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President's Message
 By Tom Sell

Welcome back everyone! Hopefully everyone had a relaxing summer and is ready for the 2022-23 term. To start things off, I want to send a huge thank you to our Past President, Scott Lillibridge, for successfully leading us through the last year and navigating our return to in-person meetings, which we plan to continue this year. I'm excited to be your chapter president and join Scott, Jerry Jones ('20-'21), and Kevin Gustorf ('19-'20) as State Directors representing the Sierra Chapter.

Joining me as chapter officers are Vice President, Erik Fanselau, and Secretary/Treasurer, Donald Blackburn. We welcome back Dana Remington as a Director. You may recall that Dana led the Chapter during the 2016-17 campaign. Dana joins fellow Director Marco Palilla as Past Presidents to provide their experience and leadership to the Board. Our remaining Directors include Rosa Griggs, Chad Coleman, JD Christiansen, and Howard Michael. We have an experienced and balanced Board of Directors with a wide range of ACEC and industry experience,

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Calendar of Events

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

Member Cost: \$50 - Non-Member \$60

ACEC Sierra Chapter

Wednesday, Sept 21st, 2022

General Membership & BOD Dinner Meeting

Speaker: Jerry Brown

Topic: Sites Reservoir

[Register Here](#)

Wednesday, October 19, 2022

General Membership & BOD Dinner Meeting

Speaker: Derrek Minnema

Topic: Capital SouthEast Connector JPA, Sacramento Measure A

ACEC California

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

2023 Annual Conference & Engineering Excellence Awards Banquet
 Garden Grove, CA

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



Tom Sell
 Sierra Chapter President
 2022-2023

President's Message Continued

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representing both large and small businesses, and covering an array of disciplines and markets. We have the wonderful Debbie LoCicero keeping the board organized, coordinating our events, welcoming meeting attendees (and making sure they enter the meeting raffle), getting our newsletters and announcements out to our members, and much, much more.

In addition to a great lineup of Sierra Chapter monthly meetings, 2022-23 looks to be an eventful year for ACEC. We have elections coming up in November, which always stimulates activity at all levels of ACEC. The ACEC-CA Engineering Excellence Awards returns to an in-person event and will be combined with the annual conference in Febru-

ary. Also returning to the schedule in May is Legislative Visit Day, another opportunity for member firms to influence policies and legislation affecting the industry. The Sierra Chapter will continue its support of local youth STEM programs, such as CREATE and robotics programs; Mid-Pac collegiate competitions; and college scholarship programs.

Here's to a great year! I hope to see you at our monthly meetings. Please reach out to me or any of our board members for information on how you can participate in ACEC events, fundraisers, sponsorships, committees, etc.

Cheers,

Tom

Meeting Promo—Wednesday, September 21, Jerry Brown, CEO Waterlogy Consulting and Executive Director of the Sites Reservoir Project.

By Howard Michael, Sierra Chapter Director



Our September meeting will involve a presentation from Jerry Brown, CEO of Waterlogy Consulting and Executive Director of the Sites Reservoir Project. Mr. Brown oversees the Sites

Reservoir project development by a multi-disciplined team of consultants, contractors, and experts. Mr. Brown is a registered Civil and Mechanical Engineer in California. As California needs to address its statewide water management challenges by implementing innovative solutions

that address our state's need for a sustainable water supply, the Sites Reservoir Project is a part of the solution. Sites Reservoir is an environmentally beneficial, off-river reservoir that will capture excess water from major storms and save it for drier periods, helping California's farms, businesses and cities continue to supply reliable water when other sources are low. Sites Reservoir will greatly increase flexibility, reliability and resiliency of statewide water supplies in drier periods. Come join us and learn more about how Sites Reservoir will function as the backbone to both the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project.

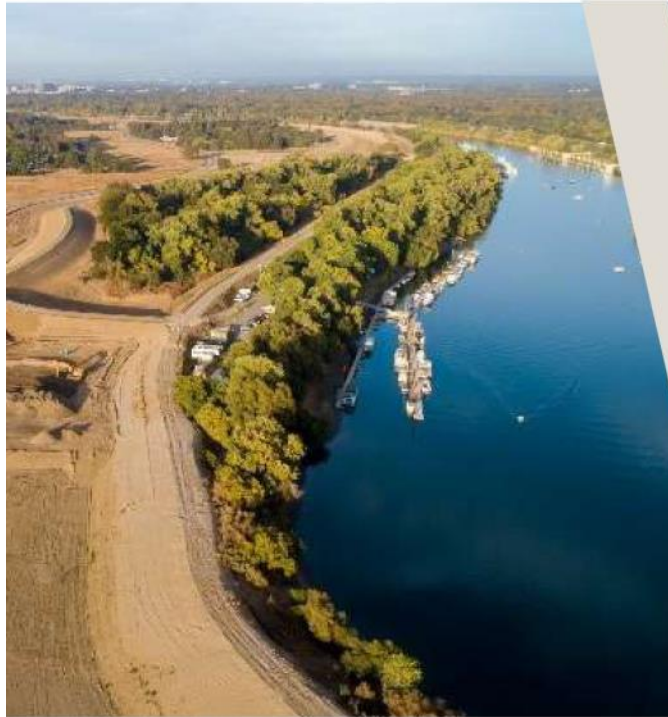
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GET NOTICED IN THE SIERRA CHAPTER NEWSLETTER!

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.**

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SUBMIT YOUR 2023 EEA OFFICIAL ENTRY



The **Engineering Excellence Awards Program** recognizes successfully completed projects that stand out based on the quality and complexity of the project. The EEA Program is an opportunity to not only promote your firm, but also the profession through outstanding projects.

Award winners will be honored on February 16, 2023 in Orange County and will receive extensive statewide promotion through ACEC California.

The Awards Banquet will be held in Orange County on February 16, 2023 and will benefit the ACEC California Scholarship Foundation.

***Important Change:** Submitted projects must be substantially completed and ready for use between **November 1, 2019 and October 31, 2022** (projects in Categories A and D must have been publicly disclosed by the client between this time period). *The project completion window has been temporarily expanded to three years due to project delays caused by COVID-19 restrictions.*

To submit your Official Entry,
please visit: www.acec-ca.org

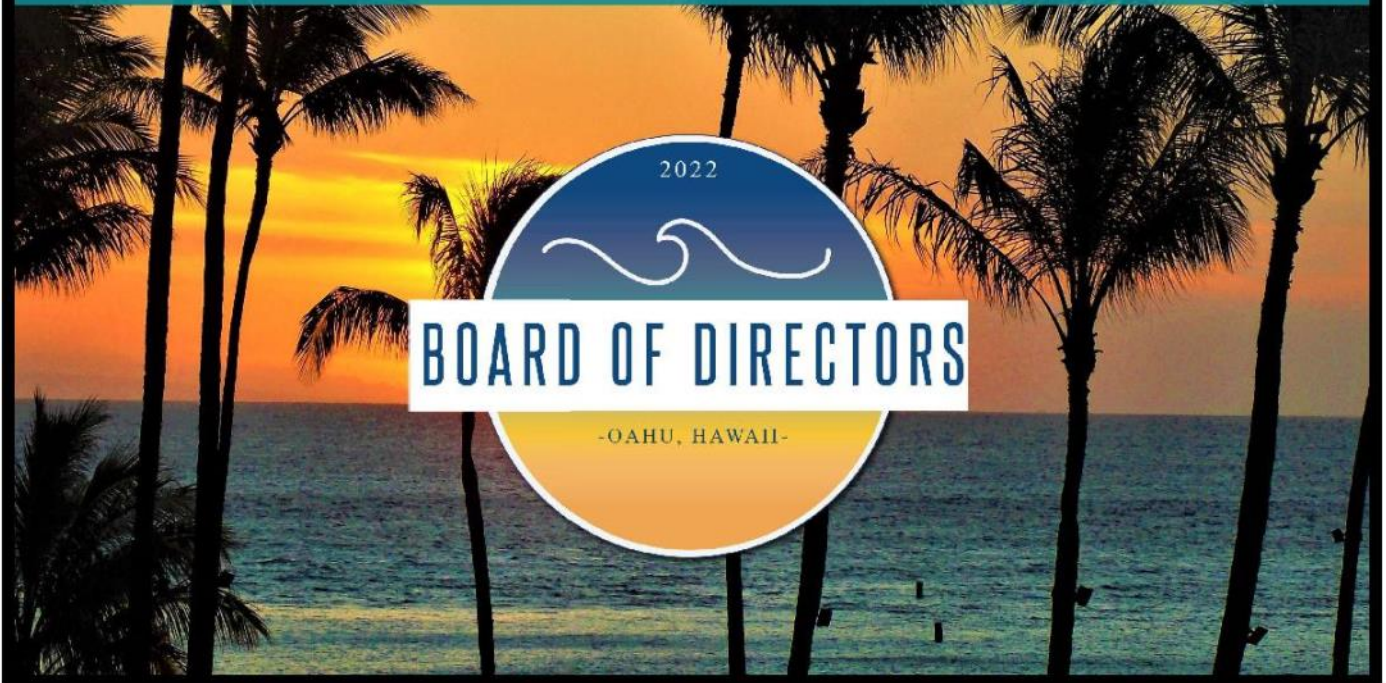
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