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President's Message

By **Brian M. Balbas**

Director of Public Works,
Chief Engineer, Contra Costa County



The first day of summer has arrived, but until recently, you couldn't tell that summer was approaching. When I wrote this newsletter article you couldn't tell by the weather outside. We continue to see interesting weather patterns throughout our state and across the country. In fact, just the other day on the news there were tornados reported in central Florida the last week in May. While I'm not from central Florida, tornados in late May seems a little peculiar to me. We had an above average winter here in California to say the least, and there is still lots of snow in many parts of the Sierra's and higher elevations. It is wonderful to see so many of our lakes and reservoirs at or near capacity throughout the state as we head into the summer months. I remain hopeful our friends in those areas where potential flooding from snow melt will continue to see minimal impact as the temperatures increase over the coming weeks.

We had a tremendous showing of our California delegation in Orange Beach Alabama as part of the NACE Conference in April. **Pat DeChellis**, our CEAC

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**Review
Revision
Rejection**

Editor: Pat DeChellis



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Newsletter Editor Extraordinaire, will undoubtedly have photos of those who attended NACE, thank you to all! Great job representing our great state and organization. Everyone contributed to the success of the trip in some way, although I have to give a special shoutout to **Mike Leacox**, from NCE. He stepped up in so many areas, so thanks Mike for all the things you did to help make our CEAC NACE trip a successful one. The Conference was excellent and the hospitality by our friends in Alabama was outstanding. Over twenty of us represented CEAC and we promoted the upcoming 2024 NACE Conference taking place in Palm Springs, Riverside County, by staffing an informational table with California themed trinkets like Ghirardelli chocolate, California almonds, Jelly Belly beans, sunglasses, etc. all week. We presented a short video, and of course hosted our world-famous Snap-E Tom event on Wednesday morning during the conference. Essentially everyone we encountered was excited to visit our state next year and indicated they plan to attend NACE in 2024 at Palm Springs. We have lots of work to do over the next 8 to 10 months to make the next NACE Conference one of the best ever. **Matt Machado** is leading the planning committee. The committee is currently meeting at least once a month with NACE representative **Staci Morgan**, to plan the details of the conference scheduled for April 15-18, 2024.

Speaking of **Matt Machado**, our very own Mr. Machado, The Director of Community Development and Infrastructure and Deputy County Administrative Officer for Santa Cruz County is no longer our NACE representative for CEAC. That is because he was elected to be the NACE Western Region Vice President and was sworn in at the conference in Alabama this past April. Congrats Matt, well done!

Switching gears, there is lots of activity taking place with respect to the hard work our agencies and departments do. As you all know, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is providing lots of grant opportunities to deliver projects throughout our state. While we've all learned a lot since this legislation was signed near the end of 2021, it's always good to keep up-to-date on how things are moving along so CEAC will continue to pass along any information as it becomes available and I encourage all of you to share any information you learn with your colleagues through CEAC. CSAC is working with counties throughout our state on the "AT HOME" plan to deal with homelessness in a more comprehensive way. This newly developed program is designed to be more collaborative with local cities and counties and will take more accountability for dealing with this continuously growing problem throughout the state, and the nation. Finally, although it remains to be seen what comes from it, the Governor recently announced some new actions for CEQA reforms to help deliver public works projects to streamline and modernize how to deliver infrastructure projects. We've all been very interested in this topic for a long time, so we'll be watching the news in this area.

Mark your calendar and register for the Policy Conference, August 24 and 25, 2023 in Sacramento. Our policy committees will meet to discuss our legislative priorities, ideas and suggestions for issues we want to bring forward to help us do the critical work we do to serve our residents, as well as share best management practices to help you do great work. You also get a chance to catch up with each other and network among friends and colleagues. Register today and we'll see you at Policy Conference in August!

Brian M. Balbas
2023 CEAC President



CEAC would like to thank our SPONSORS!



Heba El-Guindy, Public Works Director, Nevada County

Heba El-Guindy has joined Nevada County as Director of Public Works, bringing nearly 30 years of experience in the public and private sectors. Most recently, El-Guindy was Acting Director of the Program and Project Delivery Department of San Mateo County Transportation Authority (SMCTA), managing infrastructure projects with over a \$700 million budget, including express lanes, complete streets, and interchange projects. She has held management positions in several Bay Area cities and worked as a civil and traffic engineer for the City of Ottawa, Canada, before locating to the United States in 1999.



Heba is excited to work with the Nevada County community and public works team on the complex projects and programs that come with living in a rural area. El-Guindy realizes that rural communities have unique challenges in creating a safe transportation system that's also walkable, bikeable, and supports transit use that is aligned with the community's vision.

El-Guindy is a California-licensed Traffic Engineer, and her bachelor's and master's degrees are in civil and environmental engineering. Heba brings a wealth of technical expertise regarding grant funding, capital improvement plans, and projects to the county. Welcome to CEAC Heba!

CEAC REGIONAL DIRECTORS



At the recent CEAC Bay Area Regional meeting, **Rosemarie Gaglione**, Public Works Director and County Engineer from Marin County, was elected as the new Regional Director. The regional members want to thank Rosemarie for stepping into this role, especially since she is relatively new in her engagement in CEAC. They all assured her of their support in this role. **Johannes Hoevertsz**, Director of Transportation and Public Works, Sonoma County, has

been the Bay Area Regional Director for a couple of years and has also been Vice Chair of CEAC policy committees during this time. Thank you Johannes for serving in multiple capacities in CEAC.

CEAC REGIONS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS

Note: Regional Directors are also members of the CEAC Board of Directors

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Serving: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity

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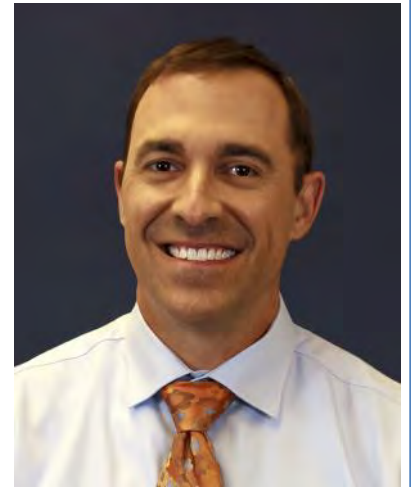
NACE REPORT



Matt Machado **NACE Western Region Vice President** **and Former NACE Representative**

NACE 2023 wrapped up in beautiful Orange Beach, Alabama last month. NACE By the numbers:

- ◆ 503 Delegates (near-record delegate registration)
- ◆ 23 pieces of heavy equipment representing 13 companies at the special outdoor Equipment Show
- ◆ 82 Exhibitors in the indoor portion of the trade show



Attendees enjoyed a welcome party on the beach, 25 technical sessions, a keynote address from Deputy FHWA Administrator, and a speech from legendary University of Alabama football motivational speaker- Dr. Kevin Elko. Now, NACE turns towards Palm Springs next year! Save the date- April 15-18, 2024!

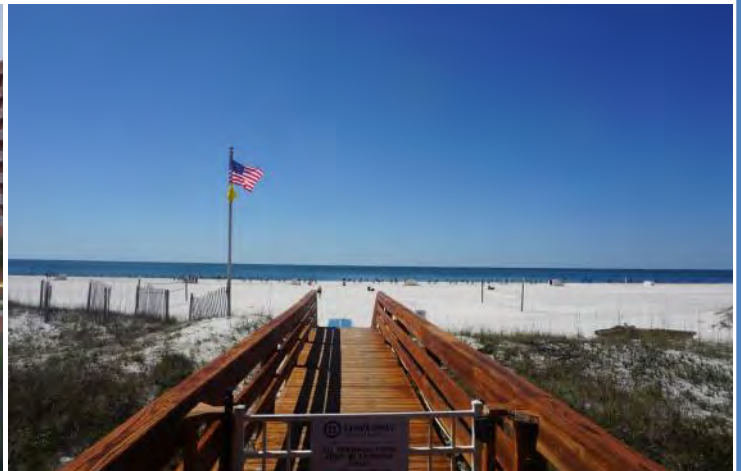


We had a great turnout from California, with 20 California delegates and 7 guests. Thank you to the entire team, while we all had fun, we also all worked hard to promote NACE 2024 in Palm Springs.



NACE 2023 - Orange Beach, Alabama

CEAC membership at the NACE 2023 Annual Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama, promoting the NACE 2024 Annual Conference (being hosted by California)



NACE 2023 - Orange Beach, Alabama



The 2023-24 NACE officers installed at the Annual Conference From l-r: **Matt Machado**, CA, Western Region VP; **Jeff Linkous**, Ohio, Northeast Region VP; **Josh Harvill**, Alabama, Southeast Region VP; **Jacob Thorius**, Iowa, Secretary/Treasurer; **Stephen McCall**, Ohio, President-Elect; **Jeff Blue**, Illinois, President; **Pam Dingman**, Nebraska, South Central Region VP; **Wayne Sandberg**, MN, North Central Region VP; and **Chris Champion**, Alabama, Past President.

I want to thank you all for supporting my bid to be the NACE Western Region VP. I will work hard to make you all proud.

We are meeting monthly to plan NACE 2024 Palm Springs, let me know if you want to join and help.

Matt Machado

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Welcome Reception Sunday afternoon. Some of the CEAC members and their family members with NACE Presidents or Past Presidents:

Chris Champion, Alabama, 2022

Ramon Gavarrete, Florida, 2014

George Webb, Florida, 2007

NACE 2023 - Orange Beach, Alabama

California State Affiliate dinner, GT's On the Bay



Tuesday night Tailgate Event and Equipment Show at the Wharf.



NACE 2023 - Orange Beach, Alabama



CEAC members wore their vests throughout NACE 2023 to promote NACE 2024 in Palm Springs



A few of the satisfied customers at CEAC's SNAP-E-TOM reception



Immediately after the installation of the 2023-24 NACE Officers, **President Jeff Blue**, Champaign County, IL, far left, presented the three past NACE Presidents with jerseys commemorating the historical achievement of the occasion. The four of them served as Region Vice Presidents together before **Scott McGolpin**, Santa Barbara County, CA, far right, was elected President in 2020. **Todd Kinney**, Clinton County, IA, followed Scott in 2021, and **Chris Champion**, Henry County, AL, followed in 2022.

NACE 2023 2024



California Dreamin'



CEAC President **Brian Balbas** (right on stage) and CA NACE Rep (and, now the Western Region V.P.) **Matt Machado** (left on stage) explain a few of the highlights of coming to California in 2024 for the NACE Annual Conference. As can be seen in the picture above, some of the CEAC members can surf better than others.



Engineer and Surveyor of the Year Award Nominations (due September 15, 2023)

Do you know of a fellow co-worker that has provided exemplary effort or a unique accomplishment in his or her field this year? If so, please consider nominating them for the CEAC Engineer of the Year (EOY) or CEAC Surveyor of the Year (SOY) award. We all know that the past several months have proven to be anything but normal, yet our county public works professionals have continued to stay strong and work diligently on behalf of all 58 California counties.

We encourage you to recognize someone that you believe is eligible for one of the awards. Nominations are due no later than **Friday, September 15, 2023**.

The nomination forms and guidelines are attached and on the CEAC website:

<https://www.ceacounties.org/resources/awards-programs/engineer-of-the-year/>
<https://www.ceacounties.org/resources/awards-programs/surveyor-of-the-year/>

Engineer of the Year Awards can be submitted to:

Alicia Winokur (Meier) at meiera@mendocinocounty.org

Surveyor of the Year Awards can be submitted to:

Mike Lee, Yuba County at mlee@co.yuba.ca.us



2022 CEAC Engineer of the Year

Scott DeLeon presented by Doug Wilson



2022 CEAC Surveyor of the Year

Ray Mathe presented by Brian Balbas
(left) and Ian Wilson (right)



By Dave "Road Runner" Gravenkamp
CEAC Historian

Editor's Note: from the August 2010 CEAC Newsletter

William David McIntosh

CEAC President 1964

NACE President 1967

CEAC Treasurer Emeritus

"Old Crow"

March 24, 1924-August 11, 2010

From Jim Pott, "The Admiral Bird", CEAC President 1971

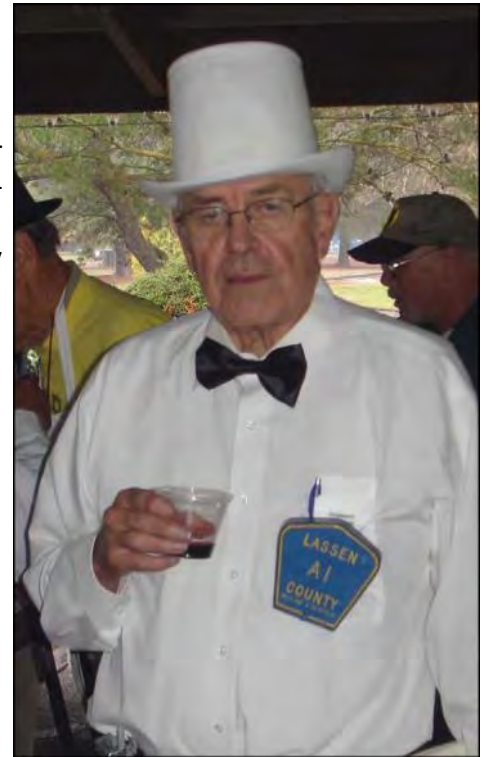
Dear Lenore, Donna, & "Favorite Aunt Maudie Walker",

As I thought about my conversation with Medhi Sadjadi, I quickly concluded that it would be just plain wrong to observe Bill's passing in silence—without even a comment to his "family: as I've been privileged to know.

I'm sure that Mehdi told you that I cannot attend Bill's services scheduled for Friday, August 27th. Traveling days are over for Lois and me—particularly since I have not yet regained required adequate mobility since my stroke in January.

As we all know very well, Bill was the lynchpin for the "organized" County Engineers. And, it's easy to recite his many and continuing activities in and for CEAC. They are too numerous to repeat in this letter. His value to CEAC has been so extraordinary for as long as I was privileged to know him over the past 50 years. And, his numerous awards during this time are now silent reminders of his many contributions. He did these things and gave his creative ideas and opinions despite his being so darn inscrutable, enigmatic, and taciturn— or, was it *because* he possessed these traits in a political environment whose primary pastime is *talk and palaver*? He left a significant legacy to CEAC.

In any case, he did much more than leave a legacy. He was an organizational *bridge builder* of considerable substance—with NACE representing county engineers at the national level; with the County Route Marker Program, with building our reputation with County Supervisors and their associations so that we became *partners* with them instead of mere technical gofers; with the suppliers of local government needs and equipment and the creation of the CLOPS representing the private sector to the benefit of local government; and many other ideas that improved coordination in and among local government agencies and activities.



What is most important, he contributed all of his services and ideas while gathering around him a CEAC cadre for our own "tomfoolery" activities such as the Association of Big Game Hunters and Pelican Egg Stompers at Eagle Lake; Buffalo Bull Award; the Buddy Award; the McIntosh Lifetime Achievement Award (where he was the first recipient); the Tres Pinos Bedroll Conference in conjunction with the legendary Ed Hanna; Snappy Toms at NACE breakfasts to supplement the CEAC *Drinking Team* traditions; and the CLODS Barbeque. It must have been all a part of a subliminal training program.

These paragraphs hardly begin to describe the stature of this man. Hopefully, they are a start towards revealing some of his un-advertised traits. He, along with his deceased co-founders of the CLODS—Ed Hanna, Bruce McClain, and Bill Jones—were responsible for bringing the professional practice of county engineering in from the cold and out from under the pepper tree following passage of the Collier-Burns Act that had such a large part in the transformation of local government.

I knew him at the right time. And, I already miss him.

Central California Report

Submitted by Walter Rubalcava, Public Works Deputy Director, Santa Barbara County



On April 26, 2023, the Central California CEAC group had the privilege of touring the PG&E Diablo Nuclear Power Plant and some of their surrounding land. The group had a great time on the tour and shared lunch together. Thank you, PG&E!

From left to right: Matt Machado (Santa Cruz County), Julie Hagen (Santa Barbara County), Scott McGolpin (Santa Barbara County), Tracy Barlett (NCE), Chris Sneddon (Santa Barbara County), John Waddell (San Luis Obispo County), Cindy Treichler (San Luis Obispo County), Walter Rubalcava (Santa Barbara County), Kent Edler (Santa Cruz County).



Central California Report

Santa Cruz County Storm Response



Clockwise from top left: mountain region mudslides, additional mudslides in the mountain region, road failure, wave surge damage in the Rio Del Mar Beach area.

Central California Report

Santa Cruz County Storm Response



Clockwise from top: Repair work on College Road, additional repair work on College Road, road damage leads to trapped residents in 500 homes, flooding in the community of Pajaro.

Central California Report

San Luis Obispo County Storm Response



Clockwise from top left: Huasna Road, El Pomar Road, Las Pilitas Road, Huasna Arroyo Grande Bridge, El Camino Real Bridge

Central California Report

San Luis Obispo County Storm Response



Clockwise from top left: Avenales Ranch Road, Las Pilitas Road, Redondo Lane, Huasna Townsite Road, Cypress Mountain Road.

Central California Report

Santa Barbara County Storm Response



Clockwise from top left: Gibraltar Road north of Santa Barbara, W Main Street outside of Guadalupe, Jalama Road near Lompoc, Bella Vista Road in Montecito

Central California Report

Santa Barbara County Storm Response



Clockwise from top left: Bradbury Dam at Cachuma Lake (at full capacity) in the Santa Ynez Valley, the Randall Road Debris Basin in Montecito with 15,000 CY of material from the I/9 storm, emergency beach nourishment operations at Goleta Beach, bridge construction at Foothill Road outside of Cuyama.

CSAC Summary of the 2023-24 Budget Agreement

On Wednesday, June 27th, the Legislature passed 21 bills, which together comprise most of the 2023-24 budget agreement reached between Governor Gavin Newsom, the Assembly, and the Senate. You're not alone if you find this complex web of spending bills dizzying – the rough page count for the budget and pending trailer bills totals over 3,500 pages. As well reported, this budget reflects a \$310.8 billion spending plan for the 2023-24 fiscal year. This agreement also closes an estimated \$32 billion budget deficit while setting aside about \$37.8 billion in reserves.

Earlier this month, the Legislature passed its “counteroffer” to the Governor’s May Revision, SB 101 (Skinner) (Chapter No. 12, Statutes of 2023) which was signed by Governor Newsom yesterday evening. AB 102 (Ting), colloquially known as the Budget Bill Junior, along with several trailer bills, augment the Legislature’s budget (SB 101) and represent the final agreement on the state’s spending plan reached between the Administration and the Legislature.

Key county issues in the budget include:

- \$1 billion for Round 5 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program, but no ongoing funding commitment. The budget also significantly modifies the HHAP program in ways that are consistent with the AT HOME plan including required collaboration, regional plans, and defined roles and responsibilities.
- An increase in the IHSS collective bargaining penalty from 7 percent one-time to 10 percent applied annually until a collective bargaining agreement is reached, which is opposed by CSAC and was included in the budget agreement with no public input.
- \$128.9 million in 2023-24 to support state and county activities to implement the Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Act, ramping up to nearly \$291 million in 2026-27 and annually thereafter.
- An additional \$406.5M to update the budgeting methodology for county administration of CalFresh.
- \$250 million General Fund for county behavioral health payment reform activities.
- Renewal of the Managed Care Organization (MCO) provider tax to maintain the Medi-Cal program and support increased investments, including Medi-Cal provider rate increases and additional support for the Distressed Hospital Loan Program.
- Maintaining \$200 million in ongoing General Fund support for local public health jurisdictions to modernize infrastructure and bolster workforce investments.
- Trailer bill legislation complementing CSAC’s ongoing efforts to provide counties with a pathway to be “ready for recharge” for groundwater actions, by allowing for the safe diversion of flood flows for groundwater recharge during high water events.
- Maintaining \$8.6 billion of previous multi-year commitments on water-related funding to minimize the immediate economic and environmental damage from drought, and provides an increase of \$290 million for flood protection.
- Maintaining \$2.7 billion in funding to advance critical investments in forest health and fire prevention, and includes \$116M for increased seasonal firefighters in the June to December months.
- \$2.4 billion in funding for transit operations and/or capital projects through the Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) and the newly created Zero Emission Transit Capital Program.

CSAC Summary of the 2023-24 Budget Agreement (continued)

Later this week, the Legislature will consider additional trailer bills, but the process will not be completed. CSAC expects negotiations to continue on some items through the summer. Your CSAC team will continue to raise the county voice and keep you updated.

Highlighted below are some of the key proposals of interest to the Housing, Land Use and Transportation (HLT) Policy Committee.

Housing, Land Use, and Transportation

HOUSING AND LAND USE

In contrast to proposed cuts to a variety of housing programs in the Governor's January budget proposal and the May Revision, the budget continues some level of funding provided in prior budgets or augments funding for specific housing programs. In addition, the housing budget trailer bill ([AB 129](#)) will move most grant programs related to homelessness to the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).

Investments in Affordable Housing and Homeownership

- \$100 million to HCD for the Multi-Family Housing Program, which provides resources for affordable housing development.
- \$50 million for the CalHOME affordable housing retention and rehabilitation program in 2023-24, which represents \$50 million reduction for the program.
- \$50 million to continue to fund the Accessory Dwelling Unit Program appropriated in the 2022-23 (AB 178, Chapter No. 45, Statutes of 2022). The Governor's January budget proposal had planned to eliminate all funding for this program.
- \$500 million to continue to fund the California Dream for All first-time home buyer assistance program, which was provided in the 2022-23 budget. The Governor's January budget proposal had planned to eliminate all funding for this program.
- \$82.5 million in new resources for the Foreclosure Intervention Housing Prevention Program. Further intent language was provided indicating a desire to allocate \$85 million for 2024-25, \$100 million for 2025-26, and \$62.5 million for 2026-27.

Housing Budget Trailer Bill

AB 129 adopts language for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAPP) Rounds 5 program, *please see the Health and Human Services section for an update on HHAPP*.

The trailer bill makes a number of technical changes to HCD that includes the transition of the HHAPP grant program and other grant programs from the Interagency Council on Homelessness to HCD, removes the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) from within HCD, and continues CalHFA within the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.

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CSAC Summary of the 2023-24 Budget Agreement (continued)

The bill also requires HCD, instead of the California Department of Finance, to publish the list of programs that must award pro-housing jurisdictions additional points or preferences on its website. Additionally, AB 129 requires HCD instead of the Department of Finance to publish a list of programs, if any, where eligibility for funding is contingent upon the jurisdiction having adopted a housing element. Finally, the bill establishes the Employee Housing Regulation Fund and requires HCD to deposit monies collected pursuant to the Employee Housing Act into the fund.

TRANSPORTATION

The budget reverses the Governor's January budget proposal to cut \$2 billion of capital project funding to public transit and provides \$2 billion to the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) for Population-Based Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP). We note that in the past, this program has been a competitive grant program but now is being shifted to a population-based formula for the next two years. Specifically, the budget includes \$2 billion for 2023-24 and proposes another \$2 billion in 2024-25 to TIRCP. Additionally, the bill provides \$410 million to CalSTA for the newly created Zero Emission Transit Capital Program, specifically providing \$410 million for 2023-24, and proposing to allocate \$230 million for 2024-25, \$230 million for 2025-26, and \$230 million for 2026-27 for the new program. Receipt of funding from either program is contingent on transit entities meeting specified accountability provisions in the transportation trailer bill outlined below.

Transportation Budget Trailer Bill

Transit Accountability

[SB 125](#), the transportation trailer bill requires CalSTA to develop and administer an accountability program for the distribution of funds from the Zero-Emission Transit Capital Program and the TIRCP (General Fund), requires a regional transportation planning agency to submit a regional short-term financial plan to CalSTA in order to receive the funds from these funding sources, and requires a regional transportation planning agency to submit a long-term financial plan by June 26, 2026. A regional transportation planning agency is eligible to receive future grants under the TIRCP beginning in the 2026-27 FY, or any subsequent fiscal years, only if CalSTA approves their long-term financial plan.

Transit Statutory Relief

The transportation trailer bill continues COVID-19 relief programs previously authorized by the Legislature and creates a task force to examine ways to improve transit and increase ridership in the long term, including reforming the transportation development act.

Relief to self-help counties

The Transportation trailer bill limits the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) from charging self-help counties with countywide sales tax measures dedicated to transportation improvements more than 10 percent for administration indirect cost recovery.

Zero Emission Vehicle Package

AB 102 appropriates \$550 million to the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for the Zero Emission Vehicle Package to programs administered by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) and the California Energy Commission (CEC), which includes:

- \$80 million to CARB for Clean Cars 4 All.
- \$100 million to CEC for Equitable At-Home Charging.
- \$80 million to CARB for Drayage Trucks and Infrastructure.
- \$85 million to CEC for Drayage Trucks and Infrastructure.

CSAC Summary of the 2023-24 Budget Agreement (continued)

- \$145 million to CEC for Clean Trucks, Buses and Off-Road Equipment.
- \$60 million to CARB/ CalSTA for Community-Based Plans, Projects and Support/Sustainable Community Strategies.

Energy Budget Trailer Bill

Embodied Carbon Emissions: Construction Materials

[SB 123](#) amends AB 2446 (Chapter No. 352, Statutes of 2022), to delay the deadline to measure the carbon intensity of buildings/materials by 18 months from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2026. The trailer bill language also delays the deadline to adopt strategies to reduce emissions by 40 percent from July 1, 2025, to December 31, 2028. The bill also delays the deadline to evaluate the feasibility and cost impact of the strategy from July 1, 2029, to December 1, 2029.

Clean Transportation

AB 126 requires a funding allocation of 10 percent annually for hydrogen refueling stations through the Clean Transportation Program until 2030 or until there is a sufficient network of these stations to support all types of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.

The bill also requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission, by January 1, 2028, in consultation with CARB and the Department of Motor Vehicles, to propose to the Legislature alternative funding methodologies or fee structures for funding zero-emission vehicle infrastructure for light, medium, and heavy-duty vehicles. This proposal shall include an assessment of the economic equity of the alternatives.

Progressive Design Build, Job Order Contracting and NEPA Assessment

SB 146 provides authority for Caltrans and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to use the Progressive Design Build and Job Order Contracting delivery methods. Progressive design-build is a variant of the design-build contracting used by Caltrans and DWR that generally includes two phases. CSAC is co-sponsoring SB 706, which would extend progressive design-build authority for specific project types to counties and other local governments. Job order contracting is a competitively bid, fixed price, indefinite-quantity contract for the performance of minor construction, renovation, and maintenance. Counties have had the authority to use job order contracting since 1983.

The bill extends existing authority that allows the Secretary of Transportation to review and make decisions on National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) documents for railroad, public transportation, or multimodal projects. CSAC is in support of this trailer bill.

Expedited Judicial Review, Administrative Record Reform

SB 149 requires expedited judicial review of challenges to certain water, transportation, clean energy, and semiconductor or microelectronic projects under the California Environmental Quality Act. Notable provisions include: A 270-day timeline for the completion of lawsuits that challenge a projects CEQA permit and Clarification that a variety of internal communications are not part of the administrative record.

This bill is limited to water, transportation, energy, and electronic manufacturing projects that meet specific criteria. Additionally, the bill allows only 20 transportation projects - 10 state sponsored and 10 sponsored by local governments, that may be prioritized by the Governor to benefit from the provisions of this bill. CSAC is in support of this trailer bill.

Several items are part of the infrastructure package that has been agreed upon by the Legislature and Administration.

SAVE THE DATES and JOB OPPORTUNITIES

18th Annual CEAC Policy Conference

August 24-25, 2023, Capitol Event Center, Sacramento

CSAC 128th Annual Meeting/Fall Conference

November 13-17, 2023, Alameda County

2024 CEAC Spring Conference

will not be held due to the 2024 NACE Conference in Palm Springs

2024 NACE Annual Conference

April 15-18, 2024, Palm Springs, Riverside County

JOB OPPORTUNITIES IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

(currently listed on the [CEAC website](#))

Organization	Position	Date Posted	Closing Date/First Review
City of Calabasas	Public Works Director	7/10/2023	8/14/2023
Marin County	Civil Engineer	7/7/2023	Continuous Until Filled
Santa Cruz County	Senior Construction Inspector (Senior Engineering Associate)	7/7/2023	7/14/2023
Santa Cruz County	Construction Inspector (Engineering Associate)	7/7/2023	7/14/2023
Santa Barbara County	Civil Engineering Associate I/II	6/29/2023	7/12/2023
City of San Bernardino	Deputy Director of Public Works/City Engineer	6/29/2023	7/16/2023
City of San Bernardino	Principal Civil Engineer	6/29/2023	7/23/2023
City of Glendora	Public Works Director	6/28/2023	7/26/2023
Sonoma County	Capital Project Manager	6/26/2023	7/24/2023
Trinity County	Deputy Director Transportation	6/21/2023	Continuous Until Filled
City of Santa Rosa	Supervising Engineer – Transportation and Public Works **Eligible for Incentive**	6/6/2023	Continuous Until Filled