainage funds. The work consisted of constructing bicycle lanes, curbs, gutters, sidewalks, driveway improvements, drainage facilities, streetlights, transit enhancements, median landscaping, and other streetscape features. The work will create a safer more usable roadway for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists. Furthermore, it will provide a more aesthetically pleasing corridor to enhance economic development.



Project nearing completion with contractor completing punch list items

Project was \$7.9million of bike lanes, sidewalks, drainage facilities, streetlights, transit enhancements, median landscaping, and other streetscape features.

# SACRAMENTO - MOTHERLODE REGIONAL REPORT

by Matt Randal, Regional Director, Placer County (continued)

## Iowa City Road Bridge Replacement

Replacement of a structurally deficient bridge from 1934.

Project nearing completion and is planning to be paved week of Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.

Construction of single span, ~45', cast in place slab at \$2million.



## Camptonville Emergency Storm Drain Project

The County recently identified a failing storm drain. The storm drain, which was made of concrete, was installed approximately eighty (80) years ago and was failing at the joints. These joint failures were allowing water and soil to enter the storm drain. This water entering the joints was causing public safety issues such as sink holes. Within 3 days, the County had plans/specs prepared and the project was out to bid. The project was just completed in time for winter storms.

Project was completed this fall.

Construction of 1200' of storm drain and 10 drainage inlets with a total construction cost of ~\$350k

## YOLO COUNTY

**County Road 40 Bridge over Cache Creek Replacement Project**, located in the Cache Creek Regional Park Lower Site, Rumsey, CA. Project was completed in November 2022. Design engineer was MGE Engineering. Construction manager was Consor. The bridge replacement reestablishes CalFire's ability to cross the creek to access a wildfire prone area of Yolo County. The previous, failed, low water crossing bridge was closed in 2008.



# SACRAMENTO - MOTHERLODE REGIONAL REPORT

by Matt Randal, Regional Director, Placer County (continued)

## SUTTER COUNTY

### BOGUE ROAD DRAINAGE PROJECT - 24 inch HDPE Pipe upgrade



Installing the cross pipes to go under the gas line and tie into Daphnie Lane Subdivision. The project was done to increase storm water conveyance and provide safe drainage structures. New drainage structure on Bogue Road with a traffic rated grate to protect the public

### FY2020-21 Road Overlay Project



Paving on Howsley Road in front of Pleasant Grove School. The contractor was placing 0.2-feet of asphalt and tying into the existing offsite parking in front of the school.

Paving and Iron Raising on Sanborn Road. This section was half in the City of Yuba City and half in Sutter County. The paving was a joint effort between both agencies.

### Sutter County Road Crew Work



Intersection Stenciling @ Sutter Union High School – Acacia Avenue



Maintenance Overlay (less than 1-inch) on Pelger Road



Tree Removal at Walnut Street

# SACRAMENTO - MOTHERLODE REGIONAL REPORT

by Matt Randal, Regional Director, Placer County (continued)

## NEVADA COUNTY

Summer paving project, work on donner summit, and a guardrail project



# SACRAMENTO - MOTHERLODE REGIONAL REPORT

by Matt Randal, Regional Director, Placer County (continued)

## EL DORADO COUNTY



Groundbreaking Ceremony on September 6, 2022

Pictured from left to right: Rafael Martinez, Director, Department of Transportation; Supervisor George Turnbo, District II; Supervisor John Hidahl, District I; Supervisor Wendy Thomas, District III; Supervisor Lori Parlin, District IV; Jack Rosevear, Chief of Mosquito Fire Protection District; Matt Smeltzer, Deputy Director of Engineering, Department of Transportation



Left - Groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the \$93 million **Mosquito Road Bridge**.

Above - Rendering of the proposed bridge

Project websites: <https://www.edcgov.us/mosquitobridge>  
<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/dot/Bridge%20Projects/MosquitoBridge/Pages/Mosquito-Bridge-Project-Construction.aspx>

Video renderings of the project :  
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/9733085>



Above - Aerial view of the construction site from November 2022.

Right and below - photos of the foundation and access construction:



# SACRAMENTO - MOTHERLODE REGIONAL REPORT

by Matt Randal, Regional Director, Placer County (continued)



## PLACER COUNTY

Left - Snow removal operations in the Tahoe area from early season November 2022 storm



MCM Construction removing condemned private bridge over the Truckee River under an emergency contract prior to Labor Day Holiday to protect holiday rafters.



County signs survive Mosquito fire...



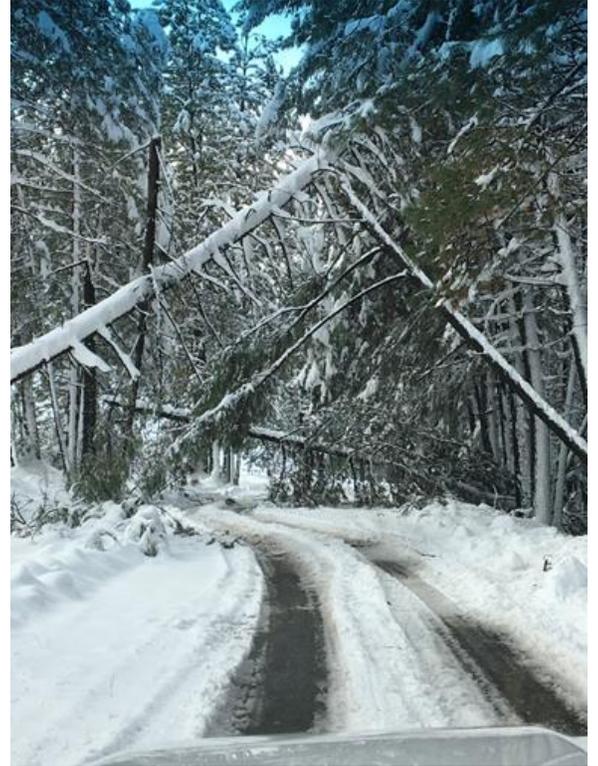
Night gridding for pavement rehabilitation project in Granite Bay.



Industrial Blvd HMA overlay project in the Sunset area near Roseville.

# SACRAMENTO - MOTHERLODE REGIONAL REPORT

by Matt Randal, Regional Director, Placer County (continued)



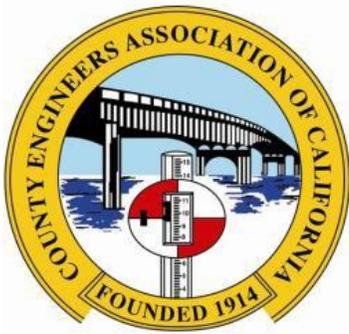
Photos from winter 2021/2022 “snowmageddon” storm when **Placer County** performed snow and debris removal on over 500 miles of mountain roads.



Above - Erecting precast girders for the Crosby Herold Road bridge replacement project in the rural Lincoln area.



Left - Bugler Construction repairing the Gladding Road bridge after vehicle impact damage.



## CEAC Board of Directors

128<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting/Fall Conference

Adventure Room/Adventure Tower

Disneyland Hotel, 1150 Magic Way, Anaheim, CA

November 18, 2022 | 10:15am- 11:45

10:15 am. **Call to Order** (Balbas)

Officers present: 8 of 10; Regional Directors: 6 of 6; **Quorum Present**

### 1. **Approval of Minutes** (Kokkas)

Fall Policy Conference, August 19, 2022 - **Attachment 1 Action Item** -

**Motion** to approve minutes; Move to approve - Machado, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bronkall from THE HUM-BOLDT County; **Approved** with correction Gravenkamp was present.

### 2. **Correspondence** (Balbas)

None to report

### 3. **CLODS Report** (CLODS)

Sadjadi, Sad news, CEAC has lost two CLODS recently, Gene Knapp "Coot", 1979, and Rudy Massman "Coot", 1983.

CLODS expressed appreciation of CEAC. Rose Penrose gets accolades from the CLODS for her excellent preparation work for the CLODS BBQ. President Balbas noted that the BBQ was excellent and the entertainment was great and appreciated the FHWA Representative and the NACE President and CEO for being great sports for the entertainment.

### 4. **NACE Report** (Machado)

Board Meeting two weeks ago in Omaha Nebraska, many updates. NACE changes, Connie retired and Stacie is now a PT contract employee, focusing on the conferences. Consultant for booking keeping, NACE is down to two FT employees, communications, and the CEO, should result in approximately \$40,000 / year savings. NACE is down \$70,000 in dues, due to non-payment. NACE seeing 20-30% increase in costs, based on the per gallon cost of coffee normally \$65/gallon, now \$75-85/gallon. NACE working on developing new relationship with the emergency managers to build a more effective partnership for dealing with FEMA, which is currently a NACE priority. NACE officers going to Savannah, Georgia in a few weeks to meet with the emergency managers. Fly-in to DC in February, FEMA, Whitehouse, DOT and EPA. The other Big News is getting ready for the NACE Alabama Conference on April 16-20, 2023, please plan to go, as a large contingency from California will help promote the 2024 NACE Conference in Palm Springs. Tuesday they want to emphasize the attendance at the Expo, this is mandatory for attendees. Tuesday night is the big dinner. For Palm Springs in 2024, we need to decide at some point if we want to do a separate CLODS BBQ or have the CLODS BBQ for the big Tuesday night dinner, which CEAC would get lots of support for. *Secretary's note: wonders how many toilet bowls of chili it would take to feed the approximately 600 attendees?* NACE would pay for a Tuesday night CLODS BBQ, don't need a decision now, maybe decide in Spring conference, would have a considerable amount of support. NACE 2024 Planning Meeting on December 6, added a couple to this committee, new logo and video will send to Balbas to share. NACE 2025 in Schaumburg, Illinois, Suburb of Chicago, it's what we can afford. Jim Porter and George Johnson were made Life Members of NACE. Congratulations were given.

### 5. CSAC Report (CSAC Staff)

Mark Neuburger, lots of attention on housing. Housing, Land use and Transportation recently adopted their priorities for the coming year. Transportation priority will be concentrating on holding the line on funding. Making a push to extend Design-Build Authority, looks like there is support from other interested parties, looking for an author for this bill. Tuolumne County looking for increasing the \$60,000 cap on Public Works projects, looking for support and examples from other Counties. Problems with finding contractors and labor for small projects, legislation from 1983 and not adjusted for inflation, maybe population based cap?

### 6. Regional Directors Reports

Johannes Hoevertsz – **Bay Area** – Met in September on Zoom, good attendance, discussed remote work, parklets in ROW, trying to get back together on Zoom next year.

Kent Edler – **Central Coast** – Meeting scheduled November 29, no meeting since last meeting, will send President Balbas an invite and seeking nominations for new regional director.

Bob Bronkall – **Northern California** – The Humboldt County, no meetings since last Board meeting, will work on scheduling a Zoom meeting. General interest in resurrecting the Bedroll Conference, chasing some good leads for location, anticipate a revival in 2023. Machado/Leamon looking forward to dominating cornhole tournament again at this conference.

Matt Randall – **Sacramento/Mother Lode** – Note to CEAC Newsletter Editor that he is working on the Motherlode newsletter update. Plan on meeting more regularly in 2023, lots of competing meetings that distract from Regional Meeting.

David Leamon – **San Joaquin** – New President/Regional Director, Fritz Buchman, San Joaquin County, VP Dominic Tyburski from Kings County, Met in Fresno in October to finish the 7 meetings in 2022, all Counties but Mariposa. Regional Director Leamon noted that President Dashiell had promised to visit the SJVRC, unfortunately for Howard there were only 7 meetings to choose from and he neglected to make any one of the meetings.

Nardy Khan – **Southern California** – The region had virtual meetings, continue with this format. Small meeting at the Fall Conference, discussed renewal of Design-Build authority, expires in 2025, Ventura discussed no camping ordinance, looking at micro trenching standards.

President Balbas asked the Regional Directors to share the schedules in order to attend every regions meeting once. Noted that there were only 22/58 Counties at this conference and has a goal to expand attendance.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** (Johnson)

CEAC is experiencing a budget shortfall, a sub-committee was assembled to evaluate funding alternatives. Three recommendations from the sub-committee:

1. One is to increase dues 10% per year for members and affiliates for three years.
2. Second recommendation is for job postings costs to increase from \$75 to \$125, Cities from \$150 to \$200.
3. Third recommendation to increase revenue is to raise the registration on the Fall Policy Conference from \$100 up to \$150. Combined proposals would increase revenue by \$30,000 per year.

The CSAC service contract has an annual CPI inflationary factor that is projected to increase expenditures by approximately 8%, raising the cost from \$219,286 in 2022 up to \$237,000 for 2023.

The good news is that additional counties have since paid their member dues, there are only two counties that have not yet paid their member dues for 2022: Sutter and Alpine. Matt Randall is working with two counties to get payment, and stated that Sutter will pay.

Including the revenue and expenditure increases into the 2023 budget is projected to provide CEAC General Fund Income of \$350,000 against projected expenditures of \$348,300, which creates a balanced budget.

George noted that the Board has made the right decisions to get the revenues aligned with the expenditures.

***Attachment 2 - Action Item*** – Consider Subcommittee recommendations

Increase member county and affiliate dues by 10% per year for three years .

Increase the charges for job posting for both member counties and partner cities by \$50, which will change member county posting costs from \$75 to \$125, and city partner costs from \$150 to \$200.

The registration cost for the annual policy conference should be increased from the current charge of \$100 to \$150.

**Motion** to approve recommendations ; Move to approve –Randall - 2<sup>nd</sup> Kokkas – **Unanimously approved**

***Attachment 3 - Action Item*** – Consider Approving Proposed Budget – **Motion** to approve proposed budget; Move to approve –Machado- 2<sup>nd</sup> Penrose–**Unanimously approved**

***Attachment 4 – ARTICLE III Dues and Assessments revisions***

Consider at spring conference

**8. Committee Reports: -**

**Administrative** – Pack, well attended, lively discussion on zero emission fleet conversion. Discussed how agencies are dealing with legislative issues / priorities. Reviewed old topics of interest – purged some, kept others.

**Flood Control and Water Resources** – Strudley absent, Khan provided update, Department of Conservation opportunities, good attendance, much discussion on Boise case and unhoused persons. Fleisch noted it was very useful, attorney lead, good conversations, really valuable. Glenn Shepard is proposed for Chair for Flood Control for 2023.

**Infrastructure and Development** – Tillotson, SB 9 discussion, two examples from Counties, PG&E Rule 20A discussion, SB378 microtrench discussion.

**Resource Recovery and Waste Management** –Skye not present; Carter, the meeting was well attended, franchise fees discussion, check with County Counsel on how your agency deals with franchise fees. Lively discussion about SB 1383 and recycling of organics, good sharing on what is working and what is not. Committee expressed interest in inviting CalRecycle to the next conference.

**Surveyor** – Jevremovic not present; Bronkall, “The Humboldt County Surveyor” did not attend. MacFarlane attended last half hour, shared during that time two surveyors were arguing over code.

**Transportation** – Fleisch, room not large enough. FHWA gave an update from Kevin. Discussion on road charge. Looking for another vice chair.

**Fellowship** – McNamee, nice get together, lighter attendance than usual, some of that from early close at 10pm, some due to many staying offsite at the Westin. Raised funds for the scholarship at BBQ and hospitality suite. Hoping to be able to serve at the spring conference in 2023.

**Oversight** – Dashiell not present, no update, Balbas will schedule oversight meetings in 2023.

**Scholarship** – Balbas - Awarded three scholarships at the installation breakfast, **Alicia Meier**, a Deputy Director from Mendocino County will be the new chair who will assume the new duties. Thanks to Scott DeLeon for carrying this torch admirably.

**9. Unfinished Business (Neuberger)**

CEAC Legislative Platform – Attachment 3 – as attached

**10. New Business**

- a) Confirm name change of Land Use Committee to something other than Land Use Committee for use in the CEAC Policy and Legislative Platform as described in Attachment 3 – **Motion** to approve the name change; Motion to approve - Johnson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Randall – noes Leamon – Ayes everyone else– **Motion passes.**
- b) ARTICLE III Dues and Assessments Update – Bylaws amendment - **Attachment Four** Postponed until next general meeting of the membership for noticing reasons, by recommendation of Parliamentarian and Sadjadi

**11. Life Membership - None**

**12. Announcements**

Scheduled Conferences

- a) CEAC Spring Conference, Universal City, Los Angeles County, March 8-10, 2023
- b) NACE Conference, Orange Beach, Alabama, April 16, 2023
- c) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, CA, date TBD, 2023
- d) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, Alameda County, November 13-17, 2023

CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

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**13. Round table discussion – Conference Fees**

Khan brought up the idea, discussed at the Transportation Committee by David Fleisch, of a one-session fee, in addition to the one-day fee. President Balbas liked that idea as it fits in with the mantra of “building the bench” as it would allow more technical staff to affordably attend the Conference when it was in the area. Gerety reminded us CSAC sets the rates for the Annual Conference and the Cities set the rate for the Spring Conference, CEAC only conference is the Policy Conference in August. Kent Edler thought that it might be good to group “like” topics together on same day, if possible.

11:01 am      **Adjourn** – Motion by Machado, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Penrose, **unanimous consent to adjourn.**

**Meeting Roster**  
**Voting Board Members: Officers & Regional Directors**

**P** indicates present at the meeting

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>County/Organization</b>
Brian Balbas <b>P</b>	President	Contra Costa
Panos Kokkas <b>P</b>	Vice President	Trinity
David Leamon <b>P</b>	Secretary	Stanislaus
Howard Dashiell <b>P</b>	Immediate Past President	Mendocino
George Johnson <b>P</b>	Treasurer	Riverside (Retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi <b>P</b>	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Mike Penrose <b>P</b>	Parliamentarian	Sacramento (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (Retired)
Matt Machado <b>P</b>	NACE Representative	Santa Cruz
Dave Gravenkamp <b>P</b>	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)

<b>Regional Directors</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>County</b>
Johannes Hoevertsz <b>P</b>	Bay Area	Sonoma
Kent Edler <b>P</b>	Central Coast	Santa Cruz
Bob Bronkall <b>P</b>	Northern California	Humboldt
Matt Randall <b>P</b>	Sacramento Mother Lode	Placer
Fritz Buchman	San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin
Nardy Khan <b>P</b>	Southern California	Orange

<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>County</b>
Josh Pack <b>P</b>	Administrative	Butte
Pattie McNamee <b>P</b>	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Glenn Shepard	Flood Control/Water Resources	Ventura
Trisha Tillotson <b>P</b>	Infrastructure & Development	Nevada
Howard Dashiell	Oversight	Mendocino
Coby Skye	Resource Recovery & Waste	Los Angeles
Alicia Myers	Scholarship	Mendocino
Aleks Jevremovic	Surveyor	Santa Barbara
Dave Fleisch <b>P</b>	Transportation	Ventura

<b>CSAC/CEAC Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency/County</b>
Mark Neuburger <b>P</b>	Legislative Representative	CSAC
Merrin Gerety <b>P</b>	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC
Catherine Freeman <b>P</b>	Senior Legislative Representative	CSAC
Ada Waelder <b>P</b>	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Kristina Gallagher <b>P</b>	Legislative Analyst	CSAC

<b>Others in Attendance</b>	
Phil Jones <b>P</b>	Orange County (Retired)
Tom Mattson <b>P</b>	Humboldt County
Kim Macfarlane <b>P</b>	Tuolumne County
Blossom Scott-Heim <b>P</b>	Tuolumne
Mike Leacox <b>P</b>	NCE
Jared Carter <b>P</b>	Madera County
Jim Porter <b>P</b>	San Mateo County (Retired)