

ACEC California Sierra Chapter

April 2015



President's Message

By: Tom Holdrege, President



This past week was a big one for ACEC. By all accounts, the annual Legislative Visit Day at the Capitol went exceedingly well. ACEC members (over 80) spent last Wednesday (March 25) visiting our legislators or their staff, making it known to those at the Capitol what

issues face the Engineering/Survey firms across the State. Luncheon speakers included Senator Anthony Cannella, the only civil engineer in the state legislature, and Steve Hall, the Vice President of Government Affairs for ACEC National.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Meetings are at the Sacramento Hilton unless otherwise noted.

5:00 - 6:00pm Board Meeting / 6:00 - 6:30pm Networking
6:30pm General Membership Dinner Meeting
Member Cost: \$35 - Non-Member \$50

You are responsible for your RSVP and will be invoiced unless you cancel reservations 24 hours in advance.

Friday, April 17, 2015

****Chapter Luncheon Meeting followed by Golf****

Time: 11:30am to 1:30pm

Where: Legends at Woodcreek, Sunrise Room
5880 Woodcreek Oaks Blvd.
Roseville, CA 95747

Speaker: Derek Ogden, Associate Planner, City of Roseville
Golf immediately following lunch at Woodcreek Golf Club

Register at: <http://04-17-2015-acec-sierrachap-golf-luncheon.eventbrite.com>

Monday—Tuesday, May 11-13, 2015

ACEC CA Annual Conference

The Lodge at Sonoma Renaissance Resort & Spa
www.regonline.com/aceccaconference

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

General Dinner Meeting

Speaker: TBD

Saturday, May 30, 2015

SAVE THE DATE for the ANNUAL SUMMER SOCIAL!!

5:00 to 7:30 at Paul Martin's American Grill in Roseville,
followed by live music at the restaurant

Derek Ogden, Associate Planner, City of Roseville — April Meeting Speaker

By: Dana Remington, Secretary/Treasurer



The April speaker is going to be Derek Ogden, an Associate Planner with the City of Roseville. He has been with the city for 13 years and has previously worked on the following projects; the City's Sustainability Plan and Open Space

Preserve Management Plan. Currently Derek is working in the Long Range Planning Section and is focused on the entitlements for both Amoruso Ranch and Placer Ranch Specific Plans. Derek will give a presentation on development projects that are in the early planning stage or coming soon to the City of Roseville.

Coming Attractions: 1st Annual Sierra Chapter Excellence Awards

The Sierra Chapter will recognize stellar local projects completed by member firms at the Chapter meeting on September 16, 2015.

Public and private projects will be considered upon completion of every phase – planning, design, and/or construction as applicable.

Elements of projects completed by member firms, such as surveying, structural design, or construction management, will also be eligible.

Application materials will be available in early June.

Selection criteria have not yet been finalized, but will likely align with the criteria for ACEC's State awards and include:

1. Social, Economic, and Sustainable Design Considerations
2. Complexity
3. Meeting and Exceeding Owner/Client Needs

Start thinking now about recent projects you are especially proud of.

Event sponsorship opportunities will be available.

If you are interested in joining the committee (Jane Rozga, Landon Blake, Harvey Oslick, and Steve Greenfield) to recognize the cool work of Chapter members and plan an exciting event, contact Jane at Jane.Rozga@ch2m.com.

ACEC-CA State Updates and Events

ACEC California's Annual Conference is May 11- 13, 2015—www.regonline.com/aceccaconference

Join us in Sonoma this spring for the 2015 Annual Conference. The conference is a great opportunity to discuss important issues facing our industry, learn about economic trends, develop business skills, and network in the beautiful Sonoma wine country.

The 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards Competition

The 2016 Engineering Excellence Awards competition will begin in June. To be notified of the competition, please email Sarah Sanders at ssanders@acec-ca.org and ask to be added to the notification list.

For a **Legislative Visit Day Recap**, see the State's article on page 5.

Jennifer Thompson, Staff Attorney, Pacific Legal Foundation—March Meeting Speaker

By: Landon Blake, Director



Jennifer Thompson is a staff attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation specializing in land law. At our last meeting she spoke about recent trends in land law at both the state and federal level. She also discussed important

cases argued by the Pacific Legal Foundation related to land use in California and other parts of the United States.

A Scholarship Winner's Gratitude and Raffle Tickets

By: Jane Rozga, Director

If you need a smile today – read the attached thank you letters from one of our repeat scholarship winners!

Students are eligible to receive two awards. This applicant won two years in a row due to his scholastic ability, experience, and eloquent writing

Also attached is a flier for the scholarship raffle taking place at the upcoming ACEC Conference. If you have not yet purchased raffle tickets for the scholarship raffle in May, you will have another opportunity at the April lunch meeting.

President's Message continued

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Following the meetings, a reception was held downtown with Governor Brown attending. The Governor could be seen mingling and chatting with numerous ACEC members for a couple of hours during the reception. Kudos to the ACEC-CA members and staff that helped promote, organize, and pull off one of the most successful Leg Visit Days in years!

The morning after Leg Visit Day the ACEC-CA Board of Directors met at the Hyatt Regency where AB 401 was discussed in great detail. In the end, the Board made the decision to not appeal the AB401 decision handed down in January by a Superior Court Judge. Clearly, it was a difficult decision, but many members felt it was in ACEC-CA's best interest to not appeal. Contact any of the Sierra Chapter State Directors (Steve Greenfield, Ted Hopkins, Ed Henderson, or myself) to get filled in on the details of the meeting.

During the ACEC-CA Board meeting, a call to action was also discussed. ACEC members are encouraged to mail letters of support to the legislature for two bills related to public-private partnerships (P3). The two bills, Assembly Bill 227 (Alejo) and AB 1265 (Perea) both extend P3 authority in California. ACEC-CA is strongly in favor of the bills; please show your support by mailing letters of support. [Click here](#) for a sample letter for AB 227 (Alejo). [Click here](#) for a sample letter for AB 1265 (Perea).

Don't forget to come to the lunch meeting on April 17, followed by golf! Since it no longer rains in California, weather is guaranteed to be perfect in Roseville for a round of 18.....

Cheers,

Tom



An ACEC-CA Company Profile



HDR is preparing a new Water Control Manual for the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Bureau of Reclamation, to more efficiently manage water flows out of Folsom Dam after completion of the new \$1 billion auxiliary spillway.



HDR designed the headquarters for the 200th Wing Command of the California Air National Guard at Beale AFB. The 200th Wing provides homeland security and training for worldwide contingency operations in support of active duty Air Force commands.



Together, anything is possible.

We believe that the way we work can add meaning and value to the world. That ideas inspire positive change. That coloring outside the lines can illuminate fresh perspectives. And that small details yield important realizations. Above all, we believe that collaboration is the best way forward.

So while we are most well-known for delivering architecture and engineering services—for adding beauty and structure to communities through high performance buildings and smart infrastructure—we provide much more than that. We create an unshakable foundation for progress because our multidisciplinary teams also include the firepower of economists, constructors, artists, and scientists.

Engineering News-Record:

No. 11 - Top 500 Design Firms

Founded in 1917

9,235 employee owners

400 in Northern California

More than 225 locations around the world

4 in Northern California: Sacramento, Folsom, Walnut Creek and San Francisco

Primary Services: Planning, design, outreach, environmental, and construction management.

Local Contact: Graham Sharpe, P.E., Vice President
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HDR is providing program management services to assist the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District with their \$2 billion program for waste discharge requirements at the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Legislative Visit Day Recap

Provided By: Stephanie Frieders, ACEC-CA Program and Events Manager

The morning began with an Issues Breakfast. Here, along with our legislative advocates, we walked through several issues facing our industry, such as indemnity reform, public-private partnerships and transportation funding. We discussed the current status of these topics and how to articulate our message to the legislature.



In addition to morning visits with legislators, several of our members sat in the Assembly Budget subcommittee.

Here, members watched one of our lobbyists, Keith Dunn, support efforts on our behalf to expedite bond funding to local agencies.

We returned together for a Legislative Luncheon, where we were honored to have Senator Anthony Cannella (a civil engineer himself) speak to us about the political realities facing California and how the pieces of “transportation funding” might fit together this year. We also heard

from Steve Hall, vice president of Government Affairs for ACEC national. Steve spoke about key issues facing us at the federal level, and also encouraged attendance at the ACEC national convention.

Following an afternoon of meetings at the Capitol, ACEC California members took the opportunity to relax and mingle with legislators, legislative staff, consultants and representatives from other like-minded organizations at



Tequila Mayahuel, a restaurant close to the Capitol and famous for their patron’s ability to rent a locker for their pre-purchased bottles of tequila.

Over 25 senators and assembly members socialized with ACEC California members at the legislative reception that evening, and I’m pleased to say that Governor Jerry Brown was also in attendance!



At the reception, we watched ACEC California President Mary Erchul present to the governor an award, declaring him Infrastructure Champion of 2014. Governor Brown spoke to the packed room for about 15 minutes and then “worked the room,” talking to individual ACEC California members for another 20 minutes. Thank you, Governor!

And thank you ACEC California members for all of your continual dedication and efforts. We are here because of you!

For a complete understanding of that for which we are lobbying, and the next steps from our Legislative Visits Day, please follow our weekly legislative briefs ([link here to the briefs](#)), and take action when we ask!

For more information on Legislative Visit Day, please contact Kelly Garman, ACEC CA Legislative Affairs Director at kgarman@acec-ca.org. For information on the Board of Directors meeting or lodging, please contact Stephanie Frieders, Program & Event Manager at sfrieders@acec-ca.org.



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Committee on Scholarships,

What an incredible honor and blessing it is to be chosen to receive a ACEC California Scholarship! When I first read the e-mail saying that I had been chosen to receive the top scholarship, I sat there stunned for a few minutes. I told myself, "Surely there must be a typo somewhere. Seven thousand dollars? I'm sure it's only seven hundred." I closed the e-mail and reopened it, but the numbers were still there. I closed the entire browser and tried reopening the e-mail and still the numbers appeared. At last the reality of what I was reading settled on me and I was fairly skipping with joy! I grinned down the hallway and then burst into tears of thankfulness. I don't think I stopped smiling for a good hour.

I can't tell you how much it means to me to be chosen for this award. Many college students are blessed with meals from family and well wishes from friends and those are all very special. But the biggest gift is in the form of scholarships. I often think of how donors and committees give thousands of dollars to students they know only through a short essay and resume and it blows my mind to think of their generosity. How often I wish that I could tell them just how much it means. And here I have been given just such an opportunity. Thank you for your incredible gift to me! You have given me an opportunity that I assure you I will take and you have made an investment in my life that I trust will yield much fruit in the years to come. Not only that, you have given me a double honor by choosing me to be the top scholarship recipient. I am both humbled and thankful at your decision. Your kindness will enable me to press forward in my studies with strengthened resolve and devote myself to truly and fully learning the material. You have given me a chance that few are blessed to have and even now I cannot fully express how grateful I am.

Thank you again for your incredible generosity!

Sincerely,



Corey Walker

March 2015

Committee on Scholarships
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Committee on Scholarships,

How blessed I am to be given the honor and joy of receiving an ACEC California Scholarship a second time! Last year, when I received the news, I was overcome with joy that I grinned down the hallway and then burst into tears of thankfulness. This year, the tears came immediately. How can I describe how happy I was? I called my wife right away and told her the wonderful news and she, like me, was awestruck.

If you only knew how much your gift means to us! In today's world a college education has taken on a financial responsibility that far outdistances any other period in times past. What used to cost only a small fraction of a man's wages now threatens to take up the majority. With your support through this scholarship, though, you have helped to make that burden far less than it once was. Your gifts over the last two years have allowed me to stay out of debt and give me confidence that I can fully provide for my family. How can I say how much of a blessing that is? To be able to sleep in peace and wake up without the stress of financial struggles or the knowledge that I am under a financial obligation to another is a wonderful and incredible gift.

Know with confidence that your scholarships do far more than simply help students with their financial responsibilities. Your gifts give us hope and inspire us to do more. Your generosity allows us to press forward in our studies, to devote ourselves to truly learning the material, and to realize how great a blessing it is to be able to learn without stress. Your kindness opens up opportunities that few are blessed to have. How can I thank you enough?

Your gift is truly, *truly* a blessing. Thank you so much for your incredible generosity!

Sincerely,



Corey Walker



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Raffle Items

Grand Prize

A Trip for Two to Maui

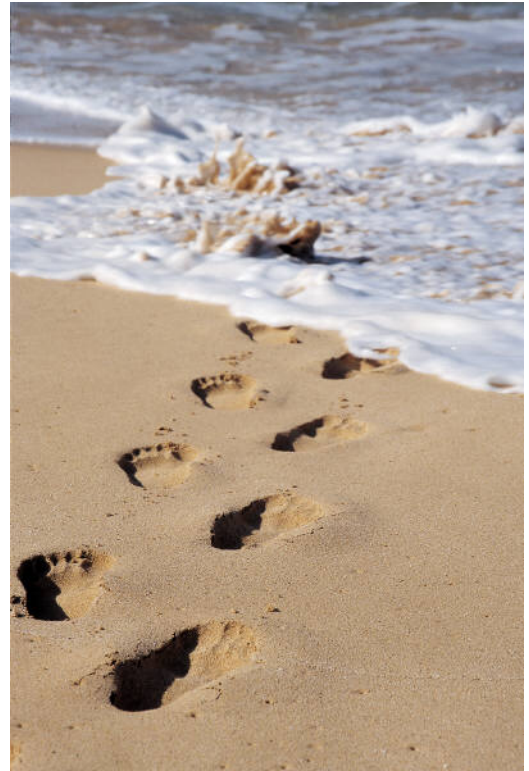
Includes Airfare up to \$1,000 and accommodations

- IPAD Air – 32 GB
- Go Pro HERO 4 Silver Action Camera
- Wine Club Membership
- \$500 Costco Card
- \$500 Nordstrom Card
- Temecula Wine Country Gift Card
- Santa Ynez Inn Gift Certificate
- \$400 Home Depot Gift Card



More to Come Soon!

Scholarship Raffle & Silent Auction



Silent Auction Items

Available for viewing and bidding May 11th & 12th at the ACEC California Registration Desk

- One Year Wine Club Membership
- Magnum of Wine
- San Francisco Giants Getaway Weekend

More to Come!!

Winners Drawn & Announced

May 13th at the Water Panel Luncheon

The Lodge at Sonoma

Renaissance Resort & Spa

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

**Tickets
\$20 EACH
or
6 for \$99**

Thank You for Supporting the Scholarship Foundation!