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## President's Message

Another month has gone by and it's time for the March Newsletter. As I write this newsletter I can see a bright orb in the deep blue sky with nearly no clouds or rain drops visible. What a wonderful sight! Yesterday the forecast for the next 10 days had little to no rain in the forecast, but this morning's review of the upcoming forecast shows more rain drops. At least I'm not planning a vacation in the immediate future.

I would like to thank all of the Past Presidents who attended the February dinner. The final count of Past Presidents for the evening was 16 including Jane Rozga who is a past State President. Thank you all. I think it was a wonderful evening with a speaker whose subject matter fit the current events that were occurring within California, Shane Motley a meteorologist with HDR. (See Marco's meeting recap for details)

We had two recipients of this year's Tim Fleming Scholarship award, Micaela Robertson of University of Pacific and Morgan Wilson of UC Davis were in attendance and received some deserved cash to assist with their school costs.

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## Calendar of Events

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

### Wednesday March 15, 2017

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

<https://joint-acec-calmentor-meeting.eventbrite.com>

### 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

### Tuesday May 2, 2017

ACEC-CA Legislative Visit Day  
 Sacramento Capitol



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

## President's Message continued

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I attended the San Joaquin Engineering Council dinner in late February to present a scholarship from the Chapter. The recipient of the Sierra Chapter Scholarship was Isabella Corbarruvias. Yes, I managed to miss pronoun her name, however it was easy while I was at the table with her nearby. She is a senior at Oakdale High School with aspirations of attending UOP or UC San Diego. She has been accepted to a number of schools but hasn't made a final decision as of the evening of the dinner. I'm encouraged with the quality of high school seniors who were presented with scholarships on the evening. It gives me hope for our future that there are young men and women who want to be involved in the STEM field, especially women. Most of the scholarship recipients were female and minority, so there is hope for the future of the country.

The National ACEC/PAC is currently running their Spring Sweepstakes until the Annual Convention in late April to raise new funds for future contributions to election candidates. A majority, percentage wise, of the money that is raised for the National PAC is distributed to members of

Congress or Senate based on their past history of being friendly to ACEC interests. This might have something to do with California's large population. Members of Congress within the Sierra Chapter jurisdiction have received more than the Chapter has contributed. If each of the Member Firms purchased one (1) of the tickets during the Spring Sweepstakes the Chapter would reach their goal for the entire year. All of the State Board of Directors have purchased at least one ticket, so I would like to see each of the Member Firms purchase at least one as well, who knows you might win one of the four prizes. See attached order form.

Our next Chapter meeting will be our annual joint lunch meeting with Calmentor on March 15, 2017 at City Hall in Sacramento. The featured speaker will be a panel discussion that will be focused on Active/Alternative Transportation and Related Business Opportunities.

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

Cheers!

## Joint Luncheon Meeting—ACEC-CA-Sierra Chapter & Calmentor North Region. Panel Discussion on Active/Alternative Local Transportation—March 15, 2017

By: Dana Remington, President

The featured speaker will be a panel discussion that will be focused on Active/Alternative Local Transportation Projects and Related Business Opportunities. Panel members from Caltrans, SACOG and Cities of Sacramento, Roseville and Folsom will discuss funding cycles, active/alternative transportation priorities and upcoming projects. The panel will also respond to audience questions. It is anticipated that the panel will consist of the following:

- James Day, Caltrans District 3 Local Assistance, Active Transportation and Highway Safety Improvement Programs.
- Jim Konopka, Senior Park and Trails Planner, City of Folsom.
- Judy Matsui-Drury, Engineer, City of Sacramento.
- Martin Villanueva, Local Assistance Engineer, Caltrans District 3.
- Mike Dour, Active Transportation Manager, City of Roseville Public Works Department.

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- Victoria S. Cacciatore, Active Transportation Analyst, SACOG.

The location of the March Joint Calmentor/ACEC lunch meeting will be at Sacramento City Hall, 915 I Street, Conference Room 119, Sacramento Ca.

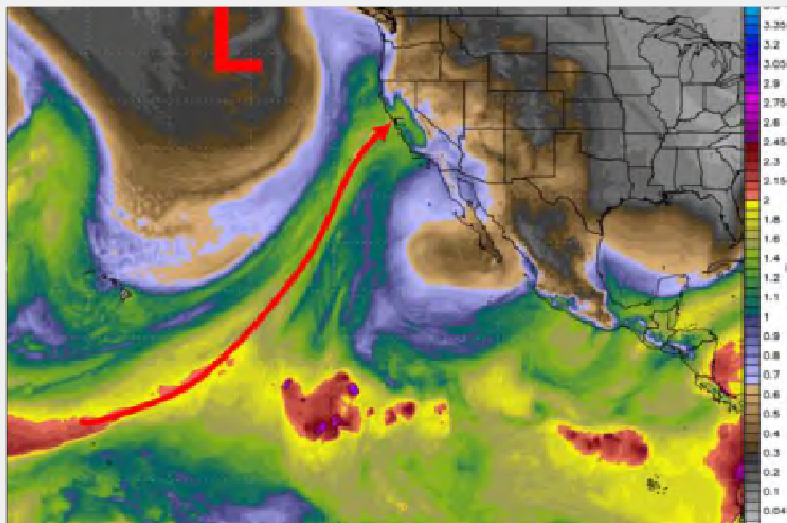
## Past Presidents Dinner and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Ceremony – February 15 Meeting Recap.

By Marco Palilla, Director

Our sixth Annual Past President's Dinner and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Ceremony was another awesome evening of history and celebration for the Sierra Chapter. On February 15<sup>th</sup>, your illustrious past presidents were joined by an assortment of members and guests including our Guest Speaker, meteorologist Shane Motley. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening's pageantry and presentations!



Although the parade of Past Presidents was impressive (16 at last count!), the highlight for me was handing out the Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship checks to Micaela Robertson of the University of the Pacific and Morgan Wilson of UC Davis (see photo). Both were selected from a large pool of applications and were truly deserving. Susan Fleming Bentley was also in attendance and joined the ceremony. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> year of the scholarship and very exciting to have two winners. Remembering Tim's legacy in this way is absolutely a win-win for our Chapter and the schools in our area. Thanks are also due for the California Transportation Foundation (CTF), who administers the scholarship fund.



As interesting as the weather has been in Northern California this year, I don't think anyone was expecting the dazzling, graphics intensive, presentation we saw from guest speaker, Shane Motley. Shane is a meteorologist with HDR and gave the crowd a healthy dose of facts, data, regression analysis, and outright cool pictures (and video) to show weather trends, patterns and statistics. Shane used all of his TV weatherman skill sets to deliver a very interesting and visually impressive show.

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Finally, Past Presidents joined us from all era's including ACEC-CA, CELSOC and WAELS. After dinner, we gathered for the ritual "Past President's Photo" see below. Thanks again to all the Past Presidents, Shane Motley, and our scholarship winners for making this one of the best events in many years!



**2017 Sierra Chapter Past President's Dinner  
February 15, 2017**

**Back Row: Christopher Curtis, Steve Sinnock, Ted Hopkins, Ron Heinzen, Rob Salaber, Paul Enneking, Jim Ray Jr.**

**Front Row: Chuck Cunningham, Bob LoRusso, Tom Blackburn, Jane Rozga, Harvey Oslick, Ed Gillum, Eddie Kho, Tom Holdrege, Marco Palilla**

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## 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 Legislative Visit Day: May 2, 2017 – Save the Date!

By Marco Palilla, Director



It is not too early to mark your calendars for Tuesday, May 2nd for ACEC-California's 2017 Legislative Visit Day. This is our annual opportunity to meet with state legislators (Assembly and Senate) and promote our consulting engineer and land surveying agenda. Most of you already know what that agenda is: i.e. Duty to Defend, improved indemnification, infrastructure funding, contracting out, QBS, alternative delivery, etc., but it is this day when our members from

all over California converge on the Capitol and talk with one voice. Last year's event was a big success and we want to maintain our momentum.

Registration is now open, please visit the ACEC California website ([www.acec-ca.org](http://www.acec-ca.org)) to learn more about the day, view the agenda and register for this event.



**Calmentor** NORTH REGION

# A CALMENTOR AND ACEC SPONSORED EVENT

WEDNESDAY | 03.15.2017

11:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.



## ACTIVE/ALTERNATIVE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS – BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Join us for a panel discussion focusing on Active/Alternative transportation and related business opportunities for attendees. Panel members from Caltrans, SACOG, and Cities of Sacramento, Roseville and Folsom will discuss their agency's funding cycle, active/alternative transportation priorities, and upcoming projects. The panel will also respond to audience questions.

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### LOCATION

City of Sacramento  
915 I Street  
(Conference Room 1119)  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### COST

\$20.00 per attendee  
(Includes Lunch)

### RSVP

Before March 14, 2017

Register here: <https://joint-acec-calmentor-meeting.eventbrite.com>

For questions, contact: Casey Bodden [cbodden@areawest.net](mailto:cbodden@areawest.net) or (916) 987-3362

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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

For more information or to make a reservation, please contact:  
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## 2017 ACEC/PAC Spring Sweepstakes

CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF 15 PRIZES

**Grand Prize: \$10,000**

**1st Prize: \$5,000 (2)**

**2nd Prize: \$2,500 (2)**

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

ONLY 1,500 TICKETS AVAILABLE!

\$200 PER TICKET

(LIMIT 5 PER PERSON)

Drawing to be held during ACEC's Annual Convention  
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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PAYMENT: ACEC/PAC can only accept personal checks (payable to ACEC/PAC) or credit cards

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