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## President's Message

By the time you read this newsletter, Labor Day will be over and Halloween decorations will have been thrown up throughout my house. My wife says that if she doesn't decorate for fall, cool temperatures may not happen. I say it's the upcoming football season and the start of Sierra Chapter's New Year with a new Board of Directors and Officers.

I'm excited to be this year's president and would like everybody to please welcome the two newest members to this year's Board Directors, Debanik Chaudhuri and Jerry Jones. The Officers this year include Landon Blake, Vice President and Kathy Wickam, Secretary/ Treasurer. Returning members of the Directors include Chad Coleman, Kevin Gustorf, Marco Palilla and Tom Sell. I would be remiss to not mention the work that the Board and especially myself, receives from our Recording Secretary, Debbie LoCicero, and recently retired Newsletter Editor, Lisa Thut. If you see them be sure to thank them for all their hard work they put into the Chapter. Thank You Ladies.

Our first event of the year will be the Sierra Chapter's Second Annual Engineering

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## Calendar of Events

Meetings are at the Sacramento Hilton unless otherwise noted.  
Member Cost: \$35 - Non-Member \$50

### **Wednesday, September 21, 2016**

The first chapter meeting of the 2016-2017 term will be the Second Annual Chapter Engineering Excellence Awards Ceremony!

Speaker: Celia McAdams

Register here:

<https://acecsierrachaptersept21-016.eventbrite.com>

### **September 25 - 28, 2016**

ACEC CA Annual Conference

[click here](#) for details

### **Wednesday, October 19, 2016**

General Membership Dinner Meeting

Speaker:TBD

### **October 19th-22nd, 2016**

ACEC National Fall Conference—Colorado Springs, CO

[To register, click here](#)



**Dana Remington**  
Sierra Chapter President  
2016-2017

## Celia McAdam, Executive Director of the Placer Co. Transportation Planning Agency— September Meeting Speaker

Provided by Dana Remington, President



Referred to “(one) of the most important transportation officials in Northern California” by the Sacramento Bee, Celia McAdam has served as Executive Director of the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA) since 1998. She

has also served as Executive Director of the South Placer Regional Transportation Authority (SPRTA) since its formation in 2001. Ms. McAdam previously served as a Senior Planner for PCTPA in the early 1990s and held management positions with the City of San Jose and the Butte County Association of Governments.

An expert in transportation funding, McAdam has been recognized by her peers for her creativity in moving projects forward in spite of bureaucratic and technical obstacles. She has often been sought out by the media for her ability to translate complex transportation issues into terms more easily

understood by the public. McAdam’s ability to successfully navigate the often convoluted requirements of transportation planning and funding have translated nearly \$2 billion of projects including the I-80 Lincoln Bypass Bottleneck Widening, I-80/Sierra College Boulevard Interchange, I-80/Douglas Boulevard Interchange, and a number of transit and rail projects. Under her leadership, PCTPA has earned numerous awards, including “Organization of the Year” with the California Transportation Foundation and “Agency of the Year” by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments. McAdam was named “Woman of the Year” in 2012 by the Womens Transportation Seminar and was also inducted as “Fellow of the College” with the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2016.

Celia earned a bachelor’s degree in Economics and a master’s with distinction in planning.

## 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 Landon Blake, Vice President, for submission details.

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## ACEC-CA State Updates

Provided By: Christian Anger, ACEC-CA Membership Director

### 2016 Annual Conference & Board Meeting

The 2016 ACEC California Annual Conference and Board of Directors meeting will be held at the beautiful Grand Hyatt Kauai Resort and Spa in Koloa, HI, September 25-28, 2016. The Conference Committee has put together a great set of panel discussions, breakout sessions and activities for you. For more information, [click here](#). Time to register is coming to an end, so please register for the Conference by [clicking here](#)

### Raffle Tickets Available for Purchase

ACEC California's scholarship raffle has a particularly worthy beneficiary -- ACEC California's Scholarship Fund, which helps a number of deserving engineering and surveying students pay for their college education. The grand prize is a trip for two to

Maui which includes accommodations and up to \$1,000 in airfare, a \$500 Visa gift card and many more prizes to be announced. The drawing will be held in September, during ACEC California's Annual Conference, September 25-28 at The Grand Hyatt Kauai. The raffle is open to anyone and you do not have to be present to win. To purchase tickets or if you would like an updated prize list, please email Stacy Zdunkiewicz at [stacyz@acec-ca.org](mailto:stacyz@acec-ca.org). To purchase a ticket online, please [click here](#).

Given the growing need for engineers and land surveyors in California, supporting the scholarship fund is one way to encourage more young people to choose careers in engineering and land surveying.

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## President's Message continued

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Excellence Award dinner event. Our speaker on this evening will be Celia McAdams, the Executive Director for the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency. She will be discussing the upcoming "Keep Placer Moving" ballot measure and other future projects on the horizon.

Last May we all remember getting the email with the news that ACEC California was pulling SB 885, Duty to Defend, from vote consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It was a somewhat somber day after all the hard work that went into the effort, but there was concern the bill may not have advanced. Our local grassroots effort did make headway into bringing attention to the problems our firms have encountered

with some contracts. 2017 will bring new hope in the campaign to educate all parties on this subject.

With this year having a Presidential election coming in the next couple of months, it's important for all citizens to get out and vote. The presidential race may or may not have an immediate effect on your current business or neighborhood as does your local City Council, County Supervisor and local Congress member. It's critical to vote both local and national levels.

I look forward to seeing new and old faces at both the 2nd Annual September Engineering Excellence Award dinner and monthly membership meetings throughout the upcoming year.

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## An ACEC-CA Company Profile

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ANDREGG is in a unique position of being a U.S. Small Business and State of California Small Business Enterprise (NAICS Code 541370) that is successfully performing on very large scale and complex projects.

ANDREGG's professional services support a broad range of markets, including highways, bridges, airports, rail and mass transit systems, water and wastewater infrastructure, energy infrastructure, floodplain management and urban planning and development. Our clients include: federal, state, and municipal agencies; and a wide range of private development and other commercial partners.

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- ANDREGG GEOMATICS combines leading-edge technology with expert analysis to deliver fast, economical, reliable information.
- Our clients rely on ANDREGG for the precise data they need to make informed decisions. They know they can always trust our data which is one of the many reasons so many clients keep coming back year after year, project after project.

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- ANDREGG's survey field crews are members of the Operating Engineers Local Union Nos. 3 & 12 and meet all prevailing wage requirements. Local presence in Northern and Southern California Field Crews are able to mobilize 24/7 with minimal mobilization and associated costs.
- Quality Assurance + Quality Control - is an integral part of our entire professional service process.

## Tribute to Lisa Thut—Sierra Chapter Newsletter Editor Extraordinaire!

Provided By: Marco Palilla

Everyone knows how important our Sierra Chapter newsletter is for communicating with our membership. For many, it is the primary tool for Chapter news and happenings. The fact is our Chapter has only had two newsletter editors over its long history. Our first editor was Sharon Hill, who worked for Psomas and also served as our longtime Chapter Executive Secretary.

In 1999, Lisa Thut took over the newsletter reins and propelled us into the next century (remember Y2K?). Lisa worked for Espana Geotechnical at the time, and I remember thinking how lucky we were to find someone to take over the critical task of newsletter editor. And boy did Lisa jump in with everything she had! The newsletter quickly upgraded to a polished, desktop published document that was “mailed” out to all members. In 2003, our newsletter went electronic and we started receiving it by e-mail. Lisa was a huge factor in that successful transition. Like clock work, our members began receiving calendar updates, speaker announcements, key news items, and the always entertaining “President’s Message” in the first/second week of every

month. The digital age was upon us!

I was a Board member in those early days and did not fully appreciate Lisa’s efforts until I became president of the Chapter in 2010. It was then that I realized how important it was to get a well organized and attractive newsletter out to the membership on a consistent basis, and Lisa delivered in spades! We would all send our Word documents and low resolution photos/graphics to Lisa and somehow they would get turned into a beautiful, desktop published newsletter that made us all proud. I particularly enjoyed forwarding our newsletter to prospective speakers and first time members knowing it reflected well on our Chapter.

After 17 amazing years, Lisa is stepping down from her role as newsletter editor and handing the reins to Debbie LoCicero. I would like to ask everyone to join me in thanking Lisa for her many years of outstanding service to the Sierra Chapter. Her efforts and accomplishments made our Chapter a model for other ACEC-CA chapters. Thank you Lisa!!



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# ACEC California Sierra Chapter

September 2016

*You are cordially invited to attend:*

## September 2016 Board of Directors and General Membership Dinner Meeting & Second Annual Sierra Chapter EEA Awards Ceremony

Wednesday September 21, 2015

Guest Speaker:

**Celia McAdam**

**Executive Director for Placer County Transportation Planning Agency**

Topic:

Upcoming projects and the "Keep Placer Moving" measure that will be on the ballot in November.

### **On-line Registration/ RSVP:**

<https://acecsierrachaptersept21-2016.eventbrite.com>

**R.S.V.P. deadline: Monday Sept. 19, 2016**

*Or you can:*

**\*Pay by check at the door.**

**\*Pay Cash at the door.**

\*If paying by cash or check at the door, please either "RSVP Only" at the above Eventbrite link, or email [dlocicero@acec-ca-sierra.org](mailto:dlocicero@acec-ca-sierra.org) for reserving your seat.



Meetings are held at the Hilton unless otherwise noted.

***Hilton Sacramento Arden West***

**220 Harvard Street  
Sacramento, CA**

**5:00pm - 6:00pm:** BOD Meeting

**6:00pm - 6:30pm:** Networking

**6:30pm - 9:00pm:** General Membership  
Dinner Meeting

ACEC California - Sierra Chapter

## 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards

We are excited to announce the winners for the ACEC Sierra Chapter 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards! We are also please to invite you to the awards dinner.

**The awards dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 6 o'clock. The dinner will be at the Sacramento Hilton Arden West.**

We would like to thank all the organizations that nominated projects for this years awards!

The Sierra Chapter EEA Committee

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### Sponsorship Opportunities

		
<b>Gold Sponsorship</b>	<b>Silver Sponsorship</b>	<b>Bronze Sponsorship</b>
\$500	\$250	\$100
Table for Eight People	Table for Four People	Seats for 2

Sponsors will be acknowledged at the meeting.



## 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards

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### Awards



#### **Best Bridge Project**

Alpine Meadows Road Bridge  
Replacement Over Truckee River  
Drake Haglan and Associates



#### **Best Community Design Project**

Sacramento City College Pedestrian and  
Bicycle Bridge  
Drake Haglan and Associates



#### **Best Transportation Project**

Consumnes River Boulevard/I5  
Interchange  
**The Hanna Group**



#### **Best Environmental Project**

Knights Landing Outfall Gate Fish Barrier  
Project  
KSN



#### **Best Flood Control Project**

Mid and Upper Sacramento River  
Regional Flood Emergency Response  
KSN



# Education from DPAC

Monday, September 12, 2016

9:00 - 11:30 AM

## Topics Include:

- Purpose for Revising the Selection Process
- SOQ Preparation Instructions
- Initial Selection Process
- Overall Interview Format & Schedule
- Final Selection Process
- Financial Documents Required for Cost Negotiations

Calmentor North Region and The Department of Procurement and Contracts (DPAC) will be hosting a special event, "Education from DPAC." DPAC is responsible for the procurement of information technology (IT) and non-IT commodities, service contracts, architectural and engineering (A&E) contracts, minor public works contracts, the CAL-Card Administration and Compliance Program, warehousing and material operations, publications, property control, and compliance reporting. This will be an informational event on the various processes within DPAC. A presentation will be provided by the DPAC staff, followed by a Q&A session.

You may visit DPAC's website for additional information about their Division here:  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/dpac/>

Networking opportunities will be available before and after the presentations.

## Where:

### Caltrans – Farmers Market

Building 3  
1727 30th Street  
Sacramento, CA  
1st Floor – Main Conference Room

*Limited Seating Available*

Parking is available for a fee at a few local parking structures close to the facility.



To Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/education-from-dpac-tickets-26829008286>