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President's Message

The start of the Sierra Chapter 2015-2016 term brings with it a new event and new Chapter Board members, but also some continuing issues. First off, we're starting the term with an exciting **new Chapter Engineering Excellence Awards event!** We had some great projects nominated for awards and we're looking forward to celebrating these remarkable accomplishments. Secondly, due to the meeting cancelation in April and some unexpected Board turnover, we're going to vote on the new Chapter Board at the September meeting, because this was not done in May. The Chapter Awards event is the first of what the new Board hopes will be many interesting events that will entice members to attend.

An issue for the Sierra Chapter is declining participation which we hope to turn around this year with better events and communications. Please help us reduce this trend!

Continuing issues for ACEC-CA include addressing infringement on the ability of municipalities to contract out for engineering services, failure of public agencies to use qualifications based

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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 Member Dinner Meeting

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

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

Engineering Excellence Awards Dinner

<https://>

[wednesdayseptember232015eea.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/venue/wednesdayseptember232015eea)

September 30, 2015

State EEA Competition Deadline

October 8-9, 2015

State Board Meeting – Yosemite

[http://www.acec-ca.org/doc.asp?](http://www.acec-ca.org/doc.asp?id=2348&parentid=2284)

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October 21, 2015

General Dinner Meeting

Speaker TBD

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Engineers Without Borders Fundraiser and Silent Auction

6 - 8 pm, Blue Pryn Restaurant

815 11th St, Sacramento, CA 95814

See attached flyer

November 18, 2015

General Dinner Meeting

Speaker TBD



Harvey Oslick

President

1st Annual Sierra Chapter Excellence Awards

You won't want to miss the first Sierra Chapter meeting of the 2015-2016 year on September 23!

We're having the first Sierra Chapter Engineering Excellence Awards event where we'll recognize some remarkable accomplishments of member firms with awards for three projects. After brief presentations about these projects, we'll have the honor of hearing from Assemblymember Bill Dodd give us his thoughts on funding of infrastructure.

Sponsorships for the Sierra Chapter Engineering Excellence Awards event are being offered at the \$500 Gold and \$250 Silver levels. Gold sponsorship includes a table for eight people and Silver sponsorship includes half a table for four people. Sponsors will be recognized during the event.

Assemblymember Bill Dodd, Chapter Engineering Excellence Awards Speaker

By: Steve Greenfield, State Director



Assemblymember Bill Dodd was elected in November 2014 to represent the 4th Assembly District, which includes all or portions of Lake, Yolo, Napa, Sonoma, Solano, and Colusa Counties. Bill was a successful business owner for nearly 25 year, building and managing one of the

largest full-service Culligan Water operations in California. Hearing the call to public service he ran for the Napa County Board of Supervisors in 2000 and served 14 years. Bill maintained an active role on numerous boards and commissions over that time, and helped pave the way for the successful completion of Napa's flood control project. This helped protect thousands of properties from flooding,

restored 900 acres of environmental wetlands, and spurred \$1 billion of investment in local businesses. Committed to giving back and building a better future for California, Bill is also heavily involved in local charities and was honored in 2014 by the Napa Chamber of Commerce as its "Citizen of the Year" for raising over \$3 million for local charities. Assemblymember Dodd lives in Napa with his wife Mary and they have five grown children and four grandchildren. He will discuss his thoughts on infrastructure funding for our state as well as his upcoming senate run.

GET NOTICED IN THE SIERRA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER!

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 Dana Remington, Vice President, for submission details.

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An ACEC-CA Company Profile

Morton & Pitalo, Inc. has been “**Serving Our Clients to Build a Better Community**” Since 1977. The firm has successfully completed thousands of civil engineering, land planning and land surveying projects throughout California. Our professional services have been provided to private sector clients on commercial, office, industrial, healthcare, institutional and residential developments; and to public sector clients on roads, public works, schools, parks and assessment districts. Our qualified professional staff has been assembled from the best talent in the fields of civil engineering, land planning, and land surveying; enabling Morton & Pitalo, Inc. to handle large scale, multi-discipline projects with in-house staff, thus saving our clients’ money.



Recent projects include providing surveying and engineering support services for the **Sacramento Kings Entertainment and Sports Complex (ESC)**. Morton & Pitalo, Inc. also provided professional support services for the recently opened **Sacramento Regional Transit District (SRTD) District’s Blue Line Extension** having assisted on both the two aerial structures projects and the **Cosumnes River College Light Rail Station**, which is the firm’s 8th SRTD Light Rail Station Project. On the private sector side, Morton & Pitalo, Inc. provided their professional expertise on the **West Roseville Specific Plan**, which is the latest of several specific plans in the City of Roseville. A more recent master plan community, which was approved in 2014, is the **Tesoro Viejo Specific Plan** in Madera County that helped spur the opening of the firm’s **Fresno Office** in the summer of 2014.

M&P has recently been recognized by the **Sacramento Business Journal** in their **Top 25 Engineering Companies** for 2013 and 2014, while also ranking in the more prestigious **Top 25 Fastest Growing Companies** in the Greater Sacramento Region. The firm’s success is being celebrated by the recent opening of their **Sacramento Office** in the Natomas Area at 2870 Gateway Oaks Drive.

Morton & Pitalo, Inc. is both a Caltrans certified **Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)** and a State DGS certified **Small Business Enterprise (SBE)**

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The success of our organization's efforts to building a better California depends on our members. Increasing your participation, whether it's through a discussion of issues at local meetings, participation on committees, meeting with elected officials or other actions, will result in improving our messages and increasing our influence. Please let me know (hoslick@woodroddgers.com, 916-326-5297) if there's anything I can do to help make ACEC better! I'm looking forward to engaging with our members to make this a successful year for Sierra Chapter as we work together to build a better California.