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**President's Message**

**By Erik Fanselau**

Welcome to a new year from the Sierra Chapter Board of Directors. It is with much excitement and just a little trepidation that I have taken over from our outgoing Chapter President, Tom Sell. Tom leaves us with a strong vision for the future and I hope to build on his efforts. We also have a stellar Board of Directors that work tirelessly behind the scenes to serve ACEC's goals. I was humbled to be asked to serve as a Board officer two years ago and I hope to build on all of our great past presidents' effort. With my first column I thought I should lay out my goals as Chapter President for the next year.

My goals for this term include:

- **Growth** – We are always recruiting for our Chapter and I need your help identifying prospective members for both regular and affiliate (vendors and contractors) members. If you know of a potential candidate firm please refer them to myself or one of the other Board of Directors so we can connect.

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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—September 20, 2023**

General Membership and BOD Dinner Meeting

**Speaker: Matt Click, Exe. Dir. Placer Co. Trans. Planning Agency**

Topic: Regional Transportation Funding

[Registration Link](#)

**Wednesday—October 18, 2023**

General Membership and BOD Dinner Meeting

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

**Wednesday—November 15, 2023**

General Membership and BOD Dinner Meeting

**Guest Speaker: TBD**

**ACEC-California**

**October 12, 2023**

State BOD meeting (virtual)

Please visit [www.acec-ca.org](http://www.acec-ca.org) for a complete list of upcoming webinars and on-line classes.



**Erik Fanselau**  
Sierra Chapter President  
2023-2024

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- **Participation** – While we always receive a great turnout at our membership meetings, we would love to see some new faces. I would like to encourage every one of you to bring a colleague to a future meeting that has not been to ACEC before. We would especially like to see more young professionals attend. One of the best values we hear from our members are the networking opportunities at our events.
- **Advocacy** – One aspect of the Sierra Chapter that I have really enjoyed is our future young professionals support. We support young people in a variety of ways such as the Tim Flemming Scholarship for college civil engineering juniors/seniors at CSUS/UOP/UC Davis, multiple high school STEM/robotics program grants, and the CREATE high school scholarship. We plan to continue this support and look for other opportunities as well.
- **Legislative Updates** – One of the most important benefits of your ACEC membership is our legislative action staff that are working

hard every day to ensure legislation at both the state and federal level are favorable to your firms and our industry. I plan to offer periodic updates in the newsletter to inform you of what is happening with our state staff.

- **Transparency** – I want to lead our Chapter with openness and keep you informed on issues in front of the Board. With that in mind, we always welcome visitors to our Board of Director meetings. However, beware, that is a sure-fire way to be asked to serve on the Board for a future term.

Please reach out to me if you would like to share your thoughts. We have some great speakers already lined up for our membership dinners and I hope to see you at our next dinner on September 20. There is one last challenge I want to make to you and that is Get Involved! We have a variety of ways you can participate such as our state committees, Board of Directors, etc. I think I can speak for many of our current and former Board members and say that my involvement with ACEC has been very rewarding.

-Erik

## September 20th Sierra Chapter Dinner Meeting Promo

By Erik Fanselau, President



Please join us for our September meeting as Matt Click, Executive Director for the Placer County Transportation Planning Agency (PCTPA), will speak to us about current priorities for his agency regional transportation funding, and potential ballot initiatives to fund transportation projects in southwest

Placer County. PCTPA is the forum for making decisions about the regional transportation system in Placer County. The decisions made are reflected in PCTPA's planning and programming of the area's state and federal transportation funds. The mission of the PCTPA is to plan, fund, and deliver transportation projects to improve the quality of life for Placer County residents and visitors. [Registration link](#)

Membership



*The Sierra Chapter is proud to announce the Board of Directors approved and welcomed the following new firms in the past year:*

Firm	Month/Yr. Joined	Member Type	City
TRC	03/2023	Engineering	Roseville, CA
Ultieg	06/2023	Engineering	Rancho Cordova
IronOrbit	08/2023	Affiliate	Anaheim Hills, CA
Aerial Zeus	08/2023	Affiliate	Sacramento, CA

**New Affiliate Membership**

Our new Affiliate Membership is available to non-professional service companies such as vendors and contractors. Please let us know if you would like to find out more information. Please contact Donald Blackburn 530.305.0686 or [donalddb@blackburnconsulting.com](mailto:donalddb@blackburnconsulting.com) for more information.

*Did you know that individual members that help to bring a new state ACEC California member can take advantage of the Member-Get-a-Member Recruitment Program that entitles recruiters to a \$100 VISA Gift Card? If you know a firm that may be interested in joining ACEC California, please reach out to Donald Blackburn, [donalddb@blackburnconsulting.com](mailto:donalddb@blackburnconsulting.com).*



## ACEC Sierra Chapter Firm Profile

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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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*You are cordially invited to attend:*

**Wednesday, September 20, 2023**

**ACEC-CA Sierra Chapter Monthly  
General Membership Dinner Meeting**



*Guest Speaker:*

**Matt Click, Executive Director  
Placer County Transportation Planning Agency**

*Topic:*

**Regional Transportation Funding and the potential for a ballot initiative in 2024 to fund transportation projects in southwest Placer County.**

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

[Register Here](#)

**R.S.V.P. Deadline:  
Friday, September 15th**

5:00pm-6:00pm:	<b>BOD Meeting</b>
6:00pm-6:30pm:	<b>Networking</b>
6:30pm-8:30pm:	<b>Dinner Meeting</b>



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