



# CEAC NEWSLETTER

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**Editor:** Pat DeChellis

## President's Message

by **Panos Kokkas**

Director of Transportation  
Trinity County

On July 24 to 26, 2024, we had the 39th Annual Northern California Bedroll Conference at Camp Tehama, near Mineral California, within the Lassen National Forest. The last Bedroll conference was on August 2, 2019; the 2020 conference was cancelled due to Covid. Then in July 2021, the Dixie Fire burned the campground along with about 963,000 acres of the surrounding area, and there was no Bedroll Conference until this year. The 2024 conference was a success, with 39 people in attendance.

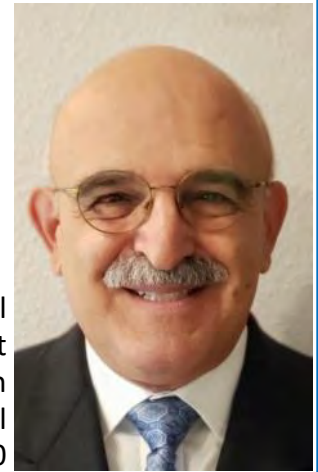
Several speakers presented current and interesting topics to address the many challenging aspects of public works. Topics include the latest information on emulsions and pavement preservation treatments being developed by the California Pavement Preservation Center. We also received briefings from CEAC, CSAC, FHWA and Caltrans Local Assistance about the latest issues and concerns in these fast-changing times. All Presentations can be found on the CEAC web page. Our Heartful thank you to **Mr. Dashiell, Mr. Bronkall, and Ms. Pecha** for all their efforts in coordinating the event; and of course, our wonderful affiliates/sponsors who made the event successful.

On the morning of July 25, we noticed some white flakes on the vehicles and picnic tables, to our dismay it was not snow! but ashes, coming from the new Park Fire to the south, that started while the conference was underway. The sky kept raining ashes all day on Thursday, and the following day just as cleanup was completed we were informed that we had to evacuate, as the fire was heading towards the camp site. We are thankful that we all made it home safe. The fire was eventually stopped within feet of the campground.

On August 22 to 23 we had the 19th annual Policy Conference in Sacramento. Each policy committee had a full agenda with many issues and concerns that are faced by counties.

**The Administrative Committee** presented a discussion panel on "understanding the challenges facing the private sector" by three consultants. The informative presentations and following discussion were very informative to both the private and public entity audiences.

**The Resource Recovery & Waste Management Committee** included updates to SB 1383 and an update to SP 54. The informative presen-



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

tations were followed by many questions and a lively conversation about the many hurdles in mitigating “trash.”

As always, **the Survey Committee**, was also informative with several topics ranging from a draft monument toolkit, updates on durable monuments, and the 2025 update of CEAC RS Guide. In addition, future meeting discussions will include digital signatures on maps, digital submittals for Corner Records along with support legislation that will expand the ability to file amended maps to address “as-built” conditions, without planning commission approval.

**The Infrastructure and Development Committee** along with the legislative and budget updates included a very informative presentation on “Rural Induced Demand Study” that provided insights into the applicability of statewide induced demand and VMT policies to rural transportation improvements.

In **the Flood Control and Water Resources Committee** we learned about Endowments and Conservation Easements and how these can assist counties with respect to environmental regulations. A very interesting presentation about the Southern California 7 Counties and their work, that was followed by an equally interesting technical update by the California Department of Water Resources.

**The Transportation Committee** had a legislative and budget update by CSAC staff, along with a presentation and update from the Caltrans Division of Local Assistance. The liveliest part of the conversation was generated by the dismay of the local agencies, wondering why they (the local agencies) are required to provide maintenance of Caltrans-installed infrastructure on Caltrans property that crosses local jurisdictions. More discussions with Caltrans to follow on the maintenance subject.

Since CEAC hosted the NACE annual conference in April of this year, CEAC did not participate in the combined spring meeting with the League of Cities, during which several awards are presented for the best projects and deserving individuals. Consequently, the Local Streets & Roads Awards which are selected jointly by both cities and counties and are presented during the joint meeting, were postponed for the selected county projects, and were awarded at the Policy Conference. The “Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Projects” category was awarded to **Fresno County** for the American Avenue and Golden State Boulevard Intersection Realignment Project. The “Complete Streets Projects” category was awarded to the **City and County of San Francisco** for the Upper Market Corridor Safety Improvements Project. Congratulations to both counties for their outstanding projects.

This year we had the opportunity to welcome several new directors as they assumed their new positions, some are new to their respective counties, while others were promoted to Director within the county they previously served. More details are later on within the newsletter. A Heartful Congratulations to each and every one! Counties are a great place to work, and CEAC is an excellent organization to be an active member, as it helps you with both your career and also gives you the ability to better serve your constituents.

Our Fall Conference is on November 18-22, 2024, in Pasadena, in Los Angeles County, which is also the 130 CSAC Annual Meeting. Please make sure to attend as the CLODS promised an excellent BBQ with delightful entertainment. Registration information is available on the CEAC web page.

look forward to seeing everyone of you at the Fall Conference in November.

**Panos Kokkas**

**CEAC President 2023/24**

**Director of Transportation, Trinity County**

## HAPPENINGS Around the State....

### SAVE the DATES

- **CSAC 130th Annual Meeting/Fall Conference**, November 18-22, 2024, Pasadena, LA Co.
- **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 Co.

## CEAC would like to thank our 2024 POLICY CONFERENCE

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# COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CHANGES

## Around the State....

**Todd Riddiough** was appointed Director of Public Works for Yolo County on December 5, 2023. Todd brings over 27 years of professional public works engineering experience. His past work history includes almost nine years of experience at a water/wastewater consulting firm (Carole Engineers), nearly two years for a water district (Las Vegas Valley Water District), and the past seventeen years for the Yolo County Public Works Division in the Department of Community Services.

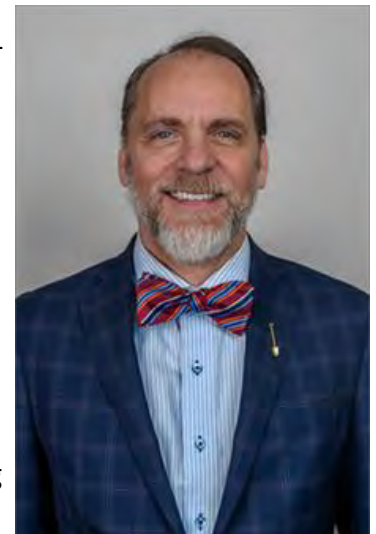
Todd began employment with Yolo County as a Senior Civil Engineer in 2007. He was promoted to Principal Civil Engineer in 2020. Todd served twice as the Interim Director of Public Works in 2022 and 2023. Todd is a graduate from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo receiving his B.S. degree in Civil Engineering in 1996.



**James Bezek** was appointed Director of the Department of Resource Management for Solano County in December 2023. Public Works is a Division within the Resource Management Department in Solano County.

James began his career with the County in 2008 as an assistant county architect in General Services. He was promoted to Management Analyst in the County Administration Office in 2015 and returned to General Services as Assistant Director in 2020. In 2021, James was promoted to Assistant Director for Resource Management.

James graduated with a BArch, Architecture from Virginia Tech University in 1991. He worked for various private sector architecture firms until beginning his career with Solano County in 2008.



**Troy Bartolomei** was appointed Director of Public Works for Shasta County in January 2024. Troy, who had been serving as Interim Public Works Director since July 2023, brings a wealth of experience and dedication to his new role.

Troy graduated with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from Brigham Young University in 1990 and has been a registered Civil Engineer since 1995. His journey with Shasta County began in 1991 as a Junior Engineer, was promoted to Deputy Director of Public Works - Engineering in 2002, and later promoted to Assistant Public Works Director, December 2022.

Beyond his professional endeavors, Troy is deeply involved in the community, showcasing his commitment to Shasta County beyond the workplace. Notably, he serves as the coach for the Shasta High School freshman football team.



# COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CHANGES

## Around the State.... (continued)

**Nathan Bray** was appointed as the Director of Public Works and Road Commissioner for Merced County effective January 1, 2024. Nathan has a long history of working in the public sector and municipal engineering field. He grew up in the small town of Janesville, California in Lassen County. He attended College of the Redwoods before transferring to California State University, Chico where he graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 2007. While at CSU, Chico, he served as the vice president of ASCE student chapter, was a member of the 2005 and 2006 steel bridge competition team, and helped form the Engineers without Borders student chapter.



Nathan started his career at the City of Turlock in 2006. During his tenure, he oversaw all aspects of municipal engineering from conception to completion of projects, private development review, administering the 5-year CIP and budgeting. The last three and a half years he served as the City Engineer and Development Services Director which oversaw Engineering, Building, Planning and the City's transit service.

After leaving the City of Turlock in 2021, Nathan worked at NorthStar Engineering in Modesto as a senior project manager. He was responsible for the permitting and agency coordination of large master plan areas as well as municipal infrastructure projects. He briefly served as the City Engineer for the City of Modesto in a consultant role.

In June 2023, Nathan joined Merced County as an assistant public works director responsible for the Roads Division. Merced County has approximately 1,754 miles of maintained roads, 160 miles of dirt roads and 401 bridges. As the Public Works Director and Road commissioner, Nathan will be responsible for the roads, CIPs, professional services, fleet, building maintenance services, parks and recreation, admin and fiscal divisions. Additionally, he was appointed to San Joaquin Valley Road Commissioner and County Engineers Association as President for 2024.

Nathan is married to his wonderful wife Loni Silveira. He has one daughter, Maddox Bray, who is graduating Turlock High School this year. In his free time he enjoys traveling, golfing and playing board games with his family and friends.

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**Warren Lai** was appointed as Director of Public Works for Contra Costa County on February 27, 2024. Warren began his career with Public Works in 1998 as an entry level Engineer.

"Warren's background in Civil Engineering and his vast knowledge of our Public Works Department will allow a seamless transition to continue our sustainability efforts to construct, maintain and improve infrastructure throughout Contra Costa County," said District 5 Supervisor and Chair of the Board Federal D. Glover. "We are excited about the work ahead for our Public Works Department under Warren's leadership and our continued thoughtful approach in serving residents through programs and services that are diverse, equitable, inclusive, and accessible."



"It has been a privilege to serve the people of Contra Costa County throughout my career." Mr. Lai said. "I look forward to leading the department and continuing to seek innovative ways to provide cost effective, safe, reliable and sustainable projects, programs and services to residents."

# COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CHANGES

## Around the State.... (continued)

**Dennis Acuna** was appointed 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 promoted to Deputy Director of Transportation in 2023.

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.

*(Editor's Note: this article about Mr. Acuna ' appointment was previously published in the May 2024 Newsletter; it is included here and the one about Derek Gade's appointment as Director of Public Works, Placer Co., on the next page, to show the magnitude of the changes in County Public Works organizations throughout the State since late 2023.)*



**Chris Sneddon** was appointed Director of Public Works for Santa Barbara County effective April 1, 2024.

"I look forward to working with our dedicated teams to continue making everyday life as safe and convenient as possible for the public we serve," Chris informed the Board of Supervisors upon his appointment.

"I have seen Chris' dedication to the county and our residents firsthand," Fifth District Supervisor Steve Lavandin said in a statement about the appointment.

Through storm after storm, Chris and his roads crews have answered the call and restored critical access to the public. As public works director, he will now extend that same level of dedication to the entire department."



The Public Works Department includes 300 employees and an annual budget of \$172 million. The divisions include water resources, resource recovery and waste management, transportation, surveyor, and administration.

Chris graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a B.S. in Civil Engineering in 1993 and the Colorado School of Mines with a master's degree in geophysical engineering in 2001. He has over 29 years of private and public sector civil engineering experience. Chris began his career with Santa Barbara County 22 years ago and began with the Public Works Department in 2005 as Resident Engineer in construction. Chris was promoted to Deputy Director, Transportation in 2012.

"I am honored and excited to lead the Public Works Department and continue the vital work of maintaining and improving our county's infrastructure," he said in a statement. "I look forward to working with our high-performing staff, the Board of Supervisors, the county executive office, and other departments to accomplish great things for our communities and constituents."



# COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CHANGES

## Around the State.... (continued)

**Derek Gade** was appointed Director of Public Works for Placer County March 2024. Derek graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering from San Jose State University and is a registered Civil Engineer.

Derek & Matt Randall, Eng Manager, Placer Co., at 2024 Policy Conference.

Derek began his career with the City of Campbell in 1995 joining the County of San Diego in 2002 as Public Works Manager. He was promoted to Assistant Director of Public Works for San Diego County in 2015 and ultimately was appointed to the Director September 2023.

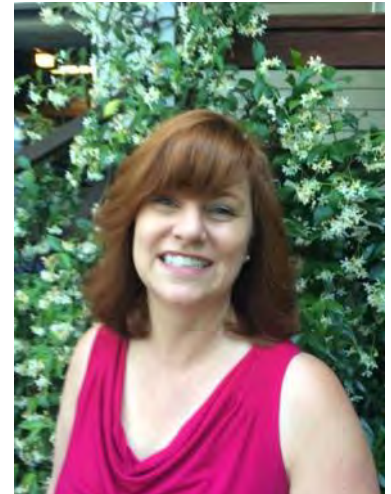
*Editor's Note: an article about Mr. Gade's appointment was previously published in the March 2024 Newsletter.)*



**Blossom Scott-Heim** was appointed Director of Public Works for Tuolumne County on June 4, 2024.

"I'm very honored to be here and to be selected for this position," Blossom told the Board of Supervisors when they approved her appointment. "I'm fortunate to have such an incredible team in Public Works with so many talented and dedicated individuals. I look forward so serving this Board and continuing to serve the community as your Public Works Director."

Blossom graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of the Pacific in 2007 and has more than 16 years' experience in the public and private sectors. She began her career with Tuolumne County in 2012 as a Civil Engineer I. Blossom was appointed Assistant Director in 2023 and was the Interim Director since April when her predecessor, Kim MacFarlane, submitted her resignation to accept another position.



**Glen March** was appointed Director of Public Works for Lake County effective June 29, 2024. Glen has served in engineering-focused roles in the private and public sectors for more than three decades, most recently with the cities of Hollister and East Palo Alto, and has been a licensed professional engineer in the state of California since 1993.

Glen earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of San Francisco in 1999. He graduated with a B.S. degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Virginia in 1988.



The County said March is a proven Public Works leader who has led development of comprehensive capital improvement programs, and overseen projects with hundreds of millions of dollars in construction value across domains from road improvements and pedestrian safety measures to lift stations and public water and wastewater systems. "We are very grateful Mr. March is coming to Lake County, and able to serve alongside longtime Director Scott De Leon for four weeks' time," said Bruno Sabatier, chair of the Lake County Board of Supervisors. "That arrangement will allow incoming Director March to smoothly transition and hit the ground running, and move Lake County's Public Works priorities forward."

"I am very pleased to be joining the county of Lake team," said March. "Lake County already has an aggressive agenda in place to improve its Pavement Condition Index, and I am looking forward to being a part of realizing those plans, and developing new projects that make Lake County's streets better and safer, over time. Thank you to the Board of Supervisors for your confidence and support."

# COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR CHANGES

## Around the State.... (continued)

**Gregg Strakaluse** was appointed Director of the Public Works Agency for Ventura County effective July 29, 2024. He possesses 31 years of experience in the public works industry in three states, California, Florida, and Rhode Island which border three different coasts.

"Gregg's distinguished engineering background, complemented by his profound skillset across all facets of public works and specialized disaster response experience, ensures seamless service continuity," said Seve Johnson, county executive officer.

"His appointment reinforces our commitment to advancing from a robust foundation, poised for sustained growth and excellence across our Public Works Agency. Gregg's wealth of expertise promises to continue to elevate the level of quality service to our residents throughout the county," Johnson said.



Greg graduated with a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Rhode Island in 1990. He is a licensed civil engineer in California and Florida.

Greg has worked in the public sector since 1990; most recently, he served as the public works director for the City of Bakersfield. Prior to that, he was the Public Works Director for the City of Naples, Florida for over 15 years.

"I'm honored and excited to lead the Ventura County Public Works Agency and continue the important work providing well-maintained infrastructure and high-quality services to the community," Greg said.

"I look forward to working with the department's dedicated, hardworking staff, the County Executive Office, the Board of Supervisors, and many agency partners to accomplish great things for residents, businesses, and visitors of this wonderful county."

**David Garcia** was appointed Director of Public Works for Nevada County effective September 1, 2024. As Public Works Director, David will oversee 86 staff across six programs and a \$70 million annual budget.

"David is already an integral contributor to our annual Capital Improvement Program and will be able to hit the ground running with his strong working knowledge of all our public works programs," said Community Development Agency Director Trisha Tillotson.

"I'm always inspired by the dedication and commitment of our staff. The Department of Public Works provides core services that affect all our daily lives. I don't take that responsibility lightly," he said.



David started his career with Nevada County in 2007 as an Assistant Planner in the Planning Department. He has been involved in the County's Solid Waste Program since 2014 and as Solid Waste Program Manager, he led the County's largest facility improvement project in the last decade with the \$20 million renovation of the McCartney Road Transfer Station which is planned for completion in early 2025.

David graduated from California State University, Chico with an M.A. in Geography with distinction in 2007 and from California State University, Fresno with a B.A. in Geography in 2005. He and his wife, Jaki, live in Grass Valley, where they raise their two children and have been teaching martial arts for the past 14 years.





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**TRACY BARLETT**  
**June 28, 2024**

Tracy Bartlett, a colleague, friend and supporter of many professional organizations passed away on June 28, 2024.

E-mail from Mike Leacox, one of Tracy's best friends and business associate at NCE

*The news I have today is sad; Tracy has passed. She is in a pain free world now. She was a shining star for all of us, tremendously capable, totally captivating and loved by all. Many of us at NCE worked with Tracy for over 25 years and consider her a "sister" as well as a trusted work companion; we will miss her immensely. I know all of you had your own relationship with Tracy in some form or another, and you will also miss her.*

Tracy served in various roles for many organizations and committees, including event planning, support during events and programs. In those roles she always advocated in the best interests in those organizations. For CEAC, Tracy was a member in good standing beginning in 2005 and was a beloved member of the Fellowship Committee, as well as a recipient of the CHIC award that recognizes individuals that personally invest into the CEAC organization. Tracy was also a strong advocate of APWA where she ultimately became President of the NorCal Chapter.

Throughout her career, Tracy always took a position of service with excellence and each association she was involved with benefited from Tracy's drive for bring out the best, which made her a welcome addition to any of these organizations and committees. Beyond those accomplishments Tracy made us all feel welcome, appreciated and comfortable in each encounter with her, a true gift.

A Celebration of Life was held for Tracy on August 10, 2024.



Tracy (picture below) with her Fellowship Committee Members at the CLODS BBQ 2022 in Orange County.

From l-r: **Pattie McNamee**, Contra Costa County (retired); Jason **Jurens**, Consor; and **Tracy**.

In the background (far right), **George Johnson**, Riverside County (retired).



# SCOTT De LEON'S RETIREMENT

## Scott De Leon's Retirement Celebration

The Offenbach Residence ~ 1600 North Main St, Lakeport  
June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 ~ 5:30 – 10:00

### **THE FINAL AGENDA**

**5:00 ~ Check-In & Mingle**

**6:30 ~ Dinner**

**7:00 ~ Program Introduction ~ Mike Leacox, NCE**  
Welcome

#### **Honorary Speakers**

Panos Kokas, CEAC President ~ County Engineer's Association of California  
Mehdi Sadjadi ~ Retired Marin County Public Works Director  
Pat DeChellis ~ Retired Deputy Director, Public Works LA County/CEAC Newsletter  
Editor  
Susan Parker ~ Lake County, County Administrative Officer  
Marina Deligiannis ~ Former Deputy Director of Water Resources  
Lori Price ~ Executive Secretary – *Things He Won't Miss*  
Brian Martin ~ Retired Lake County Sheriff (Reading)  
Melissa Fulton ~ Retired CEO Lake County Chamber (Reading)  
Jennifer Strong ~ Local Business Owner/Friend

#### **Open Mic**

#### **"Special Event"**

**Scott De Leon ~ Closing Arguments**

**Mike Leacox ~ Toast & Cake**



## SCOTT De LEON'S RETIREMENT (continued)



**Scott and Melody**

**The backyard of the Offenbach Residence  
Overlooking Clear Lake**



**Recognition of Scott De Leon's Achievements**





## SCOTT De LEON'S RETIREMENT (continued)



Above - Mike Leacox, NCE —Master of Ceremonies

Left - Panos Kokkas, CEAC President, presenting Scott with CEAC Certificate of Appreciation

Below - Scott with Mehdi Sadjadi, CEAC Past President, 1998-99



Above, below, and bottom left

CEAC members, family and friends





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Left—**Scott with Pat DeChellis, CEAC Newsletter Editor, CEAC Past President 2009-10**

Below - **Scott with Marina Deli Giannis, Former Deputy Director, Water Resources, Lake County**



Left - **Scott with Lori Price, Executive Secretary, Lake County**

Bottom left— **representative from the Sheriff Dept reading from Brian Martin, retired Lake County Sheriff**

Below - **Melody, Jennifer Strong - Local Business Owner and very good friend - and Scott**





## SCOTT De LEON'S RETIREMENT (continued)



Left - Mike Leacox cutting Scott's tie

Below—Scott smashing his County cell phone because it is no longer needed

Below to the right - Scott smashing his alarm clock because it is also no longer needed



Scott and Melody with their two Sons





# 39TH ANNUAL BEDROLL CONFERENCE



## COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA



### 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CEAC NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEDROLL CONFERENCE July 24 THROUGH 26, 2024

You are cordially invited to the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Northern California Bedroll Conference at Camp Tehama, Mineral CA. This Tri-Regional Northern California, Sacramento Motherlode and Bay Area (now combined) CEAC meeting brings together Public Works Directors, our partner agencies, and senior staff from the three regions in an informal atmosphere to discuss new and challenging aspects we face today.

The meeting is held at Camp Tehama, a Tehama County campground near Mineral CA within the Lassen National Forest at [40550 Hwy 172, Mill Creek, CA 96061](#). Lodging consists of rustic cabins with bunk beds, including mattresses. You should be prepared with your own bedroll, pillow, towels, and toiletries. Parking is limited so carpooling is encouraged.

We have several speakers lined up on current and interesting topics to address the many challenging aspects of public works. Topics include the latest information on emulsions and pavement preservation treatments being developed by the California Pavement Preservation Center. We will also receive briefings from CEAC, CSAC, FHWA and Caltrans Local Assistance to find out what the latest is in these fast-changing times.

The \$50 registration for County Representatives and \$100 registration for others covers the cost of the luxury cabins, fine meals, and program. Registration forms and payment should be sent directly to CEAC care of Howard N. Dashiell at the address on the registration form. For those interested in golf on Wednesday, please respond directly to John Quincy at [john.quincy@consoreng.com](mailto:john.quincy@consoreng.com).

To allow us to plan accurately for the food and refreshments, as well as to assure a bunk bed if that is your choice, please send your registration form and fee to Howard Dashiell as soon as possible, but no later than July 17, 2024. If you have any questions on the conference, please contact me at 707-463-4363 or via email at [dashiellh@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:dashiellh@mendocinocounty.gov).

**Howard N. Dashiell**  
Program Coordinator

**Robert W. Bronkall**  
2024 Conference Coordinator

Attachments: Meeting Registration Form  
Meeting Agenda  
Golf Information



**39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
CEAC NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
BEDROLL CONFERENCE  
CAMP TEHAMA, MINERAL CA  
JULY 24 THROUGH 26, 2024**



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**A G E N D A**

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**WEDNESDAY – JULY 24, 2024**

- 7:00 pm                      Dinner (BBQ Salmon or Chicken)  
7:45 pm                      Awards Presentation  
8:00 pm                      Philo/Greenwood Bridge Presentation (Jason Jurrens, CONSOR)

**THURSDAY – JULY 25, 2024**

- 7:00 am - 8:00 am      Breakfast  
8:00 am - 8:30 am      CEAC – update (Panos Kokkas, CEAC President)  
8:30 am - 9:00 am      CSAC – Legislative Update (Mark Neuburger, CSAC)  
9:00 am - 9:30 am      CCPIC (connected to LTAP) John Harvey, UC Davis)  
9:30 am - 10:00 am    Break  
10:00 am - 10:30 am   Caltrans – Local Assistance update (Caltrans)  
10:30 am - 12:00 pm   Pavement Preservation Center Presentation (Gary Hicks CSU Chico)  
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm    Lunch  
1:00 pm - 1:30 pm      Monument Preservation (Bob Bronkall, Humboldt County)  
1:30 pm - 2:00 pm      Using MS PowerPoint for photo simulations (Bob Bronkall, Humboldt County)  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm      Regional meetings  
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm      Break  
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm      Roundtable discussion  
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm      Social Hour  
7:00 pm                      Dinner (BBQ Steak or Chicken)

**FRIDAY – JULY 26, 2024**

- 7:00 am - 10:00 am    Breakfast  
8:30 am - 9:00 am      Selection of 2025 Planning Committee Chairperson for next year  
10:00 am - 12:00 pm   Camp Cleanup - Affiliate Members to Assist  
12:00 pm                      Check Out

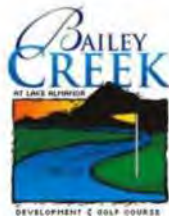


# 2024 Northern California Bedroll Conference GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, July 24, 2024  
First T-time - 11:30 AM

Be there at 10:30 a.m. to sign in, hit a few balls, and have some lunch hosted by:

**California Nevada Cement Association**   
(Tri-Tip Sandwiches, Salad, Fruit, Soda, and more!)



Bailey Creek Golf Course  
433 Durkin Drive  
Lake Almanor, CA 96137  
Phone: (530) 259-4653



Cost is **only \$100** and includes:

18 HOLES OF GOLF with SHARED CART, RANGE BALLS, Tri-Tip LUNCH and PRIZES!



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CLOSEST TO THE PIN  
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## 39TH ANNUAL BEDROLL CONFERENCE (continued)





## 39TH ANNUAL BEDROLL CONFERENCE (continued)



### THE CHEFS

from left to right

**Mike Leacox**, NCE

**Scott De Leon**, Lake County, retired

**Howard Dashiell**, Mendocino County

**Tehama County Superintendent**

**Martin McElroy**, MGE







## *The First Bedroll*

*Dave "Road Runner" Gravenkamp*

CEAC Historian

When Tom Hunter, Plumas County Director of Public Works (retired) asked last year (2016) about the history of the Bedroll Conference, I seemed to recall doing a **Droppings** about the very first Bedroll Conference. The first, however, wasn't at Lake Almanor as have the last 35 years. The first was in San Benito County some 22 years before the first Almanor Bedroll. The following is my report on the first Bedroll Conference which was included in the Spring 1995 Newsletter.

**Editor's Note:** This article was taken from the October 2017 Issue of the CEAC Newsletter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The program headings were:

- City-County Cooperation – Past Present, and Future
- How we appear to the Taxpayer, How we appear to the Legislature
- Legal Problems and Relationships
- Joint Public Works Planning
- Joint Construction and Maintenance; Joint Agreements and Contracts; Consolidated Functions
- Problems Created by Special Districts; and Annexation Problems.



# ***Droppings*** - from out of the past (continued)

Also included as a wrap-up was the subject – What Do We Want to Do Next? Bill McIntosh indicated that there was in fact a second Bedroll Conference in Dos Palmas, Riverside County, but since Bill was not able to attend, there is nothing to report.

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

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

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

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

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

**Editor's Additional Note:** 2024 was the first year for the Bedroll Conference since 2019. The Conference was not held in 2020 due to COVID restrictions and the Dixie Fire completely burned down Camp Conery. The Norther California Region has been looking for an alternate site since. Picture below is the main lodge for Camp Conery after the Dixie Fire.





# CLODS ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING - Aug 21-22, 2024



## Annual Meeting of CEAC Past Presidents

From left to back, right back to front - **Tom Mattson**, Humboldt, 2012-13; **Scott McGolpin**, Santa Barbara, 2013-14; **Jim Porter**, San Mateo, 2018-19, 2020-21; **Mehdi Sadjadi**, Marin, 1998-99; **Doug Wilson**, Tulare, 1996-97; **Matt Machado**, Santa Cruz, 2015-16; **George Johnson**, Riverside, 2007-08; Dave Gravenkamp's daughter; **Dave Gravenkamp**, Siskiyou, 1991-92; **Howard Dashiell**, Mendocino, 2021-22; **Julie Bueren**, Contra Costa, 2010-11; **Brian Balbas**, Contra Costa, 2022-23; **Peter Rei**, Tuolumne, 2008-09; **John Presleigh**, Santa Cruz, 2016-17

From left to back, right back to front

**George Johnson**, 2007-08  
 Dave Gravenkamp's daughter  
**Dave Gravenkamp**, 1991-92  
**Howard Dashiell**, 2021-22  
**Julie Bueren**, 2010-11  
**Brian Balbas**, 2022-23  
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**Peter Rei**, 2008-09  
**John Presleigh**, 2016-17  
**Tom Mattson**, 2012-13  
**Scott McGolpin**, 2013-14  
**Jim Porter**, 2018-19 and 2020-21  
**Mehdi Sadjadi**, 1998-99  
**Doug Wilson**, 1996-97  
**Matt Machado**, 2015-16





## Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program



**The intersection of Golden State Boulevard (GSB) and American Avenue** had multiple design deficiencies, including horizontal and vertical alignment of the intersection and sight distance. These geometric deficiencies, together with the proximity to the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks and the high-speed limits of the roadways (55 mph on American Ave and 65 mph on GSB), made it very challenging to design a major realignment along all four approaches. The skewed alignment of Golden State Boulevard as it crosses American Avenue created a non-standard intersection that was unsignalized and vehicles on American Avenue crossing GSB had to stop in the median to safely maneuver the crossing. There was also a 2.5 feet grade difference between the east leg of American Ave and the GSB which created a sight distance issue. These created a very unsafe condition for vehicles crossing this intersection and there were multiple fatalities before improvements were made to realign and signalize the intersection.

### OUTSTANDING SAFETY or INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECT



**Upper Market Corridor** is a multi-functional thoroughfare with heavy usage from pedestrians, bicyclists, public transportation riders, and vehicular usage in San Francisco, CA. The Upper Market corridor connects the historic Castro district from Market Street/Castro Street to Octavia Street/US-101 Highway for approximately 1 mile. The project also included Guerrero Street from Market Street to Dubose Avenue.

This busy Market Street segment has unique intersections that have 6 streets intersecting leaving wide roadway space for vehicles. To beautify the corridor and promote safety to align with Vision Zero SF (aiming to eliminate all traffic deaths in San Francisco by 2024), approximately \$10 Million was spent overall for the project using local funding.



### COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT



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AND  
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## 19TH ANNUAL CEAC POLICY CONFERENCE (continued)



# FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

at

## THE POLICY CONFERENCE



**Mike Leacox, NCE  
and  
Pattie McNamee,  
Consort**



At the 2024 CEAC Policy Conference, the **Fellowship Committee** held a County wine competition. Each county attending was requested to bring a bottle of wine from their county.

We received 19 bottles of wine from 18 different counties. Humboldt County tried to enter two bottles to up their chances of winning. This was not allowed and in reality one of their wines was a sweet desert wine.

Many people participated in the tasting competition and scored the wines.

The wine brought by Stanislaus County (number 16) won for the Red wine category; however, it turned out that the Stanislaus County staff brought the wine knowing full well it was not actually from Stanislaus but was from San Joaquin County. So the Red category winner was San Joaquin County. The wine was a Noble Vines Marquis Red Blend vinted and bottled in Manteca.

There was one bottle of red wine from Madera County (number 10) that also received some notoriety as most tasters did not even believe it was actually wine! However, Scott DeLeon's son and girlfriend did like the wine so it was gifted to them for helping with the cornhole tournament.

We only had two bottles of white wine but the overwhelming choice was a Black Sheep Chardonnay from Calaveras County.



# NACE REPORT



## Howard Dashiell CEAC Representative to NACE



Photo from February 2024 NACE/FEMA meeting in Washington DC, NACE Secretary **Pam Dingman**, Nebraska (right) & Ohio's **Mike Pinsky** (right of Pam) speaks to FEMA leadership on left.

On Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Board of Directors, responded to a FEMA invitation for NACE to participate in a ZOOM listening session opportunity on Public Assistance (PA) mitigation (CFR 406 mitigation attached to PA projects) ahead of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG) V5 updates for which the public comment period closed Aug. 19, 2024. This is the latest step in NACE's growing relationship with FEMA as we cultivate agency collaboration to better assist our members in the times they need it most - disasters. FEMA initiated this outreach to targeted stakeholder groups to hear perspectives and experiences with Public Assistance (PA) Hazard Mitigation. FEMA will use this feedback to inform ongoing policy development. Specifically, PA Policy is seeking input to better understand the factors that determine whether communities pursue hazard mitigation during recovery and how PA can best support them with increasing resilience to future disasters. FEMA wanted to hear our perspectives and experiences with PA hazard mitigation and the zoom meeting with about 39 County Engineers from around the country was a success.

This coming September 22-24 NACE Leadership at their Fall Board Meeting in Toronto, (that's right one Canadian Province, Ontario is in NACE) will continue to move forward on Strategic Planning, looking at Regional Structure, Conference Structure, Budgeting, Dues, and Association Branding. Many of you received a link to complete a survey (was due Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>) of our membership so NACE Leadership can receive the feedback necessary to make good decisions for all of us in NACE. NACE plans to use this information, to prioritize the membership's needs and also hear what new and exciting opportunities NACE will focus on. The present NACE mission statement is:

### **NACE MISSION:**

*To promote the use of recognized engineering standards for the design, construction, and maintenance of public works; To promote the spirit of cooperation between city, county, state and Federal agencies; And, by the exchange of ideas, to give all counties in each state the advantages of qualified professional engineering services in all phases of public works.*

**NACE VALUE PROPOSITION:** *We achieve our mission through:*

#### **Advocacy:**

*Advocate for innovative solutions to county infrastructure challenges by building strong relationships with the United States DOT, FHWA, FEMA, the White House, and local county government.*

#### **Engagement:**

*Build cooperative relationships between city, county, and state agencies to advance the work of county engineers.*

#### **Idea Exchange:**

*Create opportunities for county engineers and key stakeholders to share knowledge, resources, and information that impact the counties they serve.*

#### **Leadership Development:**

*Grow the next generation of county engineers through education and training to create a pipeline of highly proficient future leaders.*

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

- 2025, Illinois, Schaumburg (Cook County) April 13-16, 2025
- 2026, Texas, Arlington (Tarrant County) April 12-15, 2026
- 2027, Ohio

# NACE DUES INCREASE



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**FROM:** Howard N. Dashiell, NACE Representative

**DATE:** September 20, 2024

**SUBJECT:** CEAC County Portion of NACE Dues and NACE Dues increase

As our representative to the NACE Board of Directors, I have been directed by the CEAC Board of Directors to request feedback about your willingness to continue your membership of the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) as part of your CEAC dues.

As you may know, general inflation (and exponential inflation in the conference planning arena) combined with the decreased spending power of conference corporate participation revenue caused the NACE Executive Committee to appoint a special finance committee to consider revised membership dues options. It is no secret that we have all had to adapt to the inflationary times we all find ourselves in, with equipment costs rising considerably in the past few years alone. In order to appropriately deal with this inflationary environment, that finance committee, and subsequently the NACE Executive Committee, recommended a dues increase to the NACE Board of Directors this past April. Multiple increase options were presented to the NACE Board of Directors and on July 9, the NACE Board unanimously approved one of those increase options. The NACE Executive Committee did not make a recommendation to the board from the options voted upon, as that was solely the decision of the Board. From a percentage standpoint, this increase can be considered rather high for 2025 with a smaller 3% COLA increase in 2027. From an actual value and dollar standpoint, the raise simply keeps with the times we find ourselves in while ensuring future raises would not be necessary. The increase in NACE dues is shown on the attached exhibit "A". This results in a 10% increase to your county's 2025 CEAC dues.

Note that this one time 10% CEAC dues increase for NACE is in addition to a one-time 2025 10% increase and ongoing annual 5% increase in CEAC dues to cover increased costs with a new contract with California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Overall, this results in a 20% increase in CEAC dues for 2025. Because of the cumulative impact of both CSAC and NACE's substantial cost increases, the CEAC Board of Directors wants to ensure that the counties are willing to continue to fully support the tradition of NACE dues being collected as part of CEAC dues. This results in California being one of the few states where all the state's counties participate in NACE.

It is important to note that the NACE dues increase has not been caused by any sort of mismanagement or increased spending by the NACE. In fact, the NACE budget, passed by the board each year, has remained nearly the same for the past five years. Conference costs, however, have increased by over 50%. This increase directly affects the NACE budget each year, where a continuation of the status-quo would be



# NACE DUES INCREASE (CONTINUED)



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unsustainable. While there have been nominal conference rate increases recently, NACE leadership decided against raising these registration costs each year to ensure maximum participation from its members.

While inflation is the sole reason for this increase, NACE is also undertaking measures that will decrease expenditures where possible. NACE has recently renegotiated their contract with our mutual affiliate, the National Association Counties (NACo), for downsized office space in Washington DC. This new agreement will save over 60% each year in rental costs through 2039. Additionally, future NACE conferences will be restructured to be held at more economical venues without the necessity for accommodation for the actual heavy equipment to be part of the exhibit hall.

Compared to national association contemporaries, NACE's membership dues, even with this increase, are a fraction of the cost of other memberships. More importantly, NACE membership allows for your entire staff as opposed to one individual, to have membership as well. The value proposition of that alone dwarfs the amount of dues we pay. NACE is the ONLY Association in Washington comprised solely of our public sector colleagues and the only group dedicated to advocating for local road infrastructure.

Our state's 100% county membership in NACE is extremely important that has delivered tangible results for our counties. NACE is our voice on federal matters. 100% county participation makes our voice that much stronger than other states without 100% county participation. The NACE Legislative Committee monitors legislative developments at the federal level that could impact county infrastructure and funding. They analyze proposed laws, advocate for favorable legislation, and provide input to policymakers and agencies on issues relevant to county engineering, infrastructure funding, regulations, and related matters. For example, NACE advocacy efforts directly resulted in the past infrastructure bill having, by a wide margin, record amounts of funding available for counties to apply for directly. **This is not a coincidence.** More recently, NACE has successfully established a streamlined and dedicated line of communication with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, growing its footprint to help our members in arenas not connected to USDOT. As we speak, NACE is advocating to Congress to adopt a supplemental funding package for the FEMA Disaster Relief Fund (DRF). This is a prime example of how California's influence has contributed to the direction of NACE's federal advocacy.

As you know, there are many NACE Committees working on technical areas such as Emergency Response and Preparedness, Pavement Preservation, Safety and Technology, Structures and Environment, and Unpaved Roads. Education simply by communicating with our NACE colleagues brings ideas and innovation to each of our counties.

Please consider responding favorably to this dues increase. OR, please give me your feedback on continued NACE participation either as continuation of membership in NACE as part of CEAC or by separate NACE membership. The 20% increase in dues (10% CSAC and 10% NACE) will be voted on at the November 2025 meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. Email me with any questions or feedback at [dashielh@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:dashielh@mendocinocounty.gov).

## NACE DUES INCREASE (continued)

Exhibit "A" - Current NACE dues and NACE dues increase for 2025 and 2027					
Note that this table represents only the NACE component of the CEAC dues.					
County	Current NACE dues	2025 NACE dues		2027 NACE dues	
		75%+/- increase	TOTAL	3% increase	TOTAL
Alameda County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Alpine County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Amador County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Butte County	\$825	\$630	\$1,455	\$45	\$1,500
Calaveras County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Colusa County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Contra Costa County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Del Norte County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
El Dorado County	\$825	\$630	\$1,455	\$45	\$1,500
Fresno County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Glenn County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Humboldt County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
Imperial County	\$825	\$630	\$1,455	\$45	\$1,500
Inyo County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Kern County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Kings County	\$825	\$630	\$1,455	\$45	\$1,500
Lake County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
Lassen County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Los Angeles County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Madera County	\$825	\$630	\$1,455	\$45	\$1,500
Marin County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
Mariposa County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Mendocino County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
Merced County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
Modoc County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Mono County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Monterey County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
Napa County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
Nevada County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
Orange County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Placer County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
Plumas County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Riverside County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Sacramento County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
San Benito County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
San Bernardino County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
San Diego County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
San Francisco County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500



# NACE DUES INCREASE (continued)

Exhibit "A" - Current NACE dues and NACE dues increase for 2025 and 2027					
Note that this table represents only the NACE component of the CEAC dues.					
County	Current NACE dues	2025 NACE dues		2027 NACE dues	
		75%+/- increase	TOTAL	3% increase	TOTAL
San Joaquin County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
San Luis Obispo County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
San Mateo County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Santa Barbara County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
Santa Clara County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Santa Cruz County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
Shasta County	\$825	\$630	\$1,455	\$45	\$1,500
Sierra County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Siskiyou County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Solano County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
Sonoma County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$60	\$2,000
Stanislaus County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Sutter County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
Tehama County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
Trinity County	\$275	\$210	\$485	\$15	\$500
Tulare County	\$1,100	\$840	\$1,940	\$75	\$2,015
Tuolumne County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
Ventura County	\$1,375	\$1,050	\$2,425	\$75	\$2,500
Yolo County	\$825	\$630	\$1,455	\$45	\$1,500
Yuba County	\$550	\$420	\$970	\$30	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,400</b>	<b>\$36,960</b>	<b>\$85,360</b>	<b>\$2,655</b>	<b>\$88,015</b>
<b>\$49K in 2024 CEAC Budget</b>		<b>\$86K in 2025</b>		<b>\$88K in 2027</b>	

# Bay Area Regional Report

By Rosemarie Ganglion, Regional Director,  
Director of Public Works, Marin County

## MARIN COUNTY

The Veterans Memorial (VMA) parking lot serves as a gateway to the northern Marin Center campus and required significant repairs. The project identified needs from prior traffic studies and required complete reconstruction to better support the Veterans Memorial facilities and various County events and activities.

The approximately \$7 million project included new asphalt drive surfacing and striping, pervious pavement within the parking stalls, new signage, pedestrian paths, landscaping and irrigation, drainage and bioswales, modern lighting fixtures and controls, and Wi-Fi devices to improve campus coverage.

Construction began in October 2023 and was generally complete in June 2024 to support the Marin County Fair.



## Bay Area Regional Report (continued)



### MARIN COUNTY

Brentano Way  
Retaining Wall ,  
Kentfield, CA



### SONOMA COUNTY



Installation of a bike and pedestrian bridge on Crocker Road in Sonoma County. The bridge spans across the Russian River next to a vehicular bridge. The project will provide a safe path for cyclists and pedestrian including students and is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2024.



## Bay Area Regional Report (continued)



## SAN MATEO COUNTY



### San Mateo County project at 2180 Higgins Canyon Road

This was a slide as a result of the 2023 Winter Storms that was completed in August 2024.





## 2025 BUFFALO BULL AWARD



It is that time again—the **CLODS' Tres Pinos Committee** will be meeting soon to determine who the recipient will be for the 2025 Buffalo Bull Award to be presented to a most deserving “sole” (buffoon) at the President’s Banquet during the 2025 Spring Conference.

Remember Rule #1:

**Rule #1: A good defense is a better offense... Get your nominations in because YOU may have already been nominated by one of your adjacent County Engineers.**

Remember, the Award was not given in 2024 since CEAC hosted the NACE Annual Conference. So, Panos Kokkas, our current CEAC President, has had the Award not just since 2023 but since 2022 since he was the Award recipient 2 consecutive years to match Tom Hunter. Tom received the award in 1997 and 1998 while with Plumas County and Phil Demery received the award while working for two different counties - 2004 with Santa Barbara County and 2009 with Sonoma County but not back-to-back. Panos matches both records and in the process sets a new record for length of time having the Award that will be very, very difficult to beat.

All nominations should be sent directly to the CEAC Newsletter Editor at [CEACNewsletterEditor@gmail.com](mailto:CEACNewsletterEditor@gmail.com) who will forward time to an unknown P.O. Box in Tres Pinos, California to be opened sometime early next year by the Tres Pinos Committee in a secret meeting at Norovich's Irish Hacienda—a favorite watering hole of the Committee and the location where the concept of overhead sewage treatment facility was hatched.

# 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 September 25, 2024

Organization	Position	Date Posted	Closing Date/ First Review
Plumas County	<a href="#">Principal Transportation Planner</a>	9/9/2024	Continuous until Filled
San Joaquin County	<a href="#">Senior Water Resources Engineer</a>	9/1/2024	Continuous until Filled

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## CEAC Board of Directors

August 23, 2024|12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## DRAFT MINUTES



CEAC Board of Directors  
19<sup>th</sup> CEAC Policy Conference  
Capitol Event Center  
1020 11th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento  
Friday, August 23, 2024|12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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12:30 p.m. Call to Order (Kokkas)

1. **Approval of Minutes, April 17, 2024** (DeChellis/Bronkall)
2. **\* Correspondence** (Kokkas)  
No correspondence.
3. **\* CLODS Report** (CLODS)  
Sadjadi thanked the Board for the invitation to the Policy Conference and the future Conference in Pasadena. The CLODS met and will be presenting a slate of officers for 2025 to the membership for voting and approval in Pasadena. CLODS are also planning the CLODS barbecue in Pasadena, as well as a program.
4. **\* NACE Report** (Dashiell)  
Dashiell shared that the upcoming NACE fall board of directors meeting will be extended over three days, focusing on a deep dive into NACE's mission and value statement. This will be shared in the next newsletter.

The meeting will include discussions about potentially restructuring or improving NACE. Matt Machado and the regional director from Colorado will attend, but the speaker and other state directors from the western region cannot attend. A report on the outcome of the meeting will be provided at a later time.

The Treasurer's Report will address a discussion about a possible dues increase.

A question arose regarding the expected funds from NACE for the recent conference. The check was expected by the end of August but has not yet been received. Howard anticipates receiving between \$10,000 and \$15,000, though prior experience with a NACE meeting in San Diego brought in \$25,000. The trade-off for this year's conference was not having to cover losses, but only receiving 10% of the profits. Howard is cautiously optimistic that CEAC could receive between \$10,000 and \$50,000, though others expect it to be higher.

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)**

**CSAC Legislative Advocacy Update:**

- a) CSAC is supporting Proposition 4, a \$10 billion climate bond on the November ballot. The bond focuses on flood, water, and wildfire preparedness, with a significant portion directed toward local grants. The CSAC board will consider taking an official support position next week. A full list of the programs involved can be shared.

- b) **Housing, Land Use, and Transportation Updates:**

Several new budget bills have been introduced, which will be reviewed by the CSAC team for relevance to public works.

There is ongoing work on permit reform, focusing on streamlining processes for various permits like streambed and bridge permits. A select committee on permit reform has been formed, aiming to produce a white paper rather than introduce new laws. County officials have been consulted in this effort.

All are invited to join the working group on fuels, focusing on adjusting to declining fuel use in the state and managing supply for remaining demand. A recent report suggests options, including state control of refineries, which is met with skepticism.

6. **Regional Directors Reports**

- a) Bay Area (Hoevertsz)  
Working with Rosemary to provide photos for the newsletter.
- b) Central Coast (Not present)  
No report
- c) Northern California (Bronkall)  
Bob shared that the Bedroll Conference was a success, and it was attended by the newsletter editor, who will publish photos soon. The camp facilities are amazing, and it is expected to be hosted there again next year
- d) Sacramento Mother Lode (Randall)  
The group met over the summer. A round table discussion took place, where counties reported similar issues, including struggles with funding and regulations. An in-person meeting is planned for October. Thanks were extended to Panos for attending and delivering presentations during the meeting.
- e) San Joaquin Valley (Bray)  
The group tries to have a meeting every month in all the different counties. We've had, unfortunately, three of the counties canceled this year. Historically, they don't hold meetings in Mariposa and Kern, but they have had good turnout at the other ones. Next meeting, the fourth Friday in September, the meeting will be in Stockton for San Joaquin County. If there's anyone that wants to go golfing or wants to come down for the meeting, please reach out to Nathan to get on the mailing list.



f) Southern California (Khan)

The last meeting was held virtually in February, with discussions focused on increasing engagement in CEAC.

Efforts are ongoing to get more participation from members, especially those from Southern California.

It was emphasized that Southern California participation is needed, and while Riverside and Orange County were present, there's a desire to involve counties like San Bernardino and San Diego.

Two team members from Orange County, Jennifer, and Arianna, were brought to the meeting to increase participation.

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

a) CEAC member dues increase of 20% effective January 1, 2025

The Treasurer highlighted the current three-year phased approach of 10% annual dues increases, with the final increase expected next year. Most counties have paid their dues, with only two counties outstanding.

**NACE Dues Increase:**

NACE is facing financial challenges due to reduced revenue from conferences and sponsorships.

A 75% dues increase has been approved by NACE for 2025, translating to an additional \$39,000 for the group. Another 3% increase is planned for 2027.

There were concerns raised about how the costs are distributed among counties and whether the voting structure is proportionate to dues paid. The group discussed whether continuing as a 100% state (where all counties participate through one payment) is beneficial.

**Representation at NACE:**

There was a discussion about the need to ensure fair representation and voting power for California at NACE meetings. With the upcoming NACE meeting in Toronto, the group explored who could attend and represent California, potentially using a proxy system for voting.

**Next Steps:**

Regional directors were tasked with reaching out to counties to gather feedback on the NACE dues increase.

A motion was made to empower Johannes Hoevertsz, or an alternate to represent California at the NACE meeting if necessary (Pat DeChellis-George Johnson).

**CSAC Contract Discussion:**

A letter was received from the CSAC Executive Director outlining contract details.

The contract is under review, and the approach is to finalize the details in a small conference and present them for approval in November, with the support of CSAC.

**Contract Negotiation:**

George Johnson will negotiate the final numbers, while the contract's wording will remain the same.

The board needs to vote on the general direction of the contract and then finalize the numbers by November.

**Motion to Approve the CSAC Contract in Concept:**

A motion was made and approved to move forward with the CSAC contract concept, with final approval coming in the fall. (Nardy Kahn-Matt Randall)

**Concerns about Itemized Costs:**

Some members requested more transparency and a breakdown of costs in the CSAC contract. There were concerns about double payment for services through the CSAC contract and additional county contributions.

**NACE Dues Increase and Bylaw Amendments:**

A discussion followed regarding the NACE dues increase and whether changes to the bylaws should reflect a new approach to dues, particularly since NACE is planning a significant increase.

The group discussed a potential dues increase of 10–20% to cover additional costs from NACE and the possibility of reviewing the bylaws to manage future increases.

***Next Steps for Bylaw Changes:***

The board considered a bylaw change to reflect dues increases, including the CPI adjustments. It was agreed to have a vote in the fall for the bylaw amendments, with proper notice given to the membership.

**Final Motions:**

A motion was made to consider a change to the bylaws and to approve dues increase at the fall meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously (Bob Bronkall-Nathan Bray).



8. **Committee Reports:**

- a) Administrative (Josh Pack)  
Good meeting and well attended.
- b) Flood Control and Water Resources (Nardy Kahn)  
The meeting covered regulatory issues related to endowments and conservation easements, with plans to continue the discussion in future meetings. There was an update from the Department of Water Resources, (DWR). Seven counties in Southern California are collaborating to seek federal assistance in facilitating 408 permissions.
- c) Infrastructure and Development (Matt Randall)  
A Legislative Update was received. A presentation was given on rural induced demand focusing on VMTs. A survey about future topics was distributed, and the response has been positive.
- d) Resource Recovery and Waste Management (Tom Koutroulis)  
The meeting followed its mission and was considered a good meeting, as well as a successful year overall. The Action Alliance for SB 54 was revisited, with discussions on a Zero Waste Plan and the waste and recycling industry. The focus was on sharing resources and information to access best practices and enhance education outreach related to SB 1383.
- e) Surveyor (Bob Bronkall)  
The meeting was also conducted virtually, with 5–6 attendees joining online. Two important topics were covered:
  - 1. **Update to the Record of Survey and Corner Record Guide**, which is due for its fourth-year update.
  - 2. Development of a **Monument Preservation Toolkit** to help county and city engineers protect survey monuments during construction activities.A case was mentioned where a city engineer in Palos Verdes was investigated and fined \$10,000 by the licensing board for destroying survey monuments and failing to replace them during an overlay project.
- f) Transportation (Najee Zarif)  
There are ongoing concerns about the state budget and the declining gas tax, which will continue to be topics of discussion.  
Caltrans Update: A robust conversation took place regarding the shift in maintenance responsibilities from Caltrans to local agencies. Efforts are being made to engage Caltrans and push the issue with member agencies.

Committee Updates: Various representatives provided updates, and

there are plans to focus on AI-related topics in the future.

g) Fellowship (Pattie McNamee)

Wine tasting and cornhole events were highly successful, with attendees enjoying the informal gathering. The event was considered an excellent value, being cheaper to host on-site than going out. Many people returned for dinner, contributing to the success. \$117 was raised for scholarships.

h) Oversight (Panos Kokkas)

The oversight committee meeting focused primarily on discussing the CSAC contract, which took most of the time.

i) Scholarship (Alicia Winokur)

Engineering and Surveyor of the Year Nomination Forms: These are available online and due by October 1. There's a low number of submissions, so participants are encouraged to nominate candidates.

Scholarship Applications: Five applications were received this year, which is under review by the committee. Outreach to universities was attempted, but the number of applications remains low.

Scholarship Fund Considerations: Ideas were discussed to increase the appeal, such as restructuring the scholarships (e.g., offering one \$6,000 scholarship or two \$3,000 scholarships) instead of the current three \$2,000 scholarships.

Encouraging Applicants: Attendees were reminded to encourage interns at their agencies to apply for scholarships.

Funding: The scholarship fund currently allocates \$6,000 annually, and any funds collected at conferences are used to offset that amount.

9. **Unfinished Business**

a) None

10. **New Business**

a) None

11. **Life Membership**

a) None

12. **Announcements Scheduled Conferences**

a) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, Pasadena, Los Angeles County, November 18-22, 2024 (CSAC 130th Annual Meeting)

b) CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference, San Jose Convention Center, Santa Clara County, December 1 - December 5, 2025



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CEAC Board of Directors Meeting Schedule

a) CSAC 130th Annual Meeting, Pasadena, November 22, 2024

2:00 p.m.

**Adjourn (DeChellis/Madjd-Sadjadi)**

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

<b>Officer</b>	<b>Office</b>	<b>County/Organization</b>
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	Parliamentarian	Sacramento (Retired)
Patrick DeChellis(P)	Newsletter Editor	Los Angeles (Retired)
Howard Dashiell(P)	NACE Representative	Mendocino
Dave Gravenkamp	Historian	Siskiyou (Retired)
<b>Regional-Directors</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>County</b>
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 (P)	San Joaquin Valley	Merced
Nardy Khan(P)	Southern California	Orange

**Non-Voting Members: Committee Chairs and CSAC Staff**

<b>Committee Chairs</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>County</b>
Josh Pack(P)	Administrative	Butte
Pattie McNamee(P)	Fellowship	Contra Costa (Retired)
Nardy Khan(P)	Flood Control/Water Resources	Orange
Matt Randall(P)	Infrastructure and Development	Placer
Panos Kokkas(P)	Oversight	Trinity
Tom Koutroulis (P)	Resource Recovery & Waste Mgmt.	Orange
Alicia Winokur(P)	Scholarship	Mendocino
Ian Wilson	Surveyor	Alameda
Najee Zarif(P)	Transportation	San Joaquin
<b>CSAC/CEAC Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Agency/County</b>
Catherine Freeman (P)	Senior Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Mark Neuburger (P)	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Ada Waelder (P)	Legislative Advocate	CSAC
Kristina Gallagher	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Amber Garcia Rossow	Legislative Analyst	CSAC
Merrin Gerety (P)	CEAC Program Manager	CSAC/CEAC