

ACEC California Sierra Chapter

January/February 2015



President's Message

By: Tom Holdrege, President



Happy New Year, Sierra Chapter members! I wish you and your firms a prosperous and productive 2015.

The Sierra Chapter has started the year with a bang, beginning with our very successful joint meeting with APWA on January 9, followed by the

Statewide Engineering Excellence Awards held at the Hyatt in Sacramento on January 15. Both events were extremely well attended.

I was planning to prepare a "State of the Chapter" address for this month's message, but an event of great significance

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meetings are at the Sacramento Hilton unless otherwise noted.

5:00 - 6:00pm Board Meeting / 6:00 - 6:30pm Networking
6:30pm General Membership Dinner Meeting
Member Cost: \$35 - Non-Member \$50

You are responsible for your RSVP and will be invoiced unless you cancel reservations 24 hours in advance.

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

General Dinner Meeting

Speaker: Ken Grehm, Placer County, Director of Public Works

Register online at:

<https://eventbrite.com/event/15297282584/>

Thursday, February 19, 2015

Federal A/E/C Opportunities Symposium, San Diego

See attached flyer or [Click here](#)

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

General Dinner Meeting

Speaker: TBD

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Legislative Visit Day, State Capitol

Details coming soon / Go to: www.regonline.com/lvd-bod

Friday, April 17, 2015

Chapter Luncheon Meeting followed by Golf

Details coming soon!

Monday—Wednesday, May 11-13, 2015

ACEC CA Annual Conference

[Click here](#) for details

Ken Grehm, Director of Public Works for Placer County—February Meeting Speaker

By: Harvey Oslick, Vice President



Please join us for Ken's presentation on projects in Placer County. Ken is the Director of Public Works for Placer County and also serves as the Executive Director of Placer County Flood Control & Water Conservation District. Public Works includes Engineering, Road Maintenance, Transportation Planning,

Floodplain Management, Stormwater Permitting, Transit

Services and Fleet Services and involves an annual budget of over \$90 million. His area of responsibility extends from western Placer County to the Tahoe Basin.

Ken Grehm has held various engineering roles throughout his 25 year career including the Supervising Civil Engineer at the City of Sacramento's Transportation Group. In 2014, the American Public Works Association presented Ken with the well-deserved and prestigious Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year Award.

Schedule Change – Sierra Chapter Excellence Awards Ceremony in September 2015

At the January Board of Director's meeting, the directors decided that the excellence awards ceremony would be a great way to welcome members back from the winter break.

The awards ceremony will be held in conjunction with the Chapter meeting on September 16, 2015.

Committee members (Jane Rozga, Landon Blake, Harvey Oslick, and Steve Greenfield) are developing a new schedule, but expect that applications will be due in late May or early June.

The award competition will honor local projects completed by Chapter members. Public and private projects will be consid-

ered upon completion of every phase – planning, design, and/or construction as applicable. Elements of projects completed by member firms, such as surveying, structural design, or construction management, will also be eligible.

Event sponsorship opportunities will be available. If you are interested in joining the committee to help recognize the cool work of Chapter members and plan an exciting event, contact Jane at Jane.Rozga@ch2m.com.

ACEC-CA State Updates and Events

On Thursday, January 15, ACEC California gathered at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento to honor 18 California firms for 19 projects showcasing excellence in the engineering and surveying industry. T.Y. Lin took home the highest award, the Golden State Award, for their work on the East Span of the new Bay Bridge in San Francisco. To see photos of the banquet and a complete list of winners, [click here](#). The 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards competition will begin in June. To be notified of the competition, please email Sarah Sanders at ssanders@acec-ca.org and ask to be added to the notification list.

The Federal Opportunities Symposium (formerly NAVFAC Symposium) will be held on February 19th at the San Diego Convention Center. Please see the attached brochure on the event. Members can also go online at www.regonline.com/federalaecopportunities to get more information or to register.

Assemblyman Jim Cooper Addressed our Joint ACEC/APWA Meeting - January Meeting Recap

By Cheryl Creson, Director



Assemblyman Jim Cooper was the guest speaker at our annual joint meeting with the Sacramento Chapter of APWA. The Assemblyman focused on infrastructure issues and noted a renewed interest in infrastructure investment as critical to our economic recovery.

Deferred maintenance has resulted in an estimate of 16% of states highway lanes are in poor condition; an estimated \$7.3 billion is needed annually to bring the states streets and roads up to safe standards.

A sustainable long-range transportation funding mechanism is critical to California's powerful economic engine growth.

Transportation funding relies heavily on gas taxes; raising the gas tax could temporarily bridge the funding gap. Increased use of environmentally sensitive electric, hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles reduces reliance on fuel and the associated funding source.

The state is embarking on a pilot "Road Usage Charge" program as a potential replacement for the gas tax with findings expected in 2018. Assemblyman Cooper expressed reservations about the mechanism and will closely watch the Oregon program and the state's pilot program.

Other options include earmarking revenue raised through higher annual vehicle registration fees, retail surcharges or tolling. Public private partnership and pay as you go are also considerations.

California water supply is confronted by one of the most severe droughts on record. The drought has impacted agriculture in Assemblyman Cooper's district which produces \$2.3 billion of ag products. He expressed the importance of preserving and reviving the Delta which is critical to the environment and economy of the Delta Region and the San Francisco Bay. He expressed support for water recycling and desalination for addressing the water supply issue.

The \$68 billion high speed rail project has the potential to have lasting economic benefits, employ many Californians and improve mobility through the state linking communities. He supports the project but believes the route should travel through more densely populated centers and additional accountability and streamlining is needed.

Assemblyman Cooper recognized the need for continued investment in intercity rail and bus systems, bike paths and walkways for economic benefits, to reduce reliance on oil and to provide environmental benefits.





An ACEC-CA Company Profile



Crocker Art Gallery Expansion,
Sacramento, CA



CalPERS Headquarters Expansion ,
Sacramento, CA



DGS State Central Utility Plant
Sacramento, CA.

CYS STRUCTURAL ENGINEERS, INC. is a professional structural engineering firm that has provided consulting services for structural design, investigation of existing structures, seismic analysis and retrofits, plan checking and peer review to the public and private sector for over 51 years. CYS has earned a reputation for providing structural solutions for projects that are coordinated and economical to build based upon our client's desire to minimize construction cost and time adjustments, thus meeting the owner's budgetary and occupancy goals. Recent notable projects include the award-winning CalPERS Headquarters Expansion, Crocker Art Museum Expansion and State Central Utility Plant and the State Office Buildings #8 and #9 Renovation.

CYS engineers actively participate in professional associations and technical committees, contributing time and expertise in the development of new codes and guidelines.

CYS' diversified client base includes architectural firms, contractors, industrial manufacturers, corporations and numerous public agencies. With this vast number of clients, we have obtained a wide variety of project experience. Completed projects include airport terminal facilities, antenna towers, central plants, commercial office buildings, community centers, convalescent hospitals, correctional prison facilities, elementary schools, fire stations, general hospitals, high schools, hotels/motels, industrial facilities, junior colleges, libraries, medical offices, museums, high-rise office buildings, parking garages, restaurants, senior citizens projects, sewage and water treatment facilities, shopping centers, sports arenas, surgical-centers, theaters, and university buildings.

In addition to our more traditional engineering services, many of our projects don't fall into typical categories, requiring special expertise. Some of these specialized design areas involve medical equipment bracing and anchorage, shake table testing, green modular buildings, snow loads, modular elevators, precast concrete cladding details, high wind loads, short-span bridges and culverts, as well as civil work structures.

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President's Message continued

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to all ACEC-CA members occurred last week which requires immediate attention. As many of you are aware, approximately a year ago, ACEC-CA initiated a lawsuit which contended that AB401 contained language that violated Proposition 35. Proposition 35, passed 15 years ago, delegated local agencies the authority to procure all A&E services for all phases of public works projects. On January 16, ACEC-CA's lawsuit was rejected by the Superior Court judge reviewing the case. The judge concluded that the State Legislature has the authority to delegate the right to procure some of, or all A&E services, to Caltrans. Furthermore, the judge concluded that AB 401 does not violate Proposition 35. Specifically, the judge's tentative ruling concluded:

"Proposition 35 did not remove the Legislature's authority to delegate the decision as to whom should perform construction inspection services on design-build projects. AB 401 does not violate Proposition 35, or Article XXII, as a state entity is still given the authority to choose between utilizing civil service employees or consultants under contract. There is no requirement that such a decision must vest in a local entity, just that the decision must be made by a governmental entity."

During a conference call on January 21, ACEC State Board and Chapter Directors were briefed on the ramifications of the ruling by the attorneys representing ACEC-CA in the lawsuit.

ACEC's position is that they disagree with the judge's ruling, and that ACEC will continue to be proponents of Design-Build and other alternative delivery methods. A special ACEC State Board of Directors meeting has been called on February 5 to address questions and concerns of member firms and to debate whether or not to appeal the judge's ruling. The Board of Directors will vote on whether to appeal or not the following week.

A special meeting of the Sierra Chapter Board of Directors took place on January 30th, prior to the February 5th State Board Meeting, to discuss concerns of the Sierra Chapter member firms. As such, we ask that our members take time to educate themselves on the issue and to contact any of the Sierra Chapter Board members with questions or concerns so that we can present them at the State Board of Directors meeting on February 5. As your Board of Directors, we want to represent the needs of all of our member firms. Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss the issues at hand. We will keep our members apprised of decisions made regarding the appeal process as information becomes available.

Again, Happy New Year!

Tom

Would you like to see YOUR FIRM listed in this Newsletter?

ACEC-CA/Sierra Chapter firms in good standing are invited to submit a company profile for inclusion in this newsletter. **Firms that have not been featured in the last two years are invited to participate again.** Contact Harvey Oslick, Vice President, for submission details.

GET NOTICED IN THE SIERRA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER!

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NEW DATE!

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Building and Protecting Our Nation

February 19, 2015

San Diego Convention Center



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FEDERAL A/E/C OPPORTUNITIES SYMPOSIUM: BUILDING AND PROTECTING OUR NATION

The Federal Opportunities Symposium – Building and Protecting Our Nation is designed to inform members of the design, engineering and construction industries about doing business with the government, including NAVFAC, Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Customs & Border Protection. The Symposium brings together all of the stakeholders in the project delivery process in a cooperative, education format. Several hundred will be in attendance including military personnel, consulting engineers, and related professionals.

This program is ideal for:

- Engineering, Architectural & Related Professional Consultants
- Construction Companies & General Contractors
- Subcontractors and Specialty Firms
- Any company wanting to learn more about doing business with NAVFAC

AGENDA OVERVIEW

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| 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. | Registration & Continental Breakfast | | |
| 8:00 – 8:50 a.m. | Welcome Brad Diede, Executive Director, ACEC California Rick Rubin, PE, NAVFAC Committee Chair, ACEC California | | |
| 9:00 – 10:15 a.m. | Session 1 | | |
| | Veterans Affairs Sheila Nematollahi-Rad Capital Asset Manager | NAVFAC SW Kathryn Stewart, PE Environmental Business Line Coordinator | NAVFAC SW SF 330 Preparation Hal Hayes & Carol Davis, PE Contracts Specialist Sr. Project Manager Capital Improvements Capital Improvements Contracts Core Acquisition Team <i>Invited Speakers</i> |
| 10:00 – 11:45 a.m. | Networking Break with Exhibitors | | |
| 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. | Keynote Luncheon with Loren Flossman Director – U.S. Customs & Border Protection | | |
| 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. | Exhibit Hall Networking | | |
| 2:30 – 3:45 p.m. | Session 2 | | |
| | Capital Improvements John Coon NAVFAC SW Business Line Coordinator / Chief Engineer | Special Warfare David Williams NAVFAC SW Program Manager | |
| 3:45 p.m. | Closing Comments | | |

REGISTRATION & SPONSORSHIP/EXHIBITOR INFO

NAVFAC SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION FEES:

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| Federal Agency Registrants (<i>Lunch included</i>) | \$75.00 | |
| Regular Registration (<i>Lunch included</i>) | \$195.00 (before 1/23) | \$235.00 (until 2/7) |
| Late/On-Site Registration (<i>Lunch included</i>) | \$250.00 (2/18 & 2/19) | |
| Keynote Luncheon Registration (<i>Lunch only</i>) | \$45.00 | |

To register online, please visit www.regonline.com/federalaecopportunities

SPONSORSHIPS:

PLATINUM SPONSORSHIP (LIMITED TO 3) **\$3,000**

- Full-page ad in the program
- One exhibit space
- Two-minute presentation after Session 1 Presentations
- Three (3) free conference attendees
- Acknowledgment & signage at the event
- Acknowledgment on website
- Ribbon on nametag

CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP **\$1,200**

- 2"x4" ad in the program
- One exhibit space
- Two (2) free conference attendees
- Acknowledgment & signage at the event
- Acknowledgment on website
- Ribbon on nametag

LUNCH SPONSORSHIP **\$1,000**

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- Two (2) free conference attendees
- Acknowledgment & signage at the event
- Acknowledgment on website
- Ribbon on nametag

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- Ribbon on nametag

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- Ribbon on nametag

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- One (1) free conference attendee
- Acknowledgment & signage at the event
- Acknowledgment on website

SPONSORSHIP & EXHIBITOR DETAILS

ACEC California is pleased to offer the following Sponsorship & Exhibitor Opportunities for the Federal Opportunities Symposium. If you're interested in one of the opportunities, please check the appropriate box(es) on this sheet and include the total amount on the form attached. Once completed, please send to the ACEC California office via email: sfrieders@acec-ca.org; mail: ACEC California, 1303 J St, Suite 450, Sacramento, CA 95814; or fax: 916-441-6312.

Program Ad or Logo Specifications:

- Black & White
- Hi-Res is not required
- Under 1 MB
- JPEG, TIFF, GIF or PDF Format

Sponsorship & Exhibitor fees, program ad and logos must be received no later than February 4, 2015. All information should be sent directly to Stephanie Frieders at sfrieders@acec-ca.org.

EXHIBITOR BOOTH SPACE FEE INCLUDES:

- One FREE attendee at the conference
- 8'x10' booth space w/one 6 foot draped table
- Electrical
- Two chairs
- One wastebasket
- Exhibitor name badges

MOVE-IN / TEAR DOWN SCHEDULE

| Exhibitors Move-In: | Event: | Exhibitors Tear-Down: |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| February 19, 2015 8:00 a.m. | February 19, 2015 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. | February 19, 2015 4:00 p.m. – midnight |

VENUE INFORMATION

SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER

The Federal A/E/C Opportunities Symposium will be held at the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC), located at 111 W. Harbor Drive, San Diego, Ca 92101. There is a parking garage located at the SDCC and the rate is \$15 per day with no in-and-out privileges.

REGISTRATION FORM

Three Easy Ways to Register:

Online

www.regonline.com/federalaecoopportunities

Fax

916-441-6312

Mail (Registration with Payment)

ACEC California

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Conference Contact Person: _____

Nickname for Badge: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Please list those who will be staffing your booth:

Name: _____ Nickname for Badge: _____

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NAVFAC Symposium Registration Fees:

Registration Type

(All registrations include lunch. Select Keynote Luncheon Registration if only attending this session.)

| | <i>Fee</i> | <i># of Attendees</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|---|------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Federal Agency Registration | \$75.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Early Bird Registration (through 1/23) | \$195.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Regular Registration (through 2/7) | \$235.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Late/On-Site Registration (2/18 & 2/19) | \$250.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |
| Keynote Luncheon Registration only | \$45.00 | _____ | \$ _____ |

Sponsorships

| | <i>Fee</i> | <i>Amount</i> |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|
| Platinum | \$3,000.00 | \$ _____ |
| Corporate | \$1,200.00 | \$ _____ |
| Lunch | \$1,000.00 | \$ _____ |
| Break | \$300.00 | \$ _____ |
| Small Business | \$200.00 | \$ _____ |
| Exhibit Space Only | \$500.00 | \$ _____ |

Spouse/Guest Name (if registered): _____

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CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be received in writing and will be controlled by envelope postmark or fax transmittal dates. In the event a registrant or an exhibitor must cancel, the following refund policy applies:

A 50% refund will be sent if registration or space is canceled by February 6, 2015; no refund will be issued for cancellations made after February 6, 2015. Payment can be made by check until February 6, 2015. After that date, all payment must be made by credit card.

QUESTIONS:

Please contact the ACEC office at 916-441-7991 if you have any questions.