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President's Message

First item on my list for this Newsletter is to wish everybody a Happy New Year and with that let's make 2017 the most enjoyable year possible. There may be dark clouds on the horizon, according to some, but in my opinion it's simply rain clouds and most everybody in California should be happy to see it raining this winter. Maybe we can stop talking about the drought and other similar depressing topics.

On the subject of the current weather, we should be enjoying it! This summer I found an amateur weather forecaster who provides weather forecasts for a particular region in the Sierra Nevada range. At the end of September there were discussions about the upcoming winter forecast and most of the subject matter was regarding La Nina or the lack of it, but they thought we might have a normal to wet winter and there was a mention of the possibility of AR events. Well guess what? So far to date we've had three of these events. In early December the forecaster referenced that our current winter weather pattern had an uncanny resemblance to the weather pattern of winter 1969. During that winter there was another AR event in late January

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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 February 15, 2017

General Membership and BOD "Dinner" Meeting.
 Past Presidents Dinner.
 Tim Fleming Scholarship Award Presentation.

Register:

<https://feb15-2015meeting.eventbrite.com>

Wednesday February 3, 2017

Parc 55, San Francisco, CA
 ACEC California State EEA Awards Banquet and BOD Meeting

Wednesday March 15, 2017

ACEC Sierra Chapter/ Calmentor North Region Joint Luncheon
 Location: Sacramento, CA
 Topic: Active/Alternative Transportation

Wednesday April 12, 2017

Ken Kerri Endowment Fund Luncheon
 Sac State Alumni Center

Tuesday May 2, 2017

ACEC-CA Legislative Visit Day

President's Message continued

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or early February, so we shall wait and see. Also in December there was a reference to the upcoming solar minimum or a period where the Sun enters into a hibernation mode. Hibernation mode refers to fewer Sunspot activity and previous periods with this activity have produced colder and wetter weather along the West Coast. Whatever happens, it's nice to see the rain gauge filling up on a regular basis. The only down side is I'm not getting out and playing much if any golf during these wet weekends.

This last weekend I attended a retirement party for Tom Holdrege one of the Chapter's past President's. The party was well attended and a good time was had by all. Tom was roasted by his friends, business partners and coworkers, and I'm sure there were stories that didn't get told. I'm told that they appreciate the fact that cell phones and small video recording devices weren't invented during their younger days, I agree.

Below is a picture of two past President's, Eddie Kho, Tom Blackburn and myself with Tom, also a past President, at his retirement party.

I'm pleased to hear that an employee with one of our member firms was selected as one of the only five engineers in the nation to receive the ACEC Young Professional of the Year Award. Elizabeth Avelar with Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc. was selected to receive this award. Congratulations to Elizabeth and KSN on this award.

Our next Chapter meeting will be our annual Past President's dinner meeting on February 15, 2017 at our usual location, Sacramento Hilton and the featured speaker will be meteorologist Shane Motley with HDR. I'm hoping that all past Presidents have this on their calendar to attend.

Following the February Chapter 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 February at the ACEC Meeting with a wonderful event.

Cheers!



"Best Friends Forever"

Past President's and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner—February 15, 2017 Meeting.

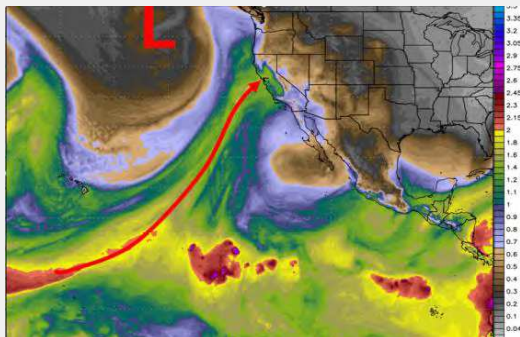
By: Marco Palilla, Director



Tim Fleming, Past President
1995-96

Please plan to attend our Chapter Past President's Dinner on February 15th when we will not only recognize and honor our amazing Past Presidents, but award two Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarships! The large application pool resulted in two winners this year. They are Morgan Wilson of UC Davis and Micaela Robertson of UOP. They will be attending the meeting to receive their scholarship checks from Susan Fleming Bentley.

The evening will also include guest speaker Shane Motley, a meteorologist with HDR. Shane's specialty is weather and energy forecasting. He worked as an on-air meteorologist with a CBS affiliate in Southeast Texas, KBTX – TV 3 where he reported live from the eye of hurricanes Rita and Frances. Shane has a Bachelor of Science degree in Atmospheric Science from UC Davis, and a Master's Degree in Atmospheric Science from Texas A&M University. Come hear Shane's observations regarding the wet winter we have experienced and what might be in store this spring.



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 two Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarships and rub elbows with the people that created our Chapter's tradition of excellence.

ACEC/CELSOC Sierra Chapter Past Presidents

Year	First Name	Last Name	Firm (during Presidency)
1992-1993	Jerry	Aplass	Burrell Consulting Group, Inc.
1993-1994	John	Pitalo	Morton & Pitalo, Inc.
1994-1995	Paul	Enneking	Psomas
1995-1996	Tim	Fleming	Mark Thomas & Co., Inc.
1996-1997	Jim	Ray, Jr.	MacKay & Soms
1997-1998	Chuck	Cunningham	Cunningham Engineering
1998-1999	Terry	Lowell	TLA Engineering & Planning, Inc.
1999-2000	Carlos	Espana	Espana Geotechnical
2000-2001	Eddie	Kho	Morton & Pitalo, Inc.
2001-2002	Les	Clark	Nolte
2002-2003	Steve	Sinnock	Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc.

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ACEC/CELSOC Sierra Chapter Past Presidents (Cont.)

2003-2004	Tom	Blackburn	Blackburn Consulting
2004-2005	Rob	Salaber	Salaber Associates, Inc.
2005-2006	Ron	Heinzen	Kleinfelder
2006-2007	Rob	Himes	Mark Thomas & Co., Inc.
2007-2008	Jeff	Patton	Blackburn Consulting
2008-2009	Christopher	Curtis	CBC Surveys, Inc.
2009-2010	Bob	LoRusso	Salaber Associates, Inc.
2010-2011	Marco	Palilla	HDR Engineering, Inc.
2011-2012	Ed	Henderson	CH2MHill
2012-2013	Steve	Greenfield	Cunningham Engineering
2013-2014	Ted	Hopkins	Shannon & Wilson
2014-2015	Tom	Holdrege	Holdrege & Kull
2015-2016	Harvey	Oslick	Wood Rodgers

Joint ACEC/APWA Meeting Recap – Mayor Darrell Steinberg

By Marco Palilla, Director



We kicked off the new year with our always popular Joint ACEC/APWA lunch meeting on January 6th at the Dante Club (the new APWA lunch location since the Red Lion Woodlake Hotel closed). Our guest

speaker was City of Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg. Thanks to Past APWA President and recently retired Public Works Director (and newly retired annuitant with the City Managers office) Jerry Way, we were able to entice the new mayor to speak to our joint organizations. This was also Bill Roberts first meeting as the Sacramento Chapter's APWA President. Bill is with the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities.

As always, the turnout was excellent with many Sierra Chapter members in attendance.

This was Mayor Steinberg's first official speaking engagement since taking office in mid-December. He talked about many issues facing the City and the challenges his new administration will have in the coming years. He recognized the efforts of City staff and the important tasks they perform on a daily basis. Mayor Steinberg mentioned the need to forge better relationships with UC Davis and the possibility of extending light rail to Davis instead of the airport (a radical concept). After many questions from the audience, Mayor Steinberg wrapped up his presentation and headed back to City Hall. A great lunch program to kick off 2017!

Sierra Chapter Member Firm—Honorable Mention**Elizabeth Avelar****KJELDEN, SINNOCK & NEUDECK, INC.**

Press Release

January 19, 2017

For Immediate Publication

Kjeldsen, Sinnock & Neudeck, Inc. is honored to announce that our own Elizabeth Avelar has been selected as one of only five engineers in the nation to receive the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) Young Professional of the Year Award.

ACEC's Young Professional of the Year Award recognizes the accomplishments of young engineers by highlighting their contributions to the engineering profession, their commitment to improving their communities, and their positive impact on our society. The Award strives to enhance and improve the image of the engineering profession by recognizing these young, diverse and talented engineers, and by promoting engineering as an exciting and inclusive profession that is accessible to everyone.

Elizabeth embodies all of these attributes. She is very passionate about helping young students envision a future career for themselves in engineering, and she has played a key role in expanding the KSN footprint into the Sacramento Valley through her work on numerous local flood emergency response planning and preparation projects.

Elizabeth was the first in her family to attend a four year university, graduating from the University of the Pacific with not only a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering, but also a Master of Science degree in Engineering Science with a concentration in Water Resources. Elizabeth recently became a registered Civil Engineer in the State of California.

Elizabeth stays busy as an active member of the American Society of Civil Engineers; the Society of Women Engineers where she assists the scholarship committee; serves Pacific's MEP (MESA Engineering Program) Alumni Advisor; and the Floodplain Management Association. In her free time, she enjoys photography, spending time with her family and dachshunds Hank and Herbert, and participating in runs for a cause.

In October, Elizabeth will be officially recognized and receive her award at the ACEC Fall Conference in Orlando, Florida.

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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 California Sierra Chapter

February 2017

You are cordially invited to attend:

Board of Directors and General Membership
Dinner Meeting

Wednesday February 15, 2017

Guest Speaker:

Shane Motley, Meteorologist

(Come hear Shane's observations regarding the wet winter we have experienced and what might be in store this spring)

Chapter Past President's Dinner

Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Awards

On-line Registration/ RSVP:

<https://feb15-2015meeting.eventbrite.com>

Or you can:

* Pay by cash or check at the door.

* Please make checks payable to:

"ACEC"

* If paying by cash or check at the door, please be sure to either "RSVP Only" at the above Eventbrite link, or email 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 95815

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m: BOD Meeting

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m: Networking

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m: General Membership
Dinner Meeting

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KEENKERRI
Endowment Fund
WEDNESDAY
SAC STATE ALUMNI CENTER

APRIL 12, 2017
11:30 am–2:00 pm

KEYNOTE SPEAKER |



David Gutierrez

Executive Program Manager of the
Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
Department of Water Resources

DISCUSSING |

The Sustainable Groundwater Management Act
and Water Management in California

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Save the Date!



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California

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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