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President's Message

Another month has gone by and March Madness is almost over, thank goodness. Since I'm not much of a basketball fan, at least college basketball, the madness seems a bit over rated, but that doesn't mean it's a waste of time. With April arriving I'm looking forward to the Masters and my trip to attend a practice round on Wednesday. I know it's a long trip for one day of watching a practice round with spoiled millionaire golfers, but it's not very often I get a chance to cross off another item from the list.

This past week Governor Brown and the State Legislature proposed \$5 Billion dollars annually in new taxes for Road Repair and Transportation investments for the next 10 years. The new bill will raise the gas tax 12¢ a gallon, add another fee to your annual vehicle registration and also add a fee to owners of zero emission vehicles. That part is my favorite as they are currently freeloaders who use the roads within the state but since they purchase no gasoline they do not pay for their share of transportation repairs or improvements. I think they forgot another group that use roadways but pay no road taxes, bicycles. Bike riders want more bike lanes and trails

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Dana Remington
 Sierra Chapter President
 2016-2017

Calendar of Events

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

Wednesday April 12, 2017

Ken Kerri Endowment Fund Luncheon.
 Sac State Alumni Center.

Wednesday April 19, 2017

General Membership and BOD Luncheon
 Speaker:
 Matt Machado, Stanislaus County PW Director—Transportation Funding.
 Registration Link:

<https://april192017lunchmtng.eventbrite.com>

Sunday, April 23, 2017

ACEC National Annual Convention.
 Location: Washington, DC.

Tuesday May 2, 2017

ACEC-CA Legislative Visit Day.
 Sacramento Capitol.

Wednesday May 17, 2017

General Membership and BOD Luncheon.
 Joint Water Meeting with APWA Water Committee.

President's Message continued

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which I agree are needed, but they should be contributing to the effort. They could contribute money for purposes of improving said bike lanes with a small tax on all items related to their activity. Sportsmen have a small tax added to all fishing and hunting related items that fund conservation efforts that benefit the environment as well as fishing and hunting. It would be a win-win for all parties involved.

I do have a question regarding the ten year time frame for these new taxes, what will happen to our transportation maintenance funding when the provisions expire?

Another question I have is how much of the current gas tax

money will continue to be redirected toward the general fund with this new funding source instead of funding transportation projects?

Our next Chapter meeting will be a lunch meeting at Sacramento Hilton. The featured speaker will be Matt Machado, Stanislaus County Public Works Director discussing their new Transportation Funding sales tax that passed last November and the upcoming projects related to the new funding source.

Next ACEC State event will be the ACEC Legislative visit day on May 2, 2017 in Sacramento. I hope to see everybody in April at the ACEC lunch meeting.

Cheers!



Matt Machado, Public Works Director, Stanislaus County—Speaker, April 19, 2017

By: Landon Blake, Vice President

Our speaker for the April meeting will be Matt Machado. Matt is the Public Works Director for Stanislaus County and the Authority Manager for the North County Corridor JPA Project.

Matt is a licensed civil engineer and land surveyor. He is from Ripon, California and now lives in Modesto, California. In his work as Public Works Director, Matt has focused on developing a core mission for the department, improving

fiscal responsibility, and improving communication. Prior to joining Stanislaus County, Matt was the City Engineer for the City of Ripon for 30 years.

Matt will be talking to us about Measure L, the recent transportation funding mechanism passed by Stanislaus County voters in the fall of 2016. He will also talk about upcoming transportation projects.

Meeting Recap, March 15, 2017— Joint Meeting ACEC-Sierra Chapter & Calmentor North Region

By Dana Remington, President

Our annual Joint Lunch meeting with Calmentor had a large attendance to listen to six speakers discuss upcoming Active/Alternative Local Transportation Projects. James Day with Caltrans Local Assistance discussed some of the requirements that may assist your projects getting selected for future funding.

Next was Victoria Cacciatore with SACOG discussing the limited number of projects which had funding for this fiscal year, followed by Jim Konopka, City of Folsom, Jessie Gothan, City of Sacramento, and Mike Dour, City of Roseville all discussing upcoming Active/Alternative projects that have benefited from the Caltrans Local Assistance funding.

Register for Legislative Visit Day— May 2, 2017

By Marco Palilla, Director



Our annual Legislative Visit Day is Tuesday, May 2nd. This is our annual opportunity to meet with state legislators (Assembly and Senate) and promote our consulting engineer and land surveying agenda. An overview of the day's activities is below:

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM: Issues Breakfast, The Citizen Hotel

9:30 AM - 11:30 AM: Capitol Appointments

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM: 1-hour Legislative Training Session

12:00 PM - 1:15 PM: Legislative Luncheon w/ Speakers, The Citizen Hotel

1:30 PM - 4:45 PM: Capitol Appointments

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM: 1-hour Legislative Training Session

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM: Legislative Visit Day Reception, Chops Patio

If you have not already registered for this important event, please do so at this link:

<https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=1899110>

See you at the Capitol!

Mead & Hunt

An ACEC Company Profile

Mead & Hunt is an employee-owned architectural and engineering firm with over 500 professional, technical and support staff in more than 30 offices nationwide. We have been serving clients in both the public and private sectors since our founding in 1900. In 2016, we ranked 151st in Engineering News Record's Top 500 design firm list.

Mead & Hunt's California locations include Sacramento, Santa Rosa, and Ontario. The Sacramento office was established in 2002 through an acquisition of Ensign & Buckley Consulting Engineers. Over the last 15 years, that office has expanded to meet client needs to its current strength of over 30 engineers, planners and other A/E professionals.

Focus on Water Resources

Mead & Hunt's Sacramento office serves the water resources market throughout California, with public clients including water agencies, flood agencies and municipalities. The two specific sub-markets served are municipal water infrastructure and dams/hydropower. Our clients include the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency, Pacific Gas & Electric Company and Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.



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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 California Sierra Chapter

April 2017

You are cordially invited to attend:

Board of Directors and General Membership Luncheon

Wednesday April 19th, 2017

Guest Speaker:

Matt Machado, Public Works Director, Stanislaus Co.

(Matt will be talking to us about Measure L, the recent transportation funding mechanism passed by Stanislaus County voters in the fall of 2016. He will also talk about upcoming transportation projects.)

On-line Registration/ RSVP:

<https://april192017lunchmtng.eventbrite.com>

*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 for reserving your seat.



Hilton

Sacramento Arden West

Meetings are held at the Hilton unless otherwise noted.

Hilton Sacramento Arden West

**220 Harvard Street
Sacramento, CA**

10:30am - 11:30am: BOD Meeting
11:30am - 12:00pm: Networking
**12:00pm - 2:30pm: General Membership
Dinner Meeting**

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2017 ACEC/PAC Spring Sweepstakes

CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF 15 PRIZES

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3rd Prize: \$1,000 (10)

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in Washington, D.C. April 23 - 26, 2017

Winners announced at the PAC Breakfast on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 7:30 AM

Name: _____ Email: _____

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To enter without a purchase send an email to pac@ceec.org titled "Free entry to Sweepstakes" with your first and last name, firm, complete address, daytime phone number, date of birth, and email address. Term: Promotion is open 11/15/16 until tickets are all sold or prior to the drawing, whichever occurs first. Partnership and sole proprietorship checks are permitted; however, federal law prohibits separate checks and corporate credit cards. Contributions or gifts to ACEC/PAC are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. Contributions will be screened and those from outside the restricted class (non-members) and those from individuals who have not given prior approval may be returned. Contributions are voluntary and amounts included herein are merely suggestions; the amount given, or a refusal to give, will not result in a benefit or a disadvantage to an individual. An individual is free to contribute more or less than the guidelines suggest, but may not contribute more than \$5,000 per calendar year. Federal law requires that our committee report the full name, address, occupation and company name of each individual whose contributions aggregate in excess of \$200 in a calendar year. Entry into this sweepstakes constitutes acceptance of sweepstakes rules, which are attached to this Entry Form. Odds of winning depend on number of entries distributed. No purchase necessary to enter or win. Void where prohibited. Open to ACEC members who are US citizens and/or green card holders with a permanent address and are at or above the age of majority in their date of residence. Sponsor: The American Council of Engineering Companies, located at 1015 15th St. NW, 8th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20005-2605

Save the Date!




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Legislative Visit Day will be here soon!

When: May 2, 2017

Where: Sacramento, California

*****Register Now*****

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