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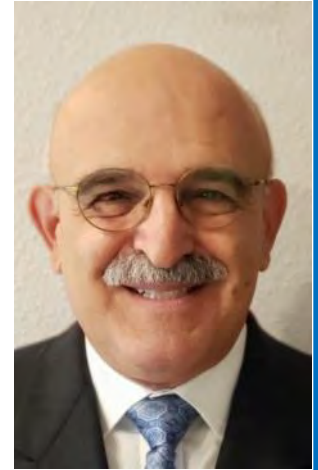
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President's Message

by **Panos Kokkas**
Director of Transportation
Trinity County



In April, CEAC had the privilege of hosting the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Annual Conference in Palm Springs. The conference was a successful event, with a record number of members attending from both California and the rest of the country. I like to express my congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to the organizing committee chaired by our own NACE Vice President Matt Machado. All the planning, meetings and hard work came to a successful fruition. The last time California hosted the annual NACE conference was in 2002. It was outstanding to see many of the California delegates and guest along with friends and acquaintances from other states. More about the conference details are outlined in Howard Dashiell's NACE Report.

The California dinner at Eight4Nine restaurant on Tuesday evening provided a wonderful opportunity to visit with over 140 delegates, guests and sponsors. It was such a pleasure meeting our members' significant other, along with a chance to meet new members and catch up with old friends. A big thank to the organizers of the event that provided the delightful venue and delicious food; your efforts paid off well. Thank You!

Many of the NACE members, from other states, were able to enjoy the renowned CLODS BBQ which they looked forward to attending. It was an incredible experience



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

to see many CLODS in attendance at the NACE conference and I enjoyed catching up with many of the them.

As I mentioned in previous messages, the northern California Bedroll Conference will be held on July 24-27, at Camp Tehama, which is about 50 miles east of Red Bluff, off of State Route 36 and 172. For those looking for something a little less rustic, the Village at Highlands Ranch has an Inn as well as RV spaces. Across the street is the plusher Highlands Ranch Resort, both about 10 minutes away. This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy the natural beauty of our state, while participating in continuing education through CEAC. The registration forms have been sent out earlier this month. If you did not receive one, please contact Merrin Gerety.

This is a state legislative year, with many upcoming proposals that will affect our activities as we try to provide the best service to our constituents. Participating in CEAC/CSAC will give us a voice to advocate for constructive legislation, and oppose hostile regulations that will obstruct counties from providing efficient and effective services; which makes it more imperative to participate in CEAC and attend the Annual Policy Conference, August 22-23, 2024 in Sacramento. This is an exceptional opportunity to bring younger staff and introduce them to all the benefits of participating in CEAC, along with the possibilities to enhance their education and career advancement. Registration information and a detailed schedule will be provided as we get closer to the event.

I hope you all had a wonderful Memorial Day and I look forward to seeing many of you at the Bedroll Conference in July, and each of you at the policy Conference in August.

Panos Kokkas
CEAC President 2023/24
Director of Transportation, Trinity County



CEAC Members in TOKYO

From l-r -

- **George and Luann Johnson**
- **Sabrina and Jim Porter**
- **Pattie McNamee and Terry Herringshaw**

Picture courtesy of Pattie
McNamee

HAPPENINGS Around the State....

SAVE the DATES

- **2024 CEAC Northern California Bedroll Conference** - July 24-26, 2024, Camp Tehama, near Mineral, CA
- **2024 CEAC Policy Conference** - August 22-23, 2024, Sacramento
- **2024 CSAC Annual Meeting/CEAC Fall Conference** - November 18-22, 2024, Pasadena, Los Angeles County
- **2025 CEAC Spring Conference** (in conjunction with the League of California Cities' Public Works Officers Institute) - March 18-21, 2025, Universal City, Los Angeles County
- **2025 NACE Annual Conference** - April 14-17, 2025, Schaumburg, Illinois (Cook County)
- **2025 CSAC Annual Meeting/CEAC Fall Conference** - December 1-5, 2025, Santa Clara County

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COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CHANGES

Around the State....

Noel Castillo was appointed as the new Director of Public Works for San Bernardino County earlier this year. Noel was the Assistant Director working alongside his predecessor, Brendon Biggs, who retired in December 2023 after 32 years of service for San Bernardino County.

Noel has over 20 years of experience in engineering and project leadership. He graduated from the University of California, Irvine, with a bachelor of science in civil engineering. He started his civil engineering career in the private sector, designing freeways and working on rail and transportation projects. He specialized in construction management in addition to highway and transportation design, and has experience in the design and engineering of a range of infrastructure projects, including rail, roads, highways, traffic signals, drainage, and utilities.

Castillo spent the last 16 years of his career working with local municipalities - at the City of Montclair, serving as the city engineer/public works director for three years; the City of Fontana as the engineering manager for ten years; and the City of Corona as a resident engineer for three years.

He enjoys participating in career day presentations at local schools to motivate kids to enter careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) related fields. As the assistant director, Noel was responsible for overseeing various key areas within the Public Works Department, including transportation planning, design, traffic, contracts and operations, and the administration side. In addition to these roles, Castillo also oversaw the County Flood Control District.



Dennis Acuna was appointed as the Director of Transportation for Riverside County in March replacing Mark Lancaster. Dennis started his career with Riverside County in 2007 as an Associate Civil Engineer. He was previously the Deputy Director of Transportation.

He graduated from Cal Poly Pomona in 2005 with a Bachelors of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and earned a Master's Degree in Public Administration in 2019 from California Baptist University.

Dennis is both a Registered Civil Engineer and a Registered Traffic Engineer in the State of California.



2024 CEAC SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT of APPLICATIONS

The memo to the right is the announcement of the 2024 CEAC Memorial Fund Scholarship. We encourage all qualified applicants to apply! Applications are due **Friday, June 21, 2024**.

Please share this email with your staff and anyone who might be interested!

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.

****Not a student but want to promote the CEAC Scholarship fund?** We are requesting donations from

CEAC members (check with your tax professional if a contribution is tax deductible since we are a 501.c.6 ; it may not be tax deductible for individuals) for the CEAC Memorial Scholarships.

Thank you,
Alicia Winokur
Deputy Director, Engineering
Mendocino County Department of Transportation
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2024 County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) Memorial Scholarship Program

The County Engineers Association of California 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 several factors, including outside activities, will be considered in awarding the scholarship.

CEAC Memorial Fund and Scholarship Committee:

Chair - Alicia Winokur, Mendocino County
Vice Chair - Scott DeLeon, Lake County

Applications due Friday, June 21, 2024

In addition, to be eligible for the above scholarship, an applicant must complete an application form and write a professional and educational goals letter. This letter will have considerable weight in grading the merits of the applicant, as well as the student's grade point average and the need of the applicant.

You may submit your applications electronically or in hard copy. Application forms can be found at the following website:

<http://www.ceacounties.org/resources/ceac-scholarship-program/>

Electronic applications: must be emailed no later than Friday, June 21, 2024 to: Alicia Winokur at meiera@mendocinocounty.gov. Please include "CEAC Scholarship Application 2024" in the email subject line.

Hard copy applications: must be postmarked and submitted no later than June 21, 2024 to:

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Mendocino County
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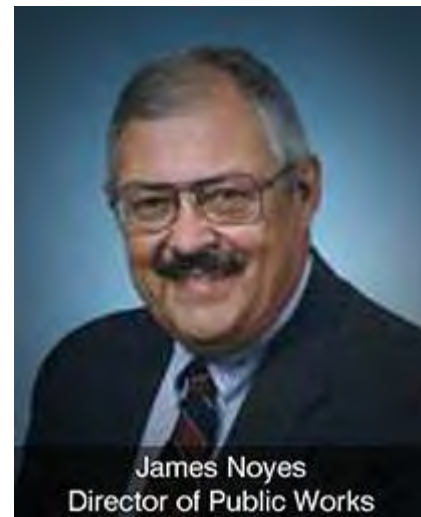
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James A. Noyes
CEAC Life Member
March 26, 1943 -
May 8, 2024



**James “Jim” Albert Noyes passed away peacefully
surrounded by his wife and two sons on Wednesday, May 8,
at Summerlin Hospital Medical Center in Las Vegas.**

Jim was born on March 26, 1943 in Chicago, Illinois to parents Albert E Noyes and Antonia L (Rodman) Noyes. He grew up in Chicago and Indianapolis, attended Scecina Memorial High School in Indiana and graduated from Notre Dame High School in Niles, Illinois. He matriculated to Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. He graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil Engineering. He made a vow to himself that the first company that offered him a job on the west coast, he was going to take. In August, 1966, he began his career at the Los Angeles County Flood Control District as a Civil Engineering Assistant. Jim continued to pursue his education and received his Master’s Degree in Environmental Science from the University of Southern California. He continued to move ahead in his career, ultimately achieving the position of Director of Public Works. Jim was a dedicated public servant and inspirational leader, respected by many during his 38 years of service to the people of Los Angeles County. He retired in 2004.

Jim had a passion for water and how the Department of Public Works could help in supporting water supply issues for Los Angeles County. He became involved in regional water issues representing Supervisor Mike Antonovich on the Southern California Water Committee, ultimately appointed as its Chairman. He joined the newly founded Urban Water Institute where he became its first Executive Director, serving over 10 years. Jim served as Chairman Emeritus until 2018 when he moved to Las Vegas. Jim met his wife, Susan at the Flood Control District and they married on May 2, 1981 in Pasadena California. They shared a wonderful life together for 43 years. Three beautiful children were born during this marriage. They raised their family in Arcadia California and were active in their church, parish school where the boys attended, scouting, and community sports. Jim was an avid golfer, played softball, and enjoyed a ski boat partnership with three friends where they spent time at the Colorado River and Shaver Lake.

Jim lived his life with humor, integrity, patience, kindness, grace, and a deep love for his family. He was a devoted husband, caring father and proud grandpa. He will be greatly missed. Jim is predeceased by his parents and daughter, Megan Marie (1994). He is survived by his wife, Susan; sons, Christopher James (Alea) and Michael Joseph; two grandsons, Gianluca Christopher and Dante Xavier; and his brother Ralph Richard (Gayle) of Idaho; cousins, nieces and nephews.

Services were held on May, 24, 2024, at the Holy Angels Catholic Church in Arcadia. Jim will be laid to rest next to his daughter. Memorial donations in Jim’s name may be sent to City of Hope, 1500 East Duarte Road, Duarte CA 91010-3000, www.cityofhope.org, or the Alzheimer’s Association, 225 North Michigan Avenue, 17th Floor, Chicago IL 60601-7633, 800-272-3900, alz.org

NEW CEAC AFFILIATE

Surface Tech ARCA

Surface Tech, a leading innovator in the asphalt additive industry, is thrilled to announce the launch of Jay's Corner, a comprehensive asphalt additive online resource designed to keep state Departments of Transportation (DOTs), cities, counties, producers, and agencies abreast of the latest updates and insights in asphalt additives. This initiative is especially tailored to facilitate understanding and action concerning the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

Jay's Corner aims to serve as the go-to information hub where industry professionals can find not only news but also in-depth analysis, actionable advice, and opportunities for community engagement regarding low-carbon solutions and sustainable practices.

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Jay's Corner

ASPHALT ADDITIVE COMMUNITY Low Carbon Action Information Hub



Welcome to Jay's Corner, a dedicated space where we bring you the latest updates, critical insights, and actionable information concerning the asphalt additive industry. Our goal is to keep state DOTs, cities, counties, producers, and agencies well-informed and connected to the important developments coming from Capitol Hill, especially regarding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).

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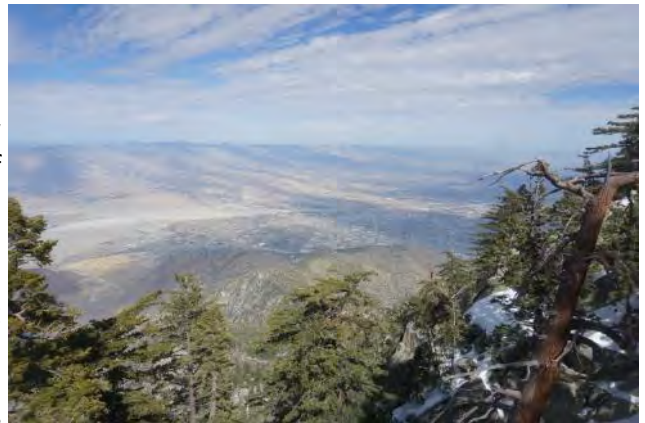


Howard Dashiell CEAC Representative to NACE

County Engineers and Public Works staff from around the entire Country attended the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) conference in Palm Springs from April 15th to 19th, 2024. The conference was a huge success with about 600 delegates in attendance. California sent around [207 delegates \(including exhibitors which totaled around 46 from California companies\)](#). CEAC typically get between 160-190 registrants at the annual CEAC Spring Conference that was replaced this year when CEAC hosted the NACE Conference.

The Conference was packed with the usual array of NACE committee workshops in Emergency Response and Preparedness, Legislative, Corporate Member Services, Pavement Preservation, Safety and Technology, Structures and Environment, and Unpaved Roads. NACE committee technical sessions included everything from Bridge Structures to Dust Control on Unpaved Roads. The conference included many excellent presentations on Road Safety, Pavement Preservation, Full Depth Reclamation etc., as is usual for a NACE conference. This year, the NACE Conference included all of the CEAC Policy Committee Meetings usually held at the Spring conference - Administrative, Flood Control and Water Resources, Infrastructure and Development, Resource Recovery and Waste Management, Surveyor, and Transportation. In addition, there was CEAC Board of Directors Meeting albeit very brief.

California brought the spotlight to some of our own successes in NACE technical session presentations with California perspectives. Matt Machado presented on "Flood Response" –Discussion of how Santa Cruz County presented on recovering from flooding. Matt Randall of Placer County presented on County Bridge Issues in "Lessons Learned from California's Local Highway Bridge Program." Tom Mattson of Humboldt County presented on how an earthquake nearly shut down the Humboldt County Fair. In fact, the seismic safety theme was further echoed in the technical tour where Martin McIlroy (MGE) & Mike Leacox (NCE) put together "*Shake, Rattle and Roll; the Coachella Way*," a visible demonstration of faults, the geology of the Coachella Valley, and hazards that are inherent in this dynamic environment.



Andrew Malizia of Stanislaus County presented on "HSIP and Grant Implementation" at the NACE Safety & Technology #1 session. Steve Wiesner of Santa Cruz County and Alicia Winokur of Mendocino County spoke at the NACE Safety & Technology #5 session. Specifically on the California experience, Alicia and Julia Peterson (Caltrans District 1) were able to "dovetail" a Caltrans Clean California pilot project with a Mendocino Council of Governments' (MCOG) safety project done on California State Highway 162 in Covelo, California. The MCOG project was constructed on a portion of the Round Valley Rancheria and provided connection to tribal housing with the tribal health clinic for improved pedestrian and bicycle safety. The presentation also included some insights on working with tribal government on a project and working with communities to provide the safety features most needed in the community.

NACE REPORT



Howard Dashiell

In addition to the very successful NACE 2024 Conference, NACE Leadership continues to move forward on Strategic Planning, looking at Regional Structure, Conference Structure, Budgeting, Dues, and Association Branding. NACE is presently working with C2 Strategies (Cameron Curtis, CEO), which has extensive experience in association strategic planning and will be assisting the NACE Executive Committee and Executive Director on formulating an effective blueprint for NACE to move forward in the future.

Future NACE Conferences (all in the Spring, usually mid-April):

- 2025, Illinois, Schaumburg (Cook Co.) April 14-17, 2025
- 2026, Texas, Arlington (Tarrant Co.) April 12-15, 2026
- 2027, Ohio

As CEAC members you are all also members of NACE so check out the resources at the newly reinvented web page at <https://www.countyengineers.org/>



NACE 2024 - Welcome by NACE President, Jeff Blue



Welcome from NACE President!

I would like to personally thank you for registering to attend the NACE 2024 Annual Conference. The California delegation has been working tirelessly over the last year to put on a show that is sure to please all of those in attendance, and Team NACE is ready to make this a memorable event for all. So, bask in the sunshine and warm weather, enjoy camaraderie with those NACE members who you have built friendships with over the years and make some new friends. There's no better place and time than right here, right now to make the most of your NACE membership. NACE is the place that makes us all better county road officials.

Here are a few quick notes that I wanted to pass along to the membership related to the past year:

Membership numbers are on this rise as we have been much more proactive in contacting our members and making sure they still see the value in NACE and want to continue to participate. Corporate membership has seen a substantial growth thanks to the efforts of the Executive Committee and Jen Voshell, our Director of Membership & Marketing. If anyone is aware of a company that would like to be a corporate member of NACE, please pass that information along to your Regional Vice President or the NACE office.

Our relationships with our federal partners including the USDOT/FHWA and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have never been stronger. That is a testament to the hard work done by our Executive Director Kevan Stone, who has put in the work to build those relationships between the NACE Executive Committee and the people we deal with directly at those federal agencies. We have been fortunate to sit down and talk face to face with these folks and I can tell you that we have allies and relationships that will help us all do our jobs more effectively and efficiently.

Thank you to the committee chairs who have served over the past year. Your efforts help make Team NACE a success. Committee membership is key to our success, and each technical committee put together some very interesting topics for this NACE Annual Conference. Hopefully, everyone has seen the call for 2024 committee membership and responded with their preferences. If not, please find an Executive Committee member at the conference and let them know of your interest.

I have had the honor and privilege to attend twelve different state association meetings and meet hundreds of NACE members over the last year. Everyone has been so kind and generous to me as I traveled across the country and learned how each state is unique, but also very similar in the challenges we face as county road officials. Cheers to you all.

It goes without saying that none of these things could have been accomplished without the help of our NACE staff, Kevan, Staci, and Jen or the great support from the Executive Committee and the NACE Board of Directors.

Enjoy the California sunshine and if I haven't met you yet, I hope to have the privilege at this year's annual conference.

Jeff Blue

NACE 2024 - PALM SPRINGS, CA

**VIEW
From the
Renaissance Palm Springs
HOTEL**



NACE 2024 - CEAC Volunteers



Just some of the
CEAC Volunteers

If you see Conference attendees in the pictures that follow in the Orange Vests, they are also CEAC Volunteers for the Conference.



NACE 2024 - Monday Night Reception



Picture below

From l-r

- **Panos Kokkas**,
CEAC President
- **Jeff Blue**, NACE
President, IL



NACE 2024 - Opening General Session (Tuesday)

- **Stephen McCall**, NACE President-Elect, OH
- **Matt Machado**, NACE Western Reg VP, CA
- **George Johnson**, CEAC Past Pres, 2007-08
- **Panos Kokkas**, CEAC President
- **Jeff Blue**, NACE Pres, IL
- **Supervisor V. Manuel Perez**, Riverside County, Fourth District
- **Tony Tavares**, Caltrans Director



Supervisor V. Manuel Perez Riverside County - Fourth District Welcome

Supervisor Perez welcomed the attendees to the NACE Conference, to Riverside County and to the Fourth District.

The Fourth District is geographically the largest district in Riverside County, covering the eastern two-thirds of the County. Within the District are the cities of Blythe, Cathedral City, Coachella, Desert Hot Springs, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage.



From l-r - **Chris Champion**, NACE Immediate Past President, AL; **Stacy Morgan**, NACE Conference Director; **Jacob Thorius**, NACE Secretary/Treasurer, IA; **Rich Sanders**, NACE Past President, 2018, MN; **Phil Schmalz**, Director of Public Works, Meeker County, MN; and **Josh Harvill**, NACE Southeast Reg VP, AL



Keynote Speaker: Tony Tavares

The Keynote Speaker for the Opening Session was Caltrans Director, **Tony Tavares**. Mr. Tavares was appointed the 34th Director of the Department of Transportation (Caltrans) by Governor Gavin Newsom and sworn in June 2022. Director Tavares manages a nearly \$20 billion budget and more than 22,000 employees who oversee 50,000 lanes miles of highway, maintain approximately 20,000 bridges, providing permitting of more than 400 public-use airports, fund three of Amtrak's busiest inter-city rail service and provide transit support to more than 200 local and regional transportation agencies.

Director Tavares' transportation vision for California addresses critical climate issues and advances a safe, equitable, accessible, sustainable, and multimodal transportation system that builds on strong partnerships and robust stakeholder engagement. He fosters a people-first culture built on the principles of Safety, Equity, Climate Action, and Economic Prosperity - furthering a California for all. He encourages innovation and intelligent risk-taking, as transformative innovation will be needed to achieve zero traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by 20250 and reduce greenhouse gases by 40% by 2030.

Director Tavares is a graduate of UC Davis with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil Engineering. He is a Registered Civil Engineer and a certified Project Management Professional.

NACE 2024 - Opening General Session (continued)



Peter Rei and **Scott McGolpin** with Mark Storey, Director of Public Works, Whitman County, WA



George Johnson with the new Director of Transportation for Riverside County, **Dennis Acuna** (right) and **Michael Maldonado**, Administrative Service Manager, Riverside County (left)

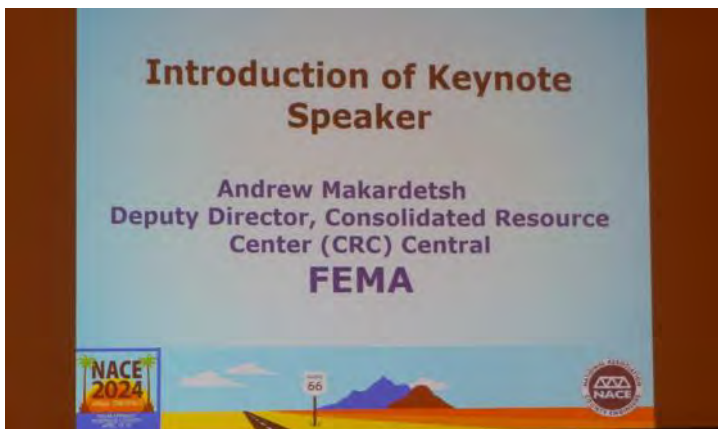


Editor's Note; See page 4 for more information regarding Mr. Acuna.

NACE 2024 - Delegate Lunch Tuesday —Gov't Affairs Session



Jessica Jennings, NACo Legislative Director for Transportation



From l-r - **Andrew Makardetsh**, Deputy Director, FEMA;
Pam Dingman, NACE Secretary/Treasurer; and **Jeff Blue**, NACE President



NACE 2024 - Exhibit Hall



NACE Board of Directors welcoming attendees to the Exhibit Hall

From l-t—**Matt Machado**, CA, Western Region V.P.; **Josh Harvill**, AL, Southeast Region V.P.; **Stephan McCall**, OH, President-Elect; **Wayne Sandberg**, MN, North Central V.P.; **Jeff Linkous**, OH, Northeast Region V.P.; **Jeff Blue**, IL, President; **Rich Sanders**, MN, NACo Rep; **Jacob Thorius**, IA, Secretary/Treasurer; and, **Chris Champion**, AL, Immediate Past President



NACE 2024 - California State Dinner (Tuesday Night)



NACE 2024 - California State Dinner (continued)



NACE 2024 - California State Dinner (continued)



From l-r - **Jessica Jennings**, NACo Legislative Director for Transportation; **Scot McGolpin**, CEAC President, 2013-14; and **Kevan Stone**, NACE Executive Director



NACE 2024 - CLODS BBQ (Wednesday Night)



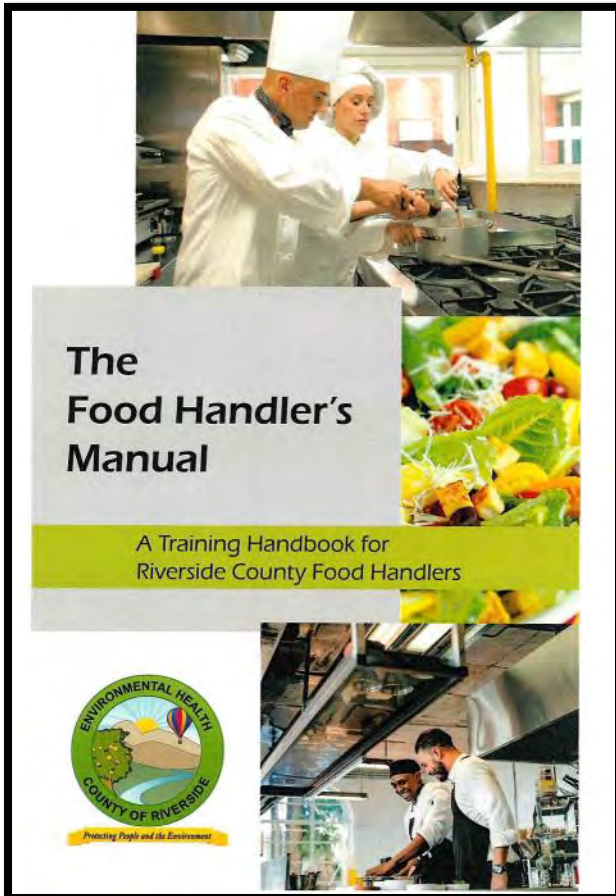
The Set-Up—Before Pictures



California Dreamin' BBQ

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*Join NACE & CEAC for a special evening
featuring some of their famous west
coast hospitality in BBQ form*



*Did you know that the CLODS had to each take and pass the
Riverside County Food Handlers Certification Program in
order to serve food at their own BBQ?*

See the cover of the Food Handler's Manual to the left and
a copy of a certificate one of the CLODS received when they
passed the Exam.



NACE 2024 - CLODS BBQ (continued)



From l-r - Ken Miller, 2000-01;
Brian Balbas, 2022-23;
Howard Dashiell, 2021-22;
Doug Wilson, 1996-97;
Peter Rei, 2008-09;
Scott McGolpin, 2013-14;
Medhi Sadjadi, 1998-99;
Phil Demery, 2002-03;
George Johnson, 2007-08;
Matt Machado, 2015-16;
Mike Penrose, 2014-15; and
Jim Porter, 2018-19/2020-21

Front - **Pat DeChellis**, 2009-10

Below—4 CLODS' wives - l-r:
Sandra Miller; **Sabrina Porter**;
Nicole Balbas; **Rose Penrose**



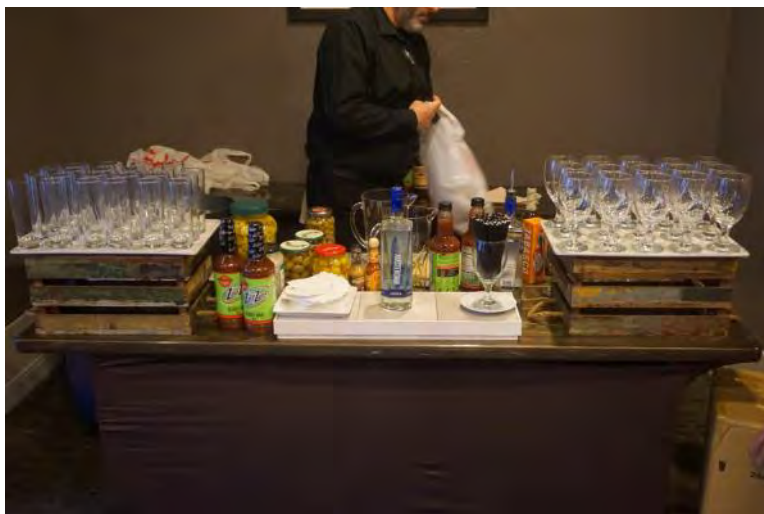
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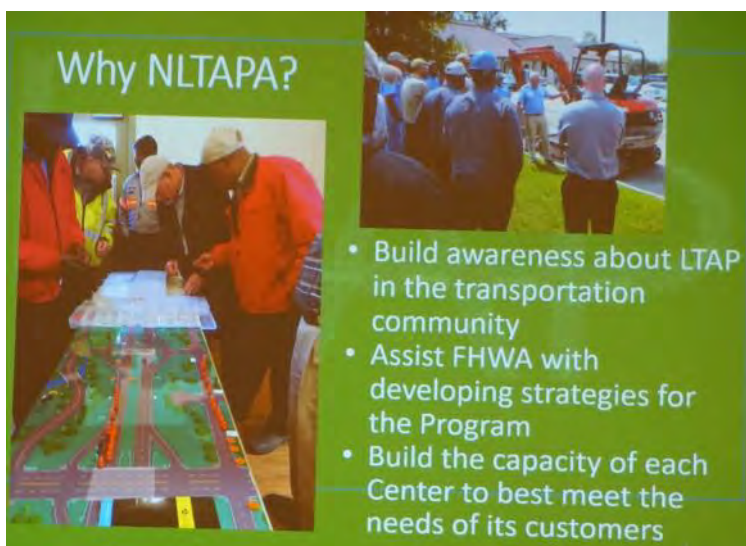
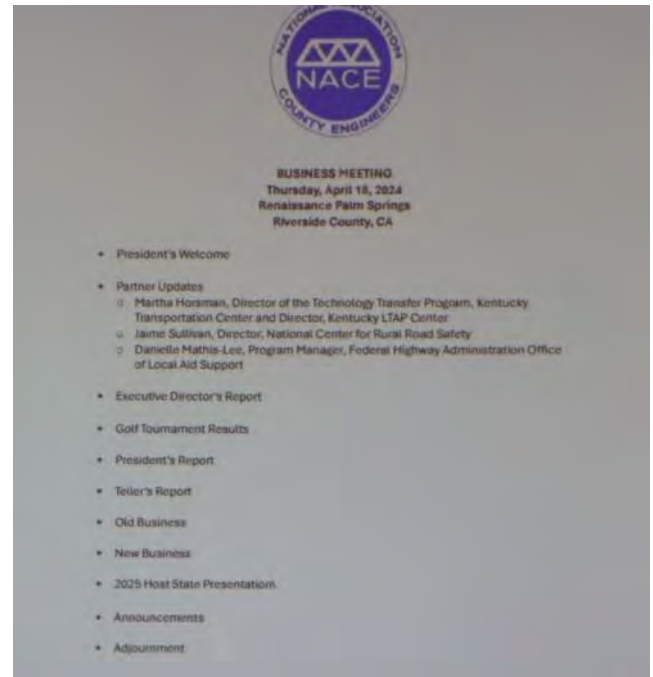
NACE 2024 - SNAP-E-TOM



NACE 2024 - NACE BUSINESS MTG (THURSDAY)




FROM L-R - Rich Sanders, MN; Jeff Linkous, OH; Wayne Sandberg, MN; Jeff Blue, IL; Chris Champion, AL; and Jacob Thorius, IA



NACE 2024 - NACE BUSINESS MTG

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Who we are




U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Highway Administration


- Provides financial and technical support to state and local government transportation programs
- Focus is on design, construction, and maintenance of the Nation's highway system and various federally and tribal owned lands

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Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Federal Requirements - Guidance for Local & Tribal Agencies

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) announces new training to assist local and Tribal agencies with meeting the transportation funding under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Representing the FHWA's previous efforts, all transportation modes, the BIL shares with about 350 billion of that for highway-specific programs.

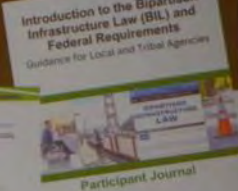
A one-day training session was held in September 2022. Training topics and resources include funding opportunities, federal grant delivery requirements, state design prior to acquisition, proposed requirements and resources to leverage throughout the Federal project and grant application processes.

Website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/bil/>

Participate, Assess, Plan, Implement, Monitor, Evaluate

Online Training: Introduction to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and Federal Requirements

Please visit our website for FHWA Local Aid Support Program Manager, Hans Anker @ Hans.Anker@dot.gov



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Local Aid Support Quarterly Newsletter

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/training_tools/clas_newsletter_fall2023.aspx



Website: <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/clas/>



NACE 2024 - Shake, Rattle, and Roll—Coachella



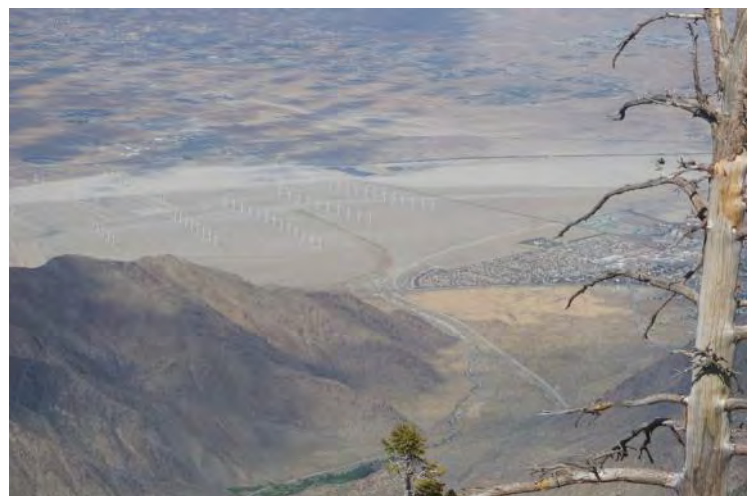
Presenters and California Experts

From l-r:

- **Mike Leacox (NCE)**
- **Martin McIlroy (MGE Eng)**



NACE 2024 - Shake, Rattle, and Roll—Coachella (continued)



NACE 2024 - PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION



NACE 2024 - ANNUAL BANQUET



NACE Officers for 2024-25

From l-r:

- **Wayne Sandberg**, MN, North Central, V.P.
- **Matt Machado**, CA, Western, V.P.
- **Stephen McCall**, OH, President
- **Jacob Thorius**, IA, President-Elect
- **Jeff Linkous**, OH, Northeast V.P.
- **Andrew McGuire**, IA, South Central V.P.
- **Pamela Dingman**, NE, Secretary/Treasurer
- **Jeff Blue**, IL, Immediate Past President
- **Josh Harvill**, AL, Southeast V.P.



NACE Former Leaders (NFL)

From l-r:

- **Todd Kinney**, IA, 2021
- **Duane Ratermann**, IL, 2015
- **Jeff Blue**, IL, 2023
- **Tim Hens**, NY, 2019
- **Rich Sanders**, MNH, 2018
- **Chris Champion**, AL, 2022
- **Ramon Gavarrete**, FL, 2014
- **Phil Demery**, CA, 2010
- **Scott McGolpin**, CA, 2020
- **Chris Bauserman**, OH, 2009
- **Mark Servi**, WI, 2013



NACE Former Leader

not included in the picture above—

Randy Cole, AL, 2005

In the picture to the left - from l-r:

- **Jeff Blue**
- **Chris Bauserman**
- **With Randy**

Randy and Chris are installing Jeff as the newest member of the NFL.

Editor's Note: Randy left the Banquet before the picture of the NFLers could be taken.

NACE 2024 - MISC



CEAC Board of Directors

April 17, 2024 Board Mtg

From l-r:

- **Panos Kokkas**, President, Trinity county
- **Brian Balbas**, Immediate Past President, Contra costa County (retired)
- **Johannes Hoevertsz**, Secretary, Sonoma County
- **David Leamon**, Vice President, Stanislaus County



Volunteers from Sonoma County



Picture above: **THE 4 MATTs**

From l-r:

- **Matt Machado**, Santa Cruz County, Deputy CAO and Director, Community Development and Infrastructure
- **Matt Schmitz**, FHWA, Director, Project Delivery
- **Matt Griggs**, Dokken Engineering
- **Matt Randall**, Placer county, Deputy Director, Public Works

Picture to the left:

- **Volunteers from Illinois** promoting the 2025 NACE conference to be held April 14-17, 2025, Schaumburg, IL (Cook County)



Job Opportunities in Local Government

CEAC provides an opportunity for California county and city public works agencies to post job openings on our site. New positions are posted on a regular basis.

For public sector job seekers, the CEAC Website can be an invaluable job-hunting resource. This page allows direct access to job listings posted by public-sector employers. ***We urge you to check this site often, since new jobs are posted regularly.***

JOB LISTING as of May 21, 2024

Organization	Position	Date Posted	Closing Date/First Review
San Luis Obispo County	Surveyor Party Chief (Engineer I/II/III)	5/20/2024	6/6/2024
Tahoe City PUD	Director of Utilities	5/20/2024	6/17/2024
Santa Barbara County	Engineering Manager (Construction & Permits and Capital Maintenance)	5/17/2024	6/11/2024
City of Fremont	Maintenance Operations Director	5/14/2024	6/18/2024
Valley Water	Associate Electrical Engineer	5/3/2024	5/28/2024
Santa Cruz County	Senior Construction Inspector/Senior Site Development Plan Reviewer	4/22/2024	Continuous Until Filled
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City of Ventura	Assistant/Associate/Civil Engineer (Public Works)	4/22/2024	5/20/2024
Riverside County	Senior Civil Engineer – Dept. Water Resources	4/10/2024	Continuous Until Filled

There is a submittal fee for each job opportunity listing. For CEAC members (county public works and CEAC affiliate members), the cost is \$130 per listing; for non-members, \$208 per listing. Each opening runs for six weeks or until the posted application deadline.

Click on the following link for current job openings: <https://www.ceacounties.org/resources/job-opportunities/>

To recruit candidates, you may email a position announcement/description or direct link to the position to Merrin Gerety at mgerety@counties.org



CEAC Board of Directors

NACE 2024 Annual Conference
Renaissance Palm Springs Hotel

888 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way

Palm Springs, CA 92262

Mohave Learning Center

April 17, 2024 | 12:45pm– 1:00pm

DRAFT MINUTES

12:45 p.m. Call to Order (Kokkas)

1. Approval of Minutes (DeChellis-Leamon; Madjd Sadjadi abstained)

March 1, 2024 - **Attachment One - Action Item**

Correction to the year on item 5 - *CSAC Report (Gerety)*

CSAC staff will not be attending the NACE 2024 due to a conflict with the CSAC Legislative Conference. They will provide updates to CEAC.

2. * Correspondence (Kokkas)

3. * CLODS Report (CLODS)

4. * NACE Report (Dashiell)

Record attendance at the Palm Springs NACE Conference. NACE will be proposing dues increases, more information to come at the Fall Policy Conference.

5. * CSAC Report (CSAC Staff)

6. * Regional Directors Reports

Bay Area

Central Coast

Northern California

Sacramento Mother Lode

San Joaquin Valley

Southern California

7. Treasurer's Report (Johnson) - **Attachment Two - Action Item**

Proposed budget presented for approval. Three counties outstanding paying their dues: San Francisco, San Bernardino, and Shasta.

8. * Committee Reports:

Administrative

Flood Control and Water Resources

Infrastructure and Development

Resource Recovery and Waste Management

Surveyor

Transportation

Fellowship

Oversight

Scholarship

9. * Unfinished Business

None

10. * New Business

None

11. Life Membership

Scott DeLeon, Lake County—Motion to approve by Bronkall, second by DeChellis.

Scott has been the Director of Public Works for Lake County since 2012. He has been very involved with CEAC and was the 2022 CEAC Engineer of the Year. Scott has participated in the CEAC Scholarship Committee as Chair and Vice Chair. He has also served on the Transportation Policy committee as Vice Chair and CEAC Regional Director for three years as well as being the principal member for 12 years, giving him a score of 57 points.

CONGRATULATIONS, Scott.

12. Announcements

Scheduled Conferences

- a) CEAC Northern California Bedroll Conference, Camp Tehama, Tehama County, July 24-26, 2024
- b) CEAC Policy Conference, Capitol Event Center, Sacramento, August 22-23, 2024 (19th Annual CEAC Policy Conference)
- c) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, November 18-22, 2024 (CSAC 130th Annual Meeting)
- d) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, San Jose Convention Center, Santa Clara County, December 1-5, 2025

13. CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

- a) CEAC Policy Conference, Sacramento, August 22-23, 2024
- b) CSAC 130th Annual Meeting, Pasadena, November 22, 2024

Since the Board Meeting was not held on the last day of this Conference, the following information was added for only general awareness of the success of the Fellowship Committee chaired by Pattie McNamee with assistance from Jim Porter, Jason Jurrens, and Martin McIlroy.

\$947 was collected for scholarships at the Hospitality Suite for the Conference—a new record with shorter hours!

1:00 pm **Adjourn** (Johnson-DeChellis)

* Information Only

Meeting Roster
Voting Board Members: Officers & Regional Directors

P indicates present at the meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Officer	Office	County/Organization
Panos Kokkas P	President	Trinity
David Leamon P	Vice President	Stanislaus
Johannes Hoevertsz P	Secretary	Sonoma
Brian Balbas P	Immediate Past President	Contra Costa (Retired)
George Johnson P	Treasurer	Riverside (Retired)
Mehdi Madjd-Sadjadi P	Treasurer-Emeritus	Marin (Retired)
Mike Penrose P	Parliamentarian	Sacramento (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis P	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (Retired)
Howard Dashiell P	NACE Representative	Mendocino
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
Regional Directors	Region	County
Rosemarie Gaglione	Bay Area	Marin
Walter Rubalcava P	Central Coast	Santa Barbara
Bob Bronkall P	Northern California	Humboldt
Matt Randall P	Sacramento Mother Lode	Placer
Nathan Bray	San Joaquin Valley	Merced
Nardy Khan P	Southern California	Orange
Committee Chairs	Committee	County
Josh Pack P	Administrative	Butte
Pattie McNamee P	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Nardy Khan P	Flood Control/Water Resources	Orange
Matt Randall P	Infrastructure & Development	Placer
Panos Kokkas P	Oversight	Trinity
Tom Koutroulis	Resource Recovery & Waste	Orange
Alicia Winokur P	Scholarship	Mendocino
Ian Wilson P	Surveyor	Alameda
Najee Zarif P	Transportation	San Joaquin
CSAC/CEAC Staff	Title	Agency/County
Catherine Freeman	Senior Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Mark Neuburger	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Ada Waelder	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Kristina Gallagher	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Amber Garcia Rossow	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety P	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC