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President’s Message

When I wrote the message for the November Newsletter, the mid-term election was a few days away. The election brought mixed results for our ACEC community. It was heartening to see that Proposition 6 was defeated which assures badly needed funding for infrastructure development and maintenance for our State. Proposition 3, which ACEC supported and would have brought funding to water projects, was defeated.

With the election behind us, it is time to focus on the future, enjoy the holidays, and prepare to welcome the new year. We have some exciting events planned for 2019. We will start the new year with our Joint APWA/ ACEC Meeting on January 4th featuring Assemblyman Kevin Kiley. Past President’s Dinner Meeting is planned on February 20 where we can honor those who have served our Chapter in the past and probably learn a thing or two from their collective experience. On March 20, we will have a joint meeting with Cal Mentor. Our April meeting will feature Young Professional Forum. Our chapter initiated this event last year and was a very successful event. We plan to continue this event with the

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Calendar of Events

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

Member Cost: \$40—Non-Members: \$50

Friday January 4, 2019

Joint ACEC/APWA Lunch Meeting

Presenter:

**California Assemblyman Kevin Kiley,
Representing the 6th District.**

Location:

**Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd.
Sacramento, CA**

[Register Here](#)

Wednesday February 20, 2019

**Monthly General Membership and BOD
Dinner Meeting—Honoring Past Presidents
and Tim Fleming Scholarship Award
Presentation.**

Presenter:

ACEC-CA State President Ralph Guida

Wednesday, March 20, 2019

**Monthly General Membership and BOD
Dinner Meeting / Joint Meeting with
Cal Mentor.**

Presenter: TBD

ACEC-CA State Level

February 7-8, 2019

**2019 Engineering Excellence Awards
San Francisco, CA**



Debanik Chaudhuri
Sierra Chapter President
2018-2019

Please visit www.acec.org for a complete list of upcoming webinars and on-line classes

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley to Address our Joint ACEC/APWA Meeting on January 4th, 2019.

By: Marco Palilla, Director.



Our annual joint meeting with the Sacramento Chapter of APWA is right around the corner and always draws a big crowd. This year's meeting should carry on that tradition with Assemblyman Kevin Kiley as our special guest. This meeting will be held at the **Dante Club on Friday, January 4th.**

Assemblyman Kevin Kiley represents the people of the 6th District, which includes portions of El Dorado, Placer, and Sacramento counties, and encompasses Cameron Park, El Dorado Hills, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Granite Bay, Lincoln, Loomis, Orangevale, Rocklin, and Roseville. Assemblyman Kiley was recently reelected for his second term.

Kevin earned a bachelor's degree from Harvard, a law degree from Yale, and a master's in secondary education from Loyola Marymount. He has also served as an adjunct professor at McGeorge School of Law, and co-owns and

operates Ose-Kiley Cattle (former U.S. Congressman Doug Ose).

Before being elected to the State Assembly, Kevin represented the People of California as a Deputy Attorney General in cases involving convicted felons. He took that commitment to the Legislature, where he has authored legislation to combat voyeurism and strengthen legal protections for victims of sexual assault.

First elected to the California State Assembly in 2016, Kevin has won statewide acclaim for his legislation to expand parental choice for underserved students, ensure impartial descriptions of ballot initiatives, and end the practice of government double taxation. He serves as Vice Chair of the Assembly Education Committee and of the Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee, and is a member of the Public Safety Committee, Governmental Organization Committee, Judiciary Committee, and Higher Education Committee.

Join ACEC and APWA members on Friday, January 4th to hear the latest goings on in the California Assembly and the State Capitol!

President's Message Continued.

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objective of getting engineers and land surveyors of the next generation involved in ACEC and be ready to take leadership roles.

Legislative Visit Day is scheduled for May 15. It is a great opportunity to meet with State legislators, make them understand the important role of engineers and surveyors in the community, and promote ACEC agenda. Please mark your calendar. If you have not participated in this event in the past, I would strongly urge you to do so. It is also a good networking opportunity as you will get to meet with ACEC members from other chapters.

In my last message I talked about the idea of the Agency Excellence Awards to recognize the dedication and commitment of public agencies. Additional information on the nomination and award process including a simple nomination is included in this newsletter. Please take a moment to review and submit your nomination to show your appreciation for your favorite public agencies. We will need your help to make this event successful. Let's show our local agencies we recognize their dedication and hard work! The event is planned for June 5. The deadline to submit your nomination is March 15, 2019.

See you all on January 4th at our next meeting! I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous 2019!

Debanik Chaudhuri
2018/2019 Sierra Chapter President

First Annual Public Agency Excellence Awards Announcement.

ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter will recognize public agencies in the region for excellent performance on key issues that are important to ACEC-CA and its member firms. The process of nomination, selection, and award is described below.

Award Categories

There will be 5 award categories:

1. Best Practice of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) for Engineering and Surveying Services
2. Best Use of Consulting Engineers and Surveyors for Design and Construction
3. Best Use of Tax Payer Dollars for Infrastructure Design/Construction/Maintenance
4. Best Application of New Technology and Innovation for Design/Construction/Maintenance of Infrastructure and infrastructure projects.
5. Best Practice for Conflict Resolution.

Nomination Rules

- The public agency must be located in the geographical area of the Sierra Chapter – approximately from Chico to Modesto in the north-south direction and Fairfield to the State border in the east-west direction.
- The public agency must be nominated by an ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter member firm.
- An agency can be nominated for multiple award categories.

Selection Process

- The ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter member firm fills out a simple nomination form and submit. Please send your submission to Debbie LoCicero (dlocicero@acec-ca-sierra.org) or Debanik Chaudhuri (dxc@shanwil.com).
- A 4-person committee reviews and scores the applications for all categories. The committee will consist of 2 ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter members and 2 members of a public agency.
- The award committee selects winners based on highest scores in each category.

Award Ceremony

- Each ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter member firms who nominated a winning agency will be given 5 minutes to present the award and explain why the public agency was selected as a winner.
- ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter member firms will have the opportunity to sponsor a table at the dinner.
- Other sponsorship opportunities can be used to fund the scholarship/funding activities of the chapter.

We are requesting Sierra Chapter member firms to submit your nomination(s) by March 15, 2019.

Nomination Form
First Annual Public Agency Excellence Awards
ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter

Name of Nominating Firm: _____

Firm Contact Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Name of Agency Nominated _____

Agency Address _____

Award Category: 1 2 3 4 5

(Select one. Use multiple forms if nomination is for more than one category)

Brief Explanation in Support of Your Nomination

Please email this form to either: DXC@shanwil.com (Debanik Chaudhuri) or

dlocicero@acec-ca-sierra.org (Debbie LoCicero)

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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 Kevin Gustorf, Vice President, for submission details.

Point of Contact:

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Debbie LoCicero
Recording Secretary
Newsletter Editor

New Member Profile

By Kevin Gustorf, Vice President

MWA, Inc.

Please welcome the newest member of the Sierra Chapter, MWA, Inc. Since its inception in 1985, MWA has a proven-track record of over 2,000 projects. MWA, located in Truckee, CA, is a medium-sized, award-winning firm that provides structural engineering and architectural services.

MWA specializes in a range of projects from high-end custom residential to commercial projects, including restaurants, office buildings, mixed-use, senior housing and clubhouses. Welcome to the Chapter, MWA, Inc.!

Valley Tech Systems, Inc.

In November we welcomed Valley Tech Systems, Inc. Valley Tech Systems (VTS) is an aerospace engineering company specializing in C4ISR Systems, Aeronautics & Propulsion, and Engineering Services & Consulting. At VTS, the mission is to

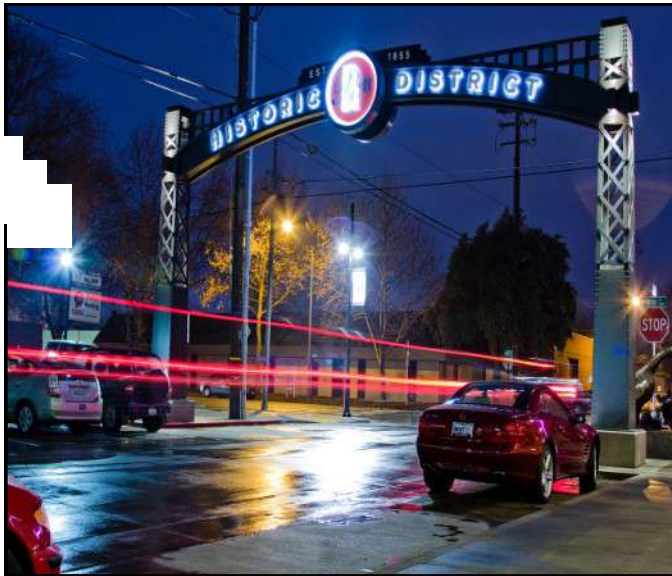
provide the most advanced and innovative solutions to the complex problems found in Department of Defense weapon systems. Welcome to the Chapter, Valley Tech Systems!

Happy Holidays

An ACEC-CA Member Profile



I-5/Cosumnes River Boulevard Interchange and Road Extension, Sacramento



R Street Market Plaza Improvements, Sacramento



Ice House Bridge Rehabilitation and Relocation, Roseville



MARK THOMAS

Mark Thomas provides civil and structures engineering, surveying, landscape architecture, and planning & urban design services to clients throughout California. When Mark Thomas opened his practice in 1927, he single-handedly offered civil engineering and land surveying, supporting land development projects. From 1927 until after World War II, Thomas maintained a solo practice; in 1947 he hired Aldo Savio as a partner, beginning the company’s steady growth. Since then, we have evolved to meet the needs of our clients. We now have more than 200 team members in offices that are strategically located to support the communities in which we live and work. Originating in San Jose (corporate headquarters), we have established additional offices in Carmel, Cupertino, Fresno, Irvine, Los Angeles, Oakland, Ontario, Sacramento, San Carlos, and Walnut Creek.

Mark Thomas is a recognized industry leader in the planning, design, and delivery of roadway and highway improvement projects. Our experience spans from minor localized widening projects and intersection improvements to grade separations and arterial reconstructions to highway widenings and interchanges. Our projects are successful when teams work together to develop creative solutions to challenges – integral to the Mark Thomas culture is an environment where teams can flourish and do their best work. We apply our core values of collaboration, creativity, flexibility, respect, fairness, ownership, accountability, and transparency to our work every day. We support and encourage each other at Mark Thomas, because as a 100% employee-owned firm, when one person grows, we all grow.

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California

Save the Date!

Future ACEC California Events



2019 ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AWARDS PROGRAM:

February 7 - 8, 2019, The Hilton Union Square, in San Francisco. ACEC California has negotiated a discounted room rate of \$279 single/double occupancy. To make a room reservation at this discounted room rate, please contact the Hilton Union Square by calling (415) 771-1400. The deadline to book a room at this discounted room rate is **January 15, 2019.**



2019 LEGISLATIVE VISIT DAY: May 15 - 16, 2019, The Citizen Hotel. ACEC California has negotiated a discounted room rate of \$229 single/double occupancy. To make a room reservation at this discounted room rate, please contact the Citizen Hotel by calling (877)-781-8995. The deadline to book a room at this discounted room rate is **April 15, 2019.**



2019 JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: July 25 - 26, 2019, Westin Long Beach. ACEC California has negotiated a discounted room rate of \$159 single/double; \$189 triple occupancy. To make a room reservation at this discounted room rate, please contact the Westin Long Beach by calling (562) 436-3000. The deadline to book a room at this discounted room rate is **June 24, 2019.**

For questions or further information, contact Jenny Devine at jenny@jmdvinegroup.com