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## President's Message

We're all busy, so I'll keep my message relatively short this month!

Currently, the key ACEC-CA sponsored legislative action is SB 885 (Wolk), which intends to reform the "Duty to Defend." If this becomes law, design professionals would only have the duty to defend claims that arise out of, or pertain or relate to, negligence, reckless, or willful misconduct of the design professional.

I'll be attending the Duty to Defend Panel discussion on January 29th in San Diego. So, you can expect to hear more about this topic from ACEC-CA and me in the coming weeks. If this is an important issue to you, make sure you attend Legislative Visit Day on April 5th to explain it to your representatives.

The "current" event that has me irritated right now is the Flint, Michigan water crisis. It is absolutely mindboggling that decisions by public agencies and politicians could be so inept. Or, maybe it isn't. Elected and appointed people make decisions on topics about which they have inadequate understanding all the time. This time, it resulted in lead poisoning of thousands of people, as well as tremendous amounts of damage to infrastructure and homes.

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## Calendar of Events

Meetings are at the Sacramento Hilton unless otherwise noted.

Member Cost: \$35 - Non-Member \$50

### Wednesday, February 17, 2016

General Meeting,  
Past President's and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner  
Speaker: David Lichtman, Publisher of the Sacramento Business Journal.  
<http://acec-sierra-chapter-feb-17-2016.eventbrite.com>

### Week of February 21, 2016

Engineers Week

### Wednesday, March 16, 2016

Joint Meeting with Calmentor - HSRA - Lunch @ SACOG Building

### Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Legislative Visit Day – Sacramento

### Wednesday, April 6, 2016

State Board Meeting – Sacramento

### Wednesday, April 13, 2016

Ken Kerri Endowment Fund Luncheon @ Sacramento State

### Wednesday, April 20, 2016

General Meeting

### Wednesday, May 18, 2016

General Meeting



**Harvey Oslick**

President

## Past President's and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner

By: Marco Palilla, Director



Please plan to attend our Chapter Past President's Dinner on February 17th when we will not only recognize and honor our Past Presidents, but award the fifth annual Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship to Jasmeen Chahal of Sac State. The evening will also include guest speaker David Lichtman, Publisher of the Sacramento Business Journal. He has spent over three

decades in media with a local stint in Radio as VP/General Manager of 96.9 The Eagle, 98 Rock, and if you remember it,

KWOD. David has his finger on the pulse of business in Sacramento and will provide some valuable insights of what is on the horizon.

If you attended this event in the past, you know that we have many special guests representing the rich history of our Chapter. This is a meeting you will not want to miss as we award the next Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship and rub elbows with the people that created our Chapter's tradition of excellence.



## APWA/ACEC-CA Annual Joint Meeting Recap - Assemblyman James Gallagher

By: Marco Palilla, Director



We kicked off the new year with our always popular Joint ACEC/APWA lunch meeting on January 8th at the Woodlake Hotel and Conference Center. Our guest speaker was Assemblyman James Gallagher. James was formerly a Sutter County Supervisor. He represents the 3rd District, which includes the Counties of Butte, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Glenn,

and Colusa. Special thanks to Megan Carter (APWA President) at Dokken for handling all of the logistics for this event.

The turnout was excellent with many Sierra Chapter members in attendance, including President Harvey Oselick who sat at the head table with Assemblyman Gallagher.

Although James is a farmer and attorney by trade, I was impressed with his knowledge and understanding of infrastructure issues. It turns out his college roommate was a civil engineer, so he appreciated the value we bring to society. He was also very appreciative of the contributions made by the public works industry. Being from a rice farming family near Nicolas, Assemblyman Gallagher was very aware of water, drainage and transportation challenges in the State of California. He absolutely supports the Sites Reservoir project, transportation funding, and streamlining CEQA for basic upkeep and maintenance of infrastructure. Assemblyman Gallagher felt California needs to be doing more "Pay as You Go" type infrastructure funding to avoid the long stretches of inaction by state politicians. Sounds like a great idea to me!

## President's Message continued

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I could talk about failures due to inappropriate political action and lack of appropriate political action, but I'll spare you the

diatribe. We live in a democracy, so we need to consider the responsibilities of the voters who have been persuaded by catchy slogans to elect those who do not deserve their trust.



### An ACEC-CA Company Profile

SAGE Engineers, Inc. (SAGE) is a California Certified Small Business, headquartered in Roseville, California, providing geotechnical, geological, and engineering design services for a wide range of clients related to water resources, hydropower, and critical infrastructure. The professional staff at SAGE, including geotechnical engineers, engineering geologists, structural engineers, and civil engineers, specialize in analysis and design of a wide variety of infrastructure projects associated with water supply and flood control, including canals, flumes, pipelines, siphons, pumping stations, spillways, flood-control channels, roads, and bridges.

SAGE also has world-class technical experts in the fields of seismology, earthquake ground motions, and seismic hazard analysis. We are well versed in performing seismic hazard analyses (both deterministic and probabilistic), developing site-specific ground motions for seismic evaluations, performing site response analysis, evaluating seismic hazards including surface fault rupture, strong ground shaking, liquefaction, and seismic slope stability, and performing planning and feasibility analyses for the evaluation of mitigation measures when poor seismic performance is anticipated.

Comprised of three offices located in Oakland, Roseville, and South Lake Tahoe, California, since 1997 SAGE has combined engineering design and geosciences allowing us to provide clients with practical geotechnical and geologic solutions and cost-efficient designs for facilities that interface with soil, rock, and water.

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## 2016 LEGISLATIVE VISIT DAY & BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING



**April 5-6, 2016**

**Tuesday, April 5 - Legislative Visit Day**

*Issues Breakfast • Luncheon • Legislative Reception*

**Wednesday, April 6 - ACEC CA Business Meetings**

*Board of Directors Meeting*

***Online registration available soon  
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## 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL LUNCHEON

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016

11:30 AM — 2:00 PM

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Prabhakar Somavarapu**

*District Engineer (General Manager)*

***Regional San and Sacramento Area Sewer District***

Discussing the **EchoWater Project**



### Event at the Sac State Alumni Center

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