



CEAC Newsletter

June 2025



President's Message

By **David A. Leamon, PE, MPA**
Public Works Director & Road Commissioner
Stanislaus County

Greetings fellow County Engineers, CLODS, and our consulting friends,

The NACE conference in Schaumburg Illinois was another excellent national conference and I want to thank Illinois for being excellent hosts. A highlight for me was the Thursday Thornton Quarry and Gallagher Asphalt Plant tour. The Thornton Quarry was impressively large and deep, 1.5 miles long, 0.5 miles wide and up to 450 feet deep. The quarry has a 100-year reserve above ground and 300-year reserve below grade. What blew my mind is that in California, sand is not produced by crushing as it is in Illinois. From 1-ton rip-rap to dust, it all comes from the same rock, just crush it and screen it some more.

Overhead view of Thornton Quarry – Note the state freeway running through the middle of the quarry. A dryland [dike](#) carries [Interstate 80/Interstate 294/Tri-State Tollway](#) over the quarry.



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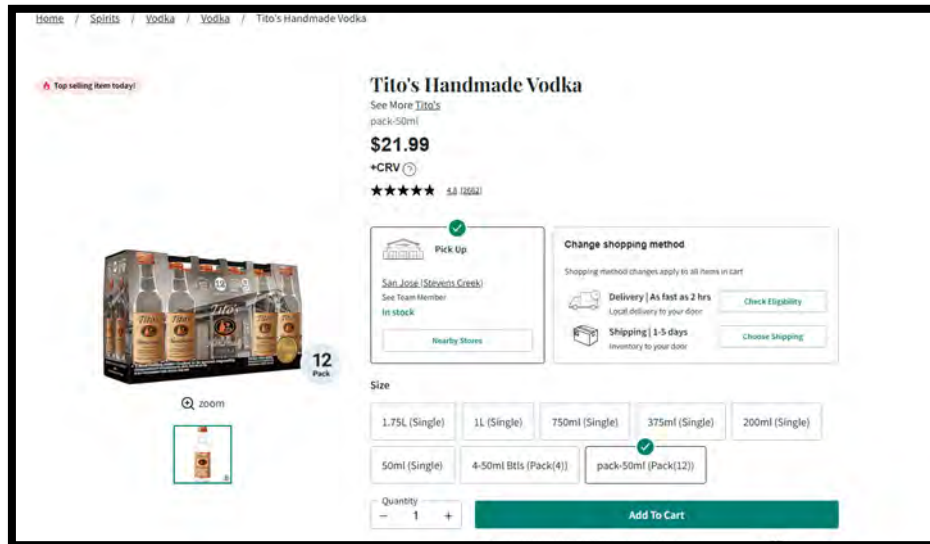
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Per the officer's manual I did verbally invite President Jacob Thorius to San Jose California December 1 through the 5th. Deanna and I look forward to hosting Jacob Thorius and his wife Erin. San Jose is a great city and there are many fun things to do and see in the South Bay. I'd be surprised if we do not stop at Santana Row and Winchester Mystery House, I haven't been since a kid and Deanna has never been.

The bedroll conference June 25 through the 27th and there is still availability at Camp Tehama. This is a fun camp and a fine replacement for Camp Connery. It did "snow" last summer on us, but this is earlier in the season, so I am cautiously optimistic that the weather will be fine. Please consider registering for this fine event; the food and drink is good, the company even better and you might just learn something.

I was able to attend another regional meeting, this one the Southern California Region. Tom Koutroulis introduced me, and I let everyone know that I was happy I could attend and that they had great attendance and a packed agenda. I was particularly impressed with the amount of team, effort and money spent on keeping the OC floodways cleared of encampments. I was also very impressed with OC's Project Manager academy. I think they could be a presenter at the Fall Policy conference in Sacramento and share with the large CEAC family.

There have been discussions amongst the leadership about how we might be able to use our super ninja powers to ad-hoc distribute boot-leg bloody mary's at the next conference. If I remember correctly, this would be much more in-line with the old spirit of the Snappy Tom tradition. Think pre-made pint or half mason jars and pass these out:



A gross (a dozen dozen) would be \$252 or the price of one bottle of Tito's at the hotel. That's much more stomachable.

It's been a busy year and will continue to be, I'm sure. Hope to see many of you in June at the Bedroll Conference; more of you at the Fall Policy Conference!

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Leamon, PE, MPA

Director of Public Works

Road Commissioner

Stanislaus County

2024-2025 County Engineers Association of California President

WHAT'S HAPPENING Around the State!!!

SAVE the DATES

- ♦ **40th Annual Bedroll Conference** - June 25-27, 2025, Camp Tehama (see next pages for details and registration)
- ♦ **20th Annual CEAC Policy Conference** - August 21-22, 2025, Capital Event Center, Sacramento
- ♦ **131st CSAC Annual Fall Meeting** - December 1-5, 2025, San Jose Convention Center, Santa Clara Co.
- ♦ **2026 CEAC Spring Conference** - February 25-27, 2026, Monterey
- ♦ **2026 NACE Annual Conference** - April 12-15, 2026, Arlington, TX (Tarrant County)



MEET the NEW DIRECTOR of PUBLIC WORKS SAN DIEGO COUNTY



In March 2025, Marisa Barrie joined the County of San Diego Department of Public Works (DPW) as its new Director, bringing more than 20 years of experience in engineering, installation management, and public service leadership across the U.S. Army and Navy. Known for her versatility, strategic vision, and collaborative approach, Marisa is a proven leader and skilled negotiator with a strong track record in solving complex challenges with innovation and adaptability.

Before joining the County, Marisa served as Director of Public Works at United States Army Garrison Stuttgart, Germany, where she led a comprehensive portfolio supporting five installations in the Stuttgart metropolitan area. Her oversight included facilities management and sustainment, utilities and energy management, environmental services, engineering and construction, community housing and command support, master planning, and business operations.

In her new role, Marisa is responsible for the following services for the County of San Diego's unincorporated region: Leading the maintenance of nearly 2,000 miles of County roads; traffic engineering; private development construction inspection; design engineering and construction management for public works related infrastructure; land surveying and map processing; watershed quality and flood protection; County airports; solid waste planning and diversion; closed landfill maintenance; wastewater and water systems management; and assessment districts for private road and landscape maintenance. With over 600 dedicated professionals, DPW processes more than 4,000 permits annually, ensuring the safe and efficient operation of the county's infrastructure to promote public safety and quality of life.

A registered professional engineer in California, Marisa holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a Master of Science in Global Leadership from the University of San Diego. She is also a Senior Executive Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School.

After spending over 15 years overseas in Italy and Germany with her husband and three children, Marisa brings a global perspective and deep appreciation for community and inclusion. The Barrie family is excited to reconnect with San Diego through local festivals, 5K runs, sports, and outdoor adventures.



COUNTY ENGINEERS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA



40TH ANNUAL CEAC NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEDROLL CONFERENCE

Wednesday 6/25/2025 - Friday 6/27/2025

CAMP TEHAMA

40550 Hwy 172, Mill Creek, CA 96061

You are cordially invited to the 40th 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 California 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. RVs cannot be accommodated.

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 from the California Pavement Preservation Center. We will also receive briefings from CEAC, CSAC, and Caltrans Local Assistance to find out what the latest is in these fast-changing times.

The \$60 registration for County Representatives and \$120 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.

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 June 09, 2025. If you have any questions on the conference, please contact me at 707-463-4363 or via email at dashiell@mendocinocounty.gov.

Howard N. Dashiell
Program Coordinator

Robert W. Bronkall
2024 Conference Coordinator

Attachments: Meeting Registration Form
Meeting Agenda
Golf Information



40TH ANNUAL
CEAC NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
BEDROLL CONFERENCE
CAMP TEHAMA



40550 Hwy 172, Mill Creek, CA 96061

Check-in Wednesday 06/25/2025 after 2:00 PM, Check-out Friday 06/27/2025 by noon

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration Fee:

- ☐ \$60 for county representatives
☐ \$120 all others
☐ Free for non-working CLODS

Registration Deadline:

Monday 06/09/2025 **(LIMITED TO FIRST 90 PARTICIPANTS)**

Mail check and registration to:

Mendocino County Department of Transportation
Attn: Howard N. Dashiell
340 Lake Mendocino Drive
Ukiah, CA 95482

Make checks payable to **CEAC**
Federal Tax ID No. 23-7060404

(707) 463-4363 dashiellh@mendocinocounty.gov

Name: _____

Title: _____

Agency Name: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Arrival Date: June _____, 2025 Departure Date: June _____, 2025

Accommodations: ☐ camp bunk house; ☐ own tent; ☐ staying off-site

Note that RVs cannot be accommodated at Camp Tehama

Please let us know which meals you plan to eat as well as the proteins you plan on eating

Portion Size: ☐ Petite; ☐ Regular; ☐ Jumbo

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Wednesday BBQ Dinner Protein options: <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon; <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken; <input type="checkbox"/> Portobello Mushroom; <input type="checkbox"/> All <i>Choice of grilled protein served with grilled squash, orzo, salad, Camp Tehama cowboy caviar, and garlic bread</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Thursday Breakfast <i>Pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and fruit platter</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Thursday Lunch <i>Hot and cold sandwiches with choice of turkey, pastrami, roast beef, salami, cheese, condiments, and chips</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Thursday BBQ Dinner Protein options: <input type="checkbox"/> Tri-tip; <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken; <input type="checkbox"/> Eggplant; <input type="checkbox"/> All <i>Choice of grilled protein, risotto, baked beans, baked potato with selection of toppings, sauteed mushrooms, salad, and Camp Tehama garlic bread</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Friday Breakfast <i>Steak, eggs, potatoes, fruit platter</i>



**40th ANNUAL
CEAC NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
BEDROLL CONFERENCE
CAMP TEHAMA
40550 Hwy 172, Mill Creek, CA 96061**



A G E N D A

WEDNESDAY – JUNE 25, 2025

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| 7:00 pm | Dinner |
| 7:45 pm | Awards Presentation |
| 8:00 pm | Presentation on the span replacement for the Whiskey Creek bridge over Whiskeytown reservoir and Paradise pavement rehabilitation (by Aziz Gulistani and Brian Stephenson, Dokken Engineering) |

THURSDAY – JUNE 26, 2025

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| 7:00 am - 8:00 am | Breakfast |
| 8:00 am - 8:30 am | CEAC update (David Léa Mon, AKA <i>The Frenchman</i> , P.E., Public Works Director, Stanislaus County, 2025 CEAC President) |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | CSAC legislative update (Mark Neuburger, CSAC, Legislative Representative, Housing, Land Use, and Transportation (HLT)) |
| 9:00 am - 9:30 am | California Pavement Preservation Center Update (DingXin Cheng, Ph.D., P.E., Director, California Pavement Preservation Center, California State University, Chico) |
| 9:30 am - 10:00 am | Break |
| 10:00 am - 10:30 am | Caltrans Local Assistance Update (Jessica Pecha, P.E., Program Manager, Caltrans District 2 Office of Local Assistance, along with Jacky Vang and other program managers and other District DLAEs.) |
| 10:30 am - 12:00 pm | Job Order Contracting and its potential use for smaller and more rural counties (Josh Pack, P.E., Public Works Director, Butte County) |
| 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm | Lunch |
| 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm | ADA compliance - best management practices from design to inspection (by Bob Bronkall, P.E. ² , L.S., County Surveyor, The 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 |

FRIDAY – JUNE 27, 2025

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|---------------------|--|
| 7:00 am - 10:00 am | Breakfast |
| 8:30 am - 9:00 am | Selection of 2026 Planning Committee Chairperson |
| 10:00 am - 12:00 pm | Camp cleanup - Affiliate Members to Assist |
| 12:00 pm | Check Out |



Bedroll Conference GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, June 25, 2025
First T-time - 11:30 AM
Cost - \$120

PLEASE RETURN THIS REGISTRATION FORM & PAYMENT TO:
(Make checks payable to CEAC, Federal Tax ID No. 23-7060404)

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Conzor Engineering
2868 Prospect Park Drive, Suite 250
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

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Email: john.quincy@consoreng.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Agency/Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Handicap: _____ or Avg. Score: _____

Form a foursome on your own or just sign up and we'll assign you to one.

Name: _____ Handicap: _____ or Avg. Score: _____

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2025 Northern California Bedroll Conference GOLF TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, June 25, 2025
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 \$120 and includes:

18 HOLES OF GOLF with SHARED CART, RANGE BALLS, BUFFET LUNCH and PRIZES!



LONG DRIVES
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LOW GROSS
LOW NET



**CEAC would like to
thank all of the
early
SPONSORS
for this
Conference!!!**



20TH ANNUAL CEAC POLICY CONFERENCE

AUGUST 21-22, 2025

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FLOOR, SACRAMENTO, CA

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Harry W. Stone
September 24, 1940 -
April 20, 2025



Harry W. Stone, the former Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, passed away on April 20, 2025 at the age of 84. Harry W. Stone, a steadfast leader, a devoted public servant, and a beloved husband, father and grandfather. Harry attended John Burroughs High School in Burbank, CA. Among Harry's favorite childhood memories were family outings to the original Bob's Big Boy.

Harry went on to earn two civil engineering degrees from the University of Southern California, a bachelor's in 1962 and a master's in 1965. For the remainder of his life, he would be a Trojan through and through. In 1963, Harry married a fellow Trojan, Barbara Shell, and together they shared more than 60 years of marriage. They raised two sons, Robert and Steven, and took great pride in watching their five grandchildren grow up, two of whom attended USC as well. His family will remember him for his clever yet unconventional "engineer humor."

In addition to the Trojans, Harry was a true-blue Dodger fan. As a season ticket holder for over 60 years, he was a fixture at Dodger Stadium from the early 1960s through the 2024 season. How fitting that the final baseball season of his life, the Dodgers won the World Series. Harry's ties to Los Angeles run deep and reach far beyond its sports teams. As a long-time member of the California Club, Harry celebrated many cherished family occasions at the iconic downtown LA landmark.

At one point, Harry had saved up some money and wanted to buy a Porsche, but his wife's family persuaded him to invest in a horse instead. That decision sparked nearly 50 years of involvement in the Southern California horse racing industry, where he and Barbara became owners and breeders of thoroughbred racehorses—with a crowning achievement of owning several stakes winners including a Grade I Stakes winner. He never did get a Porsche.

Harry's professional career began in 1958 when he had just completed his first year of college. That summer, Harry first stepped into the County Flood Control District office, eager to make a difference. In 1994, he was appointed the Director of LA County Department of Public Works, a position he held with great pride and commitment until retiring from the County in 2001.

Harry was the second Director for the Department of Public Works which was created by the County Board of Supervisor in 1985 combining the three County engineering departments—the Flood Control District with the County Road Department and the County Engineer.

Harry W. Stone

(continued)

September 24, 1940 - April 20, 2025

His awards include The American Public Works Association Top Ten Public Works Leaders (2000) and the Southern California Contractors Association VIP Engineering and Administrative Excellence Award (1996).

During his 41-year career, he made innumerable improvements in the Los Angeles County public works framework; two achievements of which he was particularly proud were the development of the Pan Pacific Park and his leadership during the Malibu cityhood controversy.

Harry's integrity and humble yet commanding leadership style were a major part of his success in his role as Director, leading others to remark that Harry was a friendly, warm, and unassuming person whose character is absolutely unquestioned. He was a class act. In supervising 3,600 employees and a \$1.2 billion budget, he played a crucial role in shaping the infrastructure of Los Angeles County, overseeing the building of roads, bridges, airports, courthouses, flood control, and water conservation facilities. His leadership extended beyond titles; he was not just a director, but a mentor, a problem solver, and a guiding force for his colleagues. His ability to lead with both wisdom and compassion made him a revered figure in public works, someone who could be relied upon to find solutions for the most pressing challenges of the region.

Harry was also deeply involved in his local community, offering his time and resources to numerous initiatives aimed at improving the lives of others. Among other things, he served as a commissioner on the City of Whittier Planning Commission from 2001 - 2012. Serving on the Commission for more than ten years, Harry played a key role in the renovation of the Whittwood Mall into the Whittwood Town Center, the revised zoning of Whittier Boulevard to encourage business growth, and the adoption of a plan to revitalize Uptown Whittier. In his final term on the Commission, Harry offered valuable advice to the Whittier City Council on the hotly contested Whittier hills oil-drilling proposal.

After his 2001 retirement from the Department of Public Works, Harry became an avid golfer and enjoyed many rounds at Hacienda Golf Club. He also discovered a love of travel, visiting nearly 80 countries and embarking on close to 30 cruises. Most of all, Harry cherished his favorite role as "Granddad," spending countless hours cheering for his grandchildren at their myriad of sports events including baseball, water polo, swimming, basketball, lacrosse, tennis and Irish dance. For more than five decades and throughout his retirement, Harry also enjoyed spending time with family and friends at the beach at his second home in San Clemente.

Harry leaves behind his wife, Barbara, sons Steven (Catherine) and Robert (Charlotte) and grandchildren Matt, Ellie, Mark, Thomas, and Justin.

We wish you peace and happiness, Harry. Your journey was one of purpose, and your legacy will endure.



By Dave “Road Runner” Gravenkamp
CEAC Historian

Editor's Note: The following article was taken from the September 2009 CEAC Newsletter

A meeting was held on March 18, 1993 during the annual Spring Conference. This gathering, by invitation only, was called by yours truly (recently having been elected CEAC Historian) to solicit advice from “old timers” on what should be the Historian’s job duties.

Attending were: Larry Coleman, Tehama Co.; Dick Curry, Shasta Co.; Bruce McClain, Monterey Co.; Bill McIntosh, Lassen Co.; Lloyd Roberts, Yolo Co.; Lee Steward, Santa Barbara Co.; Verne” Davis, Merced Co.; Richard Welton, Fresno Co.; Vic Sauer, Contra Costa Co.; Jim Pott, Santa Clara Co.; Art Goulet, Ventura Co.; Mike Walford, Contra Costa Co.; Dave Pierson, Imperial Co.; George Protopapas, San Luis Obispo Co.; and Clay Castleberry, Butte Co. There may have been a few more.

It was suggested by someone that the writings of Earle Burt, Los Angeles Co. Road Commissioner and Past President of CEAC (1951-52) might be a good source of history as he had visited every County seat and kept good records of his travels. Unfortunately, a follow-up conversation determined that his records were no longer available.

It was agreed that the Historian should keep good records of the happenings at each annual Spring and Fall Conference. You ‘oldsters’ will (or may) recall that this effort was made a part of the “Two Years at a Glance” articles that were previously written in the Newsletter. The CEAC logo was discussed and it was concluded that the logo was to be designed by San Diego Co. road boss, Dave Spear. As the meeting progressed (or deteriorated),

individuals put forth tidbits of what they felt should be a part of CEAC’s recorded history.

Dave Pierson recalled that Al Kuck often put up his own money for the good of the organization and that the CSAC and CEAC regions were first established in 1958. Clay Castleberry had several comments, however, nobody in attendance could see what they had to do with CEAC history. Bruce McClain added that at the 1958 Annual Meeting, Ed Hanna had waged a fierce campaign to hold the 1960 or 1961 annual meeting in Tres Pinos. This of course led to discussion of the Buffalo Bull Award, which all concluded should be continued and that the “winners” should be recognized and be given a place of honor in CEAC annals.

Others offered that the “Road Commissioner” title came into being with the passage of the Collier-Burns Act in 1948, that San Mateo County had the last elected County Surveyor and that Alameda County had the only elected Road Commissioner. I have written previously about the effect of the Collier-Burns Act on bringing about significant change in road management policies and procedures. Prior to the Act it was common for each county supervisor to have his own road commissioner and crews and wouldn’t allow them to be traded or used in other areas of the county.

You probably wonder what all of this has to do with CEAC History. My point is that in the 60 plus “Droppings” written and published since the initial 1993 meeting were in large measure the outgrowth of that meeting and also from substantial input from all of you. Also, thanks for your many suggestions for future “Droppings.” While I’m in a thanking mood, a big THANKS to all for your responses to the note in our last Newsletter advising that I was “under the weather.” I’m happy to report that I’m fine and thank you for your calls, cards, and thoughts.

Now.... what to write about in the next Newsletter?

Please e-mail your thoughts, ideas to the CEAC Newsletter Editor at:

CEACNewsletterEditor@gmail.com.

I will report on responses received in the next and subsequent Newsletters.

NACE REPORT



Howard Dashiell CEAC Representative to NACE

County Engineers and Public Works staff attended the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) conference in Schaumburg, Illinois from April 13 th to 18 th , 2025. The conference was a huge success with about 700 delegates in attendance. California sent around 20 delegates (including exhibitors which totaled around 3 from California companies).

The County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) has 100% membership in NACE so next year let's hope we build to 58 attendees.

The Schaumburg, Illinois NACE 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.

California brought the spotlight to some of our own successes in NACE technical session presentations with Tom Mattson of Humboldt County presented on how an earthquake nearly shut down the Humboldt County Fair.

NACE 2025 Schaumburg Attendees: **Daniel Woldesenbet** (Alameda County), **Amber Lo** (Alameda County), **Walter Rubalcava** (Santa Barbara County), **Tom Mattson** (Humboldt County), **Pat DeChellis** (Los Angeles County, retired), **Howard Dashiell** (Mendocino County), **Alicia Meier** (Mendocino County), **George Johnson**, (Riverside County, retired), **Matt Machado** (Santa Cruz County), **Johannes Hoevertsz** (Sonoma County), **Dave Leamon** (Stanislaus County), **Panos Kokkas** (Trinity County), **Josh Pack** (Butte County) and **Nathan Bray** (Merced County).

Josh Pack, CEAC Secretary provided the following summary of his experience at his first NACE Conference: *I had the opportunity to attend the National Association of County Engineers (NACE) conference in Schaumburg, Illinois. These gatherings are always a highlight, offering a refreshing chance to engage with peers nationwide. The conference leaned heavily toward road maintenance and operations which is a contrast to what we often experience in California-focused events. Still, the value of connecting with other county engineers, public works directors, and technical experts was undeniable. I truly enjoy hearing the stories and approaches from different states, exchanging insights, and finding common ground despite regional differences.*

Each time I attend a national conference like this, I'm reminded of the unique complexities we face as public works directors in California, especially at the county level. From disaster recovery and infrastructure funding to managing broad-ranging responsibilities, the scale and scope of our challenges often feel unmatched. I return home with a renewed appreciation for my California peers professionalism, innovation, and resilience. It's inspiring to see the caliber of leadership within our state and the strong, supportive relationships that continue to grow through these professional networks.

NACE REPORT (continued)



In addition to the very successful Illinois hosted NACE 2025 Conference, NACE Leadership continues to move forward on Strategic Planning, looking at Regional Structure, Conference Structure and Association Branding. Budgeting & Dues have stabilized, and NACE is now building a reserve fund after tough years coming out of COVID. Fall NACE Board of Directors Meeting will be in Indianapolis Indiana - Concurrent with Dynamic Infrastructure (NACE TITANIUM SPONSOR) meeting with a field trip to Purdue University cutting edge engineering research - Monday, Sept 22 to Wednesday, Sept 24, 2025.

A **Vienna Beef Frank** is served on a poppy seed roll and “dragged through the garden,” as a true Chicago hot dog due to the many toppings. See picture above. From the mid-1800s to mid-1900s, the Chicago stock yards and meat processing industry made hot dogs an economical meal during the Great Depression and in order to get some vegetables in what might be someone’s only meal of the day, the dogs were loaded up with all the calories one could get for a nickel. This one cost \$8.50.

RECENT CLOD SIGHTINGS



Mike and Pam Walford with George and Luann Johnson at dinner in Newport Beach. With them was Mike’s sister, Mary.



Picture above—Phil Demery dancing in Bali on a recent trip.

Pictures to the right above—Phil Demery and wife, Marlene.

Picture to the right—Pattie McNamee and husband, Terry Herringshaw, in Java.



Editor’s Correction—picture in the April 2025 Newsletter re: David Fleisch’s Retirement

The Newsletter stated: **Dave and his family - wife, Heidi; daughter, Laura; and stepson**

In the picture of David’s family -it is his wife, Heidi, and actualy grandchildren, Victoria and Jimmy. His daughter, Laura, and her husband were online, and are visible in the picture just to the left of Jimmy's head. His stepson Justin, was unable to attend.



NACE 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



Picture to the right:

The **Illinois County Engineers** who were responsible for the Conference.

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NACE LEADERSHIP TEAM

From l-r: **Matt Machado**, Western Region VP (California); **Jeff Blue**, Immediate Past President (Illinois); **Rich Sanders**, NACo Rep (Minnesota); **Jeff Linkous**, Northeast Region VP (Ohio); **Pamela Dingman**, Secretary/Treasurer (Nebraska); **Jacob Thorius**, President-Elect (Iowa); **Stephen McCall**, President (Ohio); **Wayne Sandberg**, North Central Region VP (Minnesota); **Kevan Stone**, CEO & Executive Director; and **Andrew McGuire**, South Central VP (Iowa)

NACE 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (continued)



TopGolf

IACE Scholarship Outing at Top Golf

Monday, April 14th, 2025 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm
hosted by Illinois Association of County Engineers
\$75 per person
Transportation is not provided.
Questions? Contact Molly at Molly@mollyrockford.com



Host Hotel - Renaissance Schaumburg
Convention Center Hotel



NACE 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (continued)



NFLers (NACE Former Leaders)
at their annual dinner

l-r: **Brian Keierlerber** (2017, Iowa)
Tim Hens (2019, New York)
Chris Champion (2022, Alabama)
Mark Servi (2013, Wisconsin)
Ramon Gavarrete (2014, Florida)
Todd Kinney (2021, Iowa)
Duanne Ratermann (2015, Illinois)
Jeff Blue (2023, Illinois)
Rich Sanders (2018, Minnesota)
George Webb (2007, Florida)



CEAC Delegation (plus others)
at Breakfast Tuesday

Seated l-r: **Josh Pack, Dave Leamon, Nathan Bray, Matt Machado, and Georg Johnson**

Standing l-r: **Todd Kinney, Panos Kokkas, and Rich Sanders**



Sis Killen, Superintendent, Department of Transportation and Highways, Cook County, and NACE 2024 President, **Stephen McCall**, Ohio.

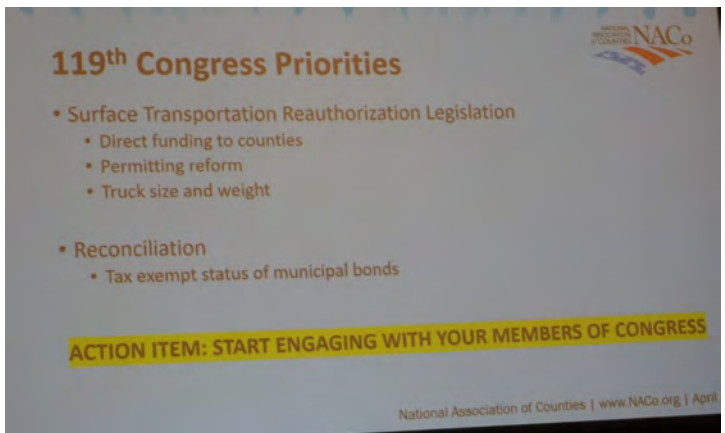
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Delegate Lunch Tuesday



Charlotte Mitchell Duyshart and Stephen McCall

Charlotte, Associate Legislative Director, NACo, provided a government affairs update at the Delegate Lunch on Tuesday

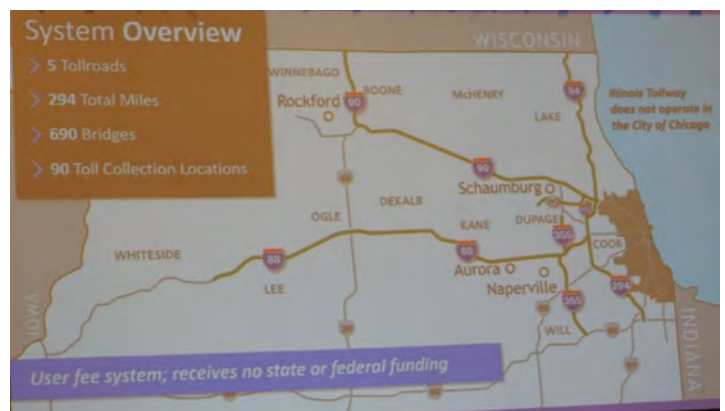


CEAC Delegates

I-r: Panos Kokkas, Howard Dashiell, Dave Leamon, Tom Mattson, Josh Pack, and Alicia Meier

Picture to the left:

Cassandra Rouse and Stephen McCall



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TASTE OF CHICAGO

featuring



LUBBOCK FUNK CIRCUS



Tuesday, April 15, 2025
Dinner 6 – 7:00 pm
Dancing begins at 7:00pm
Renaissance Ballroom

THE MENU

Baked Macaroni & Cheese
Chicago Chopped Salad
Tomatoes, onions, bleu cheese
Chicago style deep dish pizza
Italian beef, au jus Vienna hot dogs, poppy seed buns
Chicago-style condiments
Assorted chips
Eli's cheesecake
Assorted toppings

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT

California Delegate Dinner at Texas de Brazil

Left side:

Daniel Woldesenbet (Alameda),
Tom Mattson (Humboldt),
Johannes Hoevertsz (Sonoma),
Sandra Hoevertsz,
Alicia Meier (Mendocino),
Nathan Bray (Merced),
Matt Machado (Santa Cruz),
Josh Pack (Butte)

Right side:

Stephanie Dashiell,
Howard Dashiell (Mendocino),
Walter Rubalcava (Santa Barbara),
Amber Lo (Alameda),
Luann Johnson,
George Johnson (Riverside),
Deanna Leamon, **David Leamon**
(Stanislaus)



Left side:

David Leamon (Stanislaus),
Deanna Leamon, **George Johnson**
(Riverside), Luann Johnson,
Amber Lo (Alameda), **Walter**
Rubalcava (Santa Barbara),
Howard Dashiell (Mendocino),
Stephanie Dashiell

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(Merced), **Alicia Meier**
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Johannes Hoevertsz (Sonoma),
Tom Mattson (Humboldt), **Daniel**
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WELCOME

NACE Annual Business Meeting
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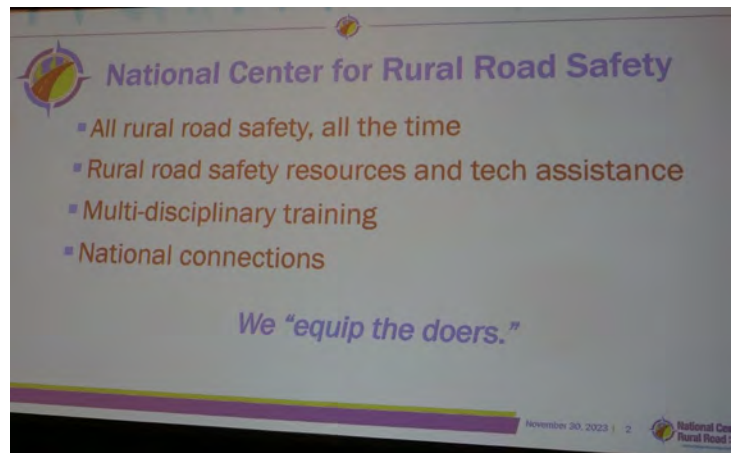
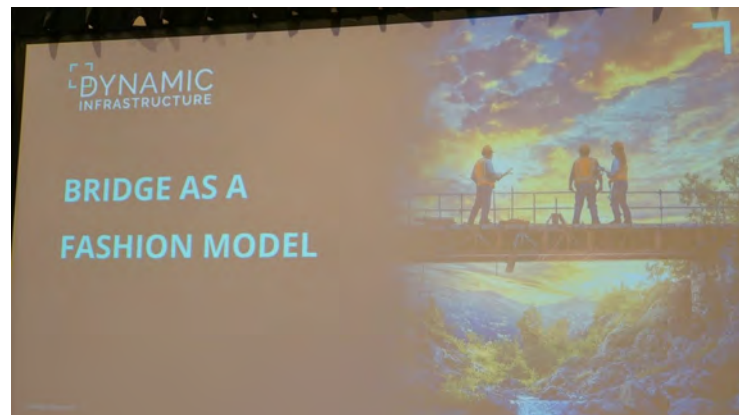
NACE Business Meeting

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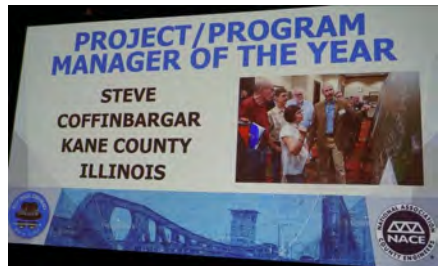
WELCOME TO ARLINGTON
a world of wonderful
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY ENGINEERS
2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW

NACE 2025 ANNUAL CONFERENCE (continued)

NACE President's Reception and Awards Dinner



CEAC Delegation



Pictures above: **Stephen McCall** passing the President's Gravel to **Jacob Thorius**.

Picture to the left l-r: **NACE 2025 Leadership**

Wayne Sandberg, Secretary/Treasurer (MN); **Luke McGinty**, Southeast VP (AL); **Pamela Dingman**, President-Elect (NE); **Jacob Thorius**, President (IA); **Jodi Teich**, North Central VP (MN); **Matt Machado**, Western VP (CA); **Andrew McGuire**, South Central VP (IA); **Jeff Linkous**, Northeast VP (OH); **Stephen McCall**, Immediate Past President (OH); **Rich Sanders**, NACo Rep (MN)



San Joaquin Valley Report

submitted by **Sam Chrun**, Deputy Public Works Director, Stanislaus County
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Madera

The Avenue 25 Bridge Replacement Project

is a Federal-Aid project through the Highway Bridge Program that funded the replacement of the existing bridge on Avenue 25 at the Ash Slough. The previous bridge, constructed in 1954, was listed as scour critical and was structurally deficient. During high flow events of Ash Slough, which is used as a flood release channel, the bridge had to be closed for the safety of the traveling public until flows receded.

The Project included the replacement of the existing 343-foot long 16-span continuous cast-in-place reinforced concrete slab bridge with a new 35-foot wide, 320-foot long, 9-span continuous cast-in-place slab bridge on the existing alignment. The roadway geometrics were also improved by widening the traveled way on the bridge from 26 feet to 32 feet. The project was stopped two separate times for nesting birds, once at the start of the project for nesting swallows in May of 2023, and again in January 2024 for a nesting red tailed hawk 300 feet away from the construction zone!

Despite the delays, the bridge was completed and opened to traffic in July 2024.



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Madera (continued)

Fairmead Landfill- Low Nox Flare

Install a new Low NOx Flare to comply with San Joaquin valley Air Pollution Control District Rule 4311 (amended in 2020) addressing landfill gas collection system emissions



Madera County Hidden Lakes Emergency Tank Replacement Project

The purpose of this project is to replace a failing 110,000-gallon storage tank located at Maintenance District 1 Hidden Lakes (MD-1). The existing tank being replaced was a vital component of the MD-1 water system and without the tank in service, the district will lose its ability to provide adequate water storage and fire flow support. Location of tank is also elevated above the district and feeds water into system via gravity. Without the tank in service, the district will also experience loss in water pressure throughout the system.



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Merced



The County of Merced has officially kicked off its **Spring 2025 Measure V Overlay Projects**, beginning with the resurfacing of Hunt Road between Cottonwood Road and the Gustine city limits. This initial segment covers just under 4 miles and is funded through Measure V Regional funds. This work marks the start of a larger effort to improve approximately 14 miles of roadway throughout the County by summer.

In addition to Hunt Road, resurfacing projects are scheduled in the areas of south Merced, Le Grand, Los Banos, and Winton. The total construction cost for these improvements is estimated at \$8.5 million. These investments reflect the County's continued commitment to maintaining and enhancing local transportation infrastructure for the benefit of residents, businesses, and visitors across Merced County.

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San Joaquin

Sexton Road Bridge Replacement

San Joaquin County recently replaced the Sexton Road Bridge over the South San Joaquin Irrigation District Canal. The project including the construction of a 33' long by 50' precast, pre-stressed concrete voided slab super-structure supported on cast-in-place concrete seat abutments on spread footings.



Duncan Road/ Comstock Road Roundabout

Last year, the County installed a roundabout at the subject intersection to address a high-injury collision record.

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San Joaquin

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Raymus Village Maintenance District TCP Treatment Project

San Joaquin County recently installed a treatment facility to remove 1, 2, 3-Trichloropropane (TCP) from water sourced from a system well. This project was funded from a settlement fund established to mitigate TCP releases from industrial operations.



Thornton Water Main Maintenance

San Joaquin County recently completed a water supply pipe cleaning process called ice pigging to remove built up deposits from the water mains. These photos show before, during, and after conditions of sampled water.



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Stanislaus



Crows Landing Road over San Joaquin River Bridge Replacement Project

New 723 foot long five span, cast-in-place post tensioned box girder bridge. The existing bridge was deemed structural deficient and functionally obsolete and was vulnerable to damage in high flow events. Project construction was completed late Summer of 2024.

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Stanislaus

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Pelletized Asphalt Rubber Overlay Project

This is a product test project in which Pelletized Rubber Asphalt is placed adjacent to conventional HMA. This project is partially funded by CA Department of Resources Recycling and Recover.

The goal of the pilot project is to assess if the technology could be used in remote areas or for smaller tonnage projects with asphalt rubber and to monitor the performance of the Pelletized Rubber product compared to conventional HMA.





Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities), County Engineers Association of California (CEAC), and California State Association of Counties® (CSAC) proudly announce the winners of the 2025 Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards. These awards celebrate innovative and cost-efficient programs across California that preserve and protect investments in local streets, roads, and bridges.

Sponsored by Cal Cities, CEAC, and CSAC, the Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards were presented to six groundbreaking programs during the Cal Cities Public Works Officers Institute/CEAC Spring Conference on March 19 in Universal City.

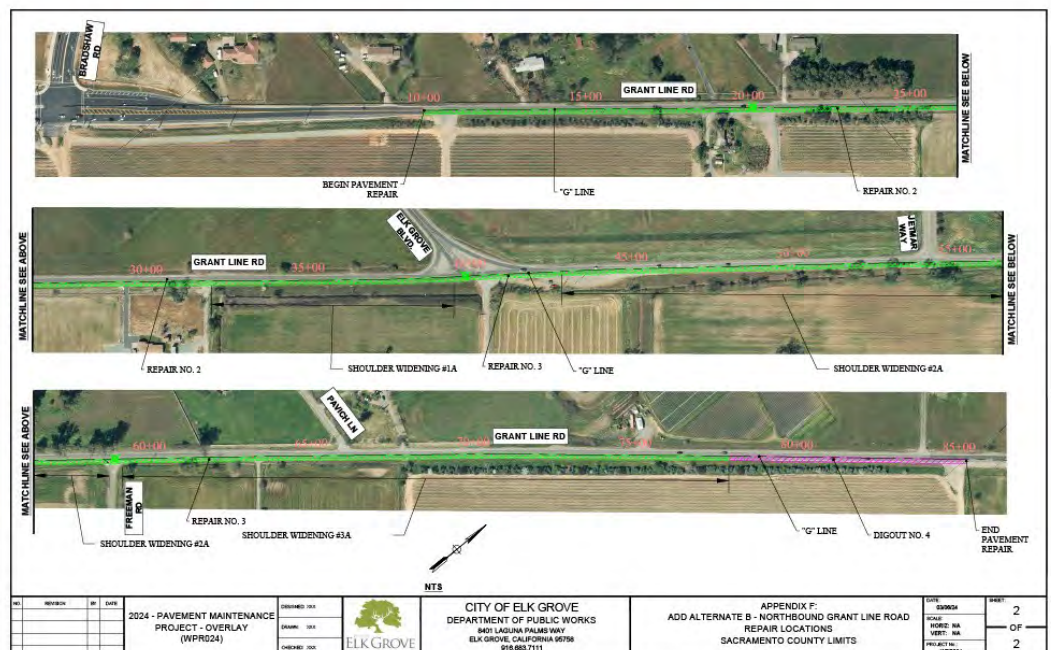
“Counties and cities across California are leading the way in developing smart, sustainable infrastructure solutions that enhance safety, improve mobility, and protect our environment,” said **David Leamon**, President of the County Engineers Association of California and Stanislaus County Director of Public Works. “By leveraging innovative techniques and cost-effective strategies, local governments are extending the lifespan of their streets and roads, reducing environmental impacts, and ensuring communities have safe and reliable transportation networks for years to come.”

This year’s overall winner, the City of Elk Grove, is recognized for its recent surface treatment project. This project used an innovative, cost-effective approach to road preservation that increased safety and enhanced public access.

“Californians rely on safe, dependable local streets and roads, and local governments are investing in important infrastructure projects that strengthen their communities,” said **Scott Smith**, Cal Cities Public Works Department President and Fountain Valley Public Works Director. “These award-winning projects exemplify the cutting-edge innovation happening at the city and county level to improve road safety and help meet our state’s environmental goals.”

Overall Winner: City of Elk Grove Surface Treatment Project

The City of Elk Grove’s surface treatment project used an innovative, cost-effective, and staff-led approach to road preservation. By applying optimal treatments—slurry seal, micro-surfacing, cape seal, and overlay—the city maximized pavement longevity, safety, and public access. Dividing roads into 113 subzones minimized disruptions and reduced costs, ensuring more funds went directly to streets. Completed on time within a \$10.3 million budget, the project improved the Pavement Condition Index from 68 to 80, earning it the overall winner award.





Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program (continued)

Roads: Efficient and Sustainable Road Maintenance, Construction, and Re-construction Projects - Castaic-Hasley Hills South, County of Los Angeles



Los Angeles County Public Works completed the Castaic–Hasley Hills South Project which reconstructed 5.8 miles of deteriorated residential roads. The project used cold central plant recycling and cement stabilized pulverized base to reuse in-place materials instead of traditional reconstruction methods. This approach improved road quality while reducing costs by \$3.5 million, cutting landfill use by 135,000 cubic yards, and significantly lowering energy consumption

Bridges: Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects - Avenue 25 Bridge Replacement at Ash Slough, County of Madera

The Avenue 25 Bridge Replacement Project in Madera County replaced a structurally deficient 343-foot, 16-span bridge with more durable 320-foot, 9-span reinforced concrete slab bridge. The \$4.5 million project, which received federal funding, used innovative techniques like pipe pin connectors, cast-



drilled-hole piles, and fiber-reinforced concrete to enhance durability, reduce material use, and improve seismic resilience. Environmental sustainability was a primary focus for the project, and minimizing environmental impacts, flooding, and preserving water quality were all considered.



Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program (continued)

Complete Streets Projects — TIE

Rumrill Boulevard Complete Streets Project, City of San Pablo



The Rumrill Boulevard Complete Streets Project transformed a 1.6-mile corridor linking Central Richmond and the BART station to key San Pablo destinations. The project was a community-driven plan focused on enhancing pedestrian and bicycle safety while addressing chronic stormwater challenges. Improvements include wider sidewalks, ADA ramps, 21 upgraded crossings, 3.4 miles of Class IV bike lanes, transit shelters, and 230 new trees. The project cut collisions from 145 to 50 annually, nearly eliminating fatalities. It also achieved significant environmental benefits by treating stormwater and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Danville Boulevard – Orchard Court Complete Streets Improvement Project, County of Contra Costa

The Danville Boulevard – Orchard Court Complete Streets Improvement Project enhanced safety and accessibility for all travel modes. This project transformed a wide arterial roadway into a pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly corridor with a landscaped roundabout, new sidewalks, bike lanes, shorter crosswalks, and pedestrian refuge areas. Sustainability was a key focus with an emphasis on preserving roads in good condition, using recycled materials, and reutilizing materials in-place during construction. The project reduced vehicle emissions, improved water quality, and preserved mature oak trees.





Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program (continued)

Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Projects

Downtown Burbank San Fernando Blvd Reconfiguration, City of Burbank

The Downtown Burbank San Fernando Boulevard Reconfiguration, Phase 1 (Project), was designed with the express purpose of improving the safety, access, and overall quality of the local street and road system in Downtown Burbank. As a key component of Burbank's Complete Our Streets Plan (adopted in 2020), the Project was implemented as a short-term priority to address the critical need for enhanced safety and multimodal access in one of the city's most active corridors. The Project focused on a 12-month pilot reconfiguration of a three-block stretch of San Fernando Boulevard, which is not only the busiest in terms of both pedestrian and vehicular traffic but also serves as a commercial hub and regional destination. Data from the Complete Our Streets Plan highlighted this area's high pedestrian and vehicular volumes, further emphasizing the need to reduce conflict points between road users. To achieve this, the Project removed one of the travel lanes, transforming the corridor from a two-way street to one northbound lane, effectively eliminating 50% of potential vehicle-pedestrian conflicts, increased crosswalk yield compliance to over 80%, and naturally slowed vehicle traffic. The project also added street parking and commercial loading zones to support the needs of businesses.



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.

[County Job Openings: CSAC Website](#) as of June 2, 2025

Organization	Position	Date Posted	Closing Date/First Review
City of South Gate	Deputy City Engineer	5/13/2025	6/12/2025
Town of Danville	Traffic Engineering Associate	5/8/2025	Continuous Until Filled

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