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## President's Message

Welcome to the February issue of the ACEC Sierra Chapter Newsletter. We are halfway through our 2017/2018 meeting season and I'm excited about how we are going to finish out the year.

Our chapter meeting in February will be our Past Presidents Dinner, where we will learn about the new Amazon facility being built in our region. March will be our joint meeting with Calmentor.

In April and May we are going to explore two new meeting ideas. The April Meeting will be an awards dinner focused on recognition of public agencies across California that are great clients of our member firms. We will recognize agencies for exemplary efforts in qualifications based selection, contracting out, monument preservation, and innovative infrastructure design. Our May Meeting will be a panel discussion focused on providing career advice to young professionals. We will be making a special effort to invite young engineers and land surveyors to this May Meeting.

Our chapter board has also been working on a few ideas. We are trying to come up with a strategy for our funding of non-profits and scholarships. Kathy has been doing a great job in efforts to engage our chapter members, a job that I neglected as vice president. I encourage you to cooperate with her efforts and to respond to any invitations you get from her or our other board members that are working with her. Kathy



**Landon Blake**  
Sierra Chapter President  
2017-2018

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## Calendar of Events

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

**Please note price increase:**

Member Cost: \$40 - Non-Member \$55

### Thursday, February 8 & 9, 2018

**ACEC California Scholarship Foundation and EEA Awards Dinner & Board Meeting**

Los Angeles, CA

### Wednesday, February 21, 2018

**Past President's and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner**

Guest Speaker:

**Kent Craney with Sacramento County**

[Register Here](#)

### Wednesday, March 21, 2018

**Joint ACEC CA-Sierra Chapter/CalMentor Dinner Meeting**

Sacramento, CA

### Tuesday, May 8, 2018

**Legislative Visit Day**

Sacramento, CA

\*Registration will be available starting March 2018\*

## Presidents Message Continued.

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and Debanik are also spearheading the idea of a fundraising component to our September Meeting this year, so we can more fully support scholarships and other non-profit funding requests.

Please contact me if you are interested in helping judge our public agency awards for the April Meeting or if you can serve on our panel for young professionals at the May Meeting.

Landon Blake

## Past President's and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner-Feb. 21, 2018

By: Marco Palilla, Director



**Tim Fleming**  
Past President, 1995-96

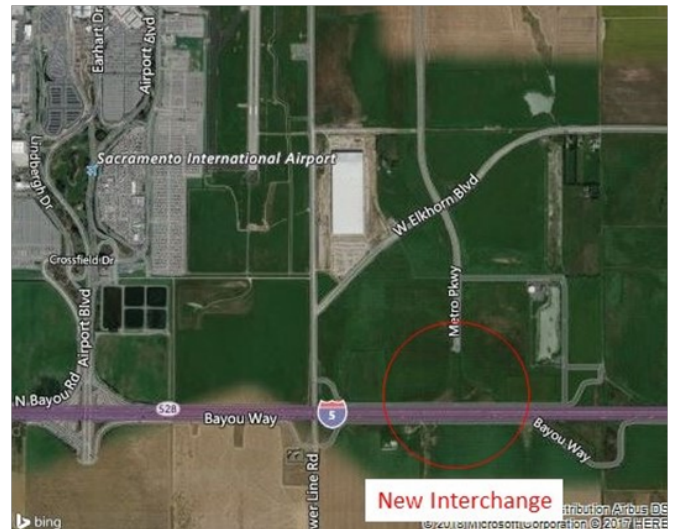
Please plan to attend our Chapter Past President's Dinner on February 21<sup>st</sup> when we will not only recognize and honor our amazing Past Presidents (a complete list is below), but award the 2017 Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship! The scholarship, now in its 7<sup>th</sup> year, is dedicated to the memory of one of our most

accomplished and well liked Past Presidents, Tim Fleming.

This year's winner is Joseph Prescott of UOP. Joseph is a Master's student and planning to graduate this Spring. He will be attending the meeting to receive his scholarship check from Susan Fleming Bentley.

The evening will also include guest speaker Kent Craney, who is a Senior Engineer with Sacramento County's Infrastructure Finance Section. Kent will be speaking to us about the new I-5 Interchange being planned for Metro Air Park. The County

is working with Mark Thomas to design this new interchange that will not only provide improved access to the growing Metro Air Park region, but provide exciting commercial opportunities for serving the Sacramento International Airport.



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

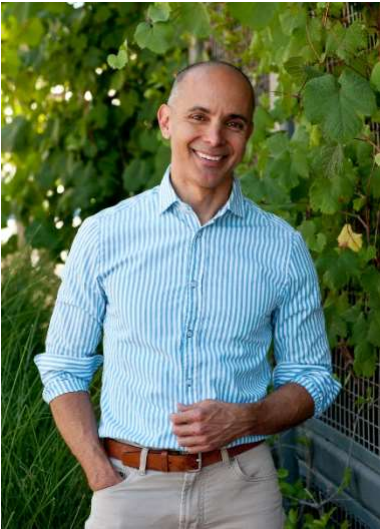
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## ACEC/CELSOC Sierra Chapter Past Presidents

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.
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
2016-2017	Dana	Remington	Andregg Psomas

## Joint ACEC/APWA Meeting Recap – West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon

By Marco Palilla, Director



We kicked off the new year with our always popular Joint ACEC/APWA lunch meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup> at the Dante Club. Our guest speaker was City of West Sacramento Mayor Christopher Cabaldon. Thanks to Past APWA Director

and West Sacramento Public Works Director, Denix Anbiah, we were able to secure the mayor to speak to our joint organizations. This was also Bill Shunks first meeting as the Sacramento Chapter's APWA President. Bill is with the City of Sacramento Department of Public Works. As always, the turnout was excellent with many

Sierra Chapter members in attendance. President Landon Blake sat at the head table with the other dignitaries.

Mayor Cabaldon focused his talk on infrastructure and the challenges cities have in dealing with the magnitude of work to maintain and upgrade it. He referred to it as the most important thing our city's do (and no one in the audience disagreed!). He listed all of the important infrastructure work the City of West Sacramento is engaged with from the Street Car Project, to Flood Protection, the Port of Sacramento and water and wastewater projects. He said the city has \$2 to \$3 Billion in future infrastructure work. The critical items are how to fast track the work and encourage private investment since there are little to no funds coming from the Federal Government. Mayor Cabaldon wrapped up his presentation and then answered questions. A great lunch program to kick off 2018!



**ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter  
Member Profile**



WSP, one of the world’s leading engineering and professional services consulting firms, provides services focused on infrastructure delivery. The firm was founded in New York City in 1885 under the name Parsons Brinckerhoff, and was acquired by WSP in 2014, becoming WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff. In 2017, WSP | Parsons Brinckerhoff officially rebranded as WSP.

WSP provides a full range of engineering, architectural, environmental, planning, and construction management services, and is comprised of approximately 36,000 employees. Locally, we have nearly 70 staff in our Sacramento office, who provide a full range of consulting engineering services. These services include: project management; transportation planning and roadway design; mechanical/electrical design; hydraulics/hydrology/stormwater design; and funding acquisition support.

We have an additional 100 staff members co-located with the California High-speed Rail Authority at their Sacramento headquarters. On the California High-speed Rail project, WSP is serving as the Rail Delivery Partner, providing program management, operations and maintenance, environmental, and engineering and construction services.

WSP has worked on several high-profile, award-winning projects throughout the region and beyond. These include: providing civil and structural design and water resources engineering for the City of Sacramento I-5 Riverfront Reconnection; civil, structural, and electrical design for the City of Sacramento Tower Bridge retrofit; civil/roadway and electrical design, and environmental clearance for the new east span of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge; and program management, construction management, and design services for the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency Levee Rehabilitation Program.

Throughout our more than 100-year history, WSP has successfully managed a comprehensive range of projects across many sectors. We bring these resources to our clients to create pragmatic and realistic solutions.

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**City of Sacramento I-5 Riverfront Reconnection  
Sacramento, CA**

The Riverfront Reconnection reconnects downtown Sacramento over I-5, to the riverfront area known as Old Sacramento. WSP performed the PA&ED and final PS&E on this award-winning project.



**Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency  
Levee Rehabilitation  
Sacramento, CA**

WSP is providing construction management and assessment district services for this major levee rehabilitation program.



**Caltrans San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge Bay Lights  
San Francisco and Oakland, CA**

WSP provided electrical design for the unique lighting installation on the new east span of the Bay Bridge, which comprises more than 25,000 LED lights.

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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 Kathy Wickam, Vice President.



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***Save the Date!***

**ACEC**

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING COMPANIES  
*California*

**ACEC California Legislative Visit Day**

**When: May 8, 2018**

**Where: Sacramento, California**

***\*\*Registration will be available starting March 2018\*\****

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# ACEC California Sierra Chapter

February 2018

*You are cordially invited to attend the:*

**Wednesday, February 21, 2018**

## **Chapter Past President's and Tim Fleming Memorial Scholarship Award Dinner**

*Guest Speaker:*

**Kent Craney, Senior Engineer with Sacramento County will be speaking to us about the new I-5 Interchange being planned for Metro Air Park.**

### **On-line Registration/ RSVP:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feb21-2018-event-tickets-42479160312>

\*If paying by cash or check at the door, please either "RSVP Only" at the above Eventbrite link, or email [dlocice-ro@acec-ca-sierra.org](mailto:dlocice-ro@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  
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**5:00pm –6:00pm: BOD Meeting  
6:00pm - 6:30pm: Networking  
6:30pm - 8:30pm: Membership Meeting.**