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President's Message

By the time you read this newsletter the Thanksgiving Weekend is gone and most of us are feeling a little bit sleepy and the election that ended like a reality TV show is over. I can honestly say that I went to bed Tuesday night not having watched one minute let alone 5 seconds of the TV or internet coverage of the 2016 Presidential election. I was totally surprised in the morning when my wife said Trump was our new President-Elect. I didn't believe her and had a look for myself. I will admit I didn't see that coming and I'm still waiting for somebody to say "don't count that". That's one of my most common sayings when I'm playing golf with friends, we all need a redo on the golf course from time to time. It will be interesting to watch a business minded person and not a career politician as President. Time will tell how well he works with the career politicians in Congress and the Senate, so far certain parts of the business world seem to be encouraged.

Two of the local transportation ballot measures that could have an impact for a majority of our chapter membership were defeated. After looking at some of the results for these two measures I was

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Calendar of Events

Meetings are at the Hilton Sacramento Arden West unless otherwise noted.

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

No Meeting in December

Friday, January 6, 2017

Joint Lunch Meeting w/APWA

Note New Venue!

The Dante Club

2330 Fair Oaks Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95825

12:00 noon – 1:30pm

Speaker: Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg

Register online at:

<http://sacramento.apwa.net/EventDetails/10612>

ACEC members who are not APWA members, please register using the "paying at the door" option. The APWA website is unable to accommodate a non-member to register at the discounted rate.

Members of both ACEC and APWA can register & pay by credit card using your APWA member information.

Thursday, February 2, 2017

Parc 55, San Francisco, CA

ACEC California State EEA Awards Banquet and BOD Meeting.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

General Membership and BOD **Dinner** Meeting

- Honoring of Past Presidents.
- Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Presentation.

Speaker: TBD

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somewhat disappointed. Sacramento County's Measure B failed 65.1% to 34.9% and Placer County's Measure M failed 63.8% to 36.2%, both needed a 2/3 approval to pass. It was interesting looking at the Sacramento County results by precinct and most of the precinct's out of the core of downtown Sacramento had between 50% & 60% approval whereas the downtown core precinct's exceeded 70% approval. The suburbs might have benefited the most with the influx of new or expanded transportation projects.

The elections are over and it's time to move on with normal life again. At the November meeting we had a little presentation from "Citrus Circuits First Robotics Team 1678" from Davis. They wanted to show us their design from last year's competition robot, and to personally thank our Chapter for making a donation last year. Not only are they trying to compete and win the regional competitions, they are learning the value of team work and assisted in the launch of the new First Robotics Team at High Schools in Winters and Woodland. The Team has also created 23 "First Lego League" teams for elementary and junior high school students. These young people will help lead our country into the future and I believe we'll be in good hands as we grow more mature and maybe retire. Some of us will work until we're dragged out screaming and kicking (or



Citrus Circuits First Robotics Team 1678. From left to right Daniel Ostrom (Freshman), Kyle Stachowicz (Junior) & Sophia Hahn (Senior).

on a stretcher) because we enjoy working so much or we haven't anything else to do.

Our next Chapter meeting will be our annual joint meeting with APWA on January 6, 2017. Please note that with the **closing of the Red Lion Woodlake Inn**, the January meeting will be held at the **Dante Club**. The featured speaker will be Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg. This event should be well attended so I would advise you to make your reservations soon.

Our chapter board meeting will be prior to the lunch meeting with APWA. The next major event after the upcoming joint meeting will be the ACEC California 2017 Engineering Excellence Awards which benefits the ACEC California Scholarship Foundation on February 2, 2017. The dinner and Honor Awards will take place at the Parc 55 Hotel in San Francisco. I hope to see everybody in January at the APWA/ACEC Joint Meeting to start off 2017 with a wonderful event.

Cheers!

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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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Mayor Darrell Steinberg to Address our Joint ACEC/APWA Meeting on January 6th

By Marco Palilla, Chapter Director



Our annual joint meeting with the Sacramento Chapter of APWA is right around the corner and always draws a big crowd. This years meeting should carry on that tradition with Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg as our special guest. Please note, this

meeting will be held at the **Dante Club**, not the Red Lion Woodlake Inn (remember, that place is now closed down).

Mayor Steinberg was elected last Spring by a wide margin and takes office this month. The former state Senate leader cruised to victory with 59 percent of the vote, more than 32 percentage points ahead of his closest competitor, Councilwoman Angelique Ashby.

Mayor Steinberg had a successful run in the state legislature as a State Assemblyman and then State Senator. He was the first Sacramentan to serve as President of the Senate in over 125 years. As a leader of the state's upper house, Mayor Steinberg got things done by building coalitions and finding common ground

among opponents to deliver real results including guiding the state back to fiscal solvency during the economic downturn.

As a state legislator, he championed economic development, education reform, building sustainable communities and major investments in healthcare and education. He fought to ensure a portion of Cap-and-Trade funding be used to help cities invest in local transit improvements. Through all of this, his work has always focused on Sacramento.

Mayor Steinberg and his wife, Julie, have two children Jordana, 21 and Ari, 19. He is a graduate of UCLA and UC Davis Law School. He is a founder and Board Chair of the Steinberg Institute for Advancing Mental Health Policy and is the Director of Policy and Advocacy and a visiting professor for the UC Davis Behavioral Health Center of Excellence. Please join ACEC and APWA members on Friday, January 6th to hear Mayor Steinberg's vision for Sacramento's future!



Sergio Escobar, P.E.—Conveyance Office Chief, Calif. Dept. of Water Resources (DWR) November Meeting Recap

Provided by Debanik Chaudhuri, Chapter Director



Our speaker for the November 16th meeting was Sergio Escobar. Sergio, who has a longtime Sacramento connection, currently serves as the Chief of the Conveyance Office at the California Department of Water Resources. Sergio's presentation was on the California Water Fix

project. He discussed about the technical and non-technical challenges facing this ambitious project through Sacramento Delta. The technical challenges include construction of tunnels at 150 feet depth with high groundwater conditions. He also presented results of preliminary design of the tunnels and three intake structures.

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Save the Date!



AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES
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Legislative Visit Day will be here soon!

When: May 2, 2017

Where: Sacramento, California

Registration will be available starting March 2017

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