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ECA NEWSLETTER

JOHNS SOAPBOX



Here is the normal disclaimer-I am not espousing the opinion of the ECA or any member firm in this Soapbox-these are my own tortured opinions. Only mine.

Risk vs Reward?

The ECA has, with Smith Dollar, sponsored a workshop on AB 1851 and its changes that are in effect since Jan 1, 2023. During and following that workshop, I was asked to try and get concrete answers from Sacramento on how they would enforce AB 1851 violations. Diane Aqui tried to get responses from the Sacramento Department of Industrial Relations-who for the most part, declined to put simple, easy to understand responses in writing. I have included the questions and answers provided by the DIR for you in this link:

[HERE](#)

In order to best serve our members in the ECA, the ECA recommends the following:

A. we recommend contractors and trucking firms contact either Diane Aqui or their own attorney and make sure they are in “good faith” compliance (or at least defensible) to the new prevailing law rules, or

B. review the response opinions from the DIR that are attached on frequently asked questions and adapt your own firm’s policies to be in line with the DIR.

I find the responses to be so confusing, and difficult to understand, I STRONGLY recommend you all do both A & B to make sure you are not exposing yourself to labor law issues in the future.

I suspect many of you have already done either A or B above, or both. But I am also hearing from some trucking firms that all contractors and trucking firms are not handling their bidding or contracts the same way. In other words, some firms are following the idea that all imports delivered to a public works project are prevailing wage-whether stockpiled on site or not.

No names have been asked for, nor given, so do not worry if you are one of them!

However, I will remind you again that compliance has a 4-year shelf life so the DIR can go back to a current job you have in April 2023, and they can do that in April of 2027 and find a contractor or trucking firm in violation. I do not need to remind you how fines, interest, and late penalties might add up over a 4-year period. The final number could be quite large.

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As a former contractor who understands trying to get an “edge” at bid time, I understand risk vs reward decisions at bidding time. Paying prevailing wage to bring in imported materials for grading, paving, and other fill, does not, in my opinion, seem to be a big price to pay to try and stay in compliance with AB1851.

That’s All Folks!
John

COMMITTEE NEWS & INFORMATION

Auction Committee-We have reviewed the proposal from Graton Casino for holding the auction there on September 16, 2023. The venue looks great, the food will be terrific, and we believe this is a big change and a big upgrade from years past.

For our Auction: we are looking for donations. Typically, we do well with overnight trips, special dinners, or items that are unique to our industry. PLEASE HELP US!! We would like to have items that we can put online so folks can bid on the items between now and the Auction night, September 16, 2023.

Specification Committee-next meeting is at 4:00pm, May 17, 2023.

Golf Committee- The committee is looking for a premiere sponsor before preparing the flyer. Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at the Exec meeting. Sponsor click [HERE](#)—

Community Relations Committee-Chair Lacey Torkelson Smith and Mary are focusing on doing promotion of our past CR efforts such that we have an accurate list of projects the ECA has worked on or funded over our history. We want to also make sure our database is updated to recognize as many firms as possible (existing today or not) for participation in these projects. We need your help. Please click on this link to see the list of projects our ECA database shows, and if your firm helped on those projects, please let us know soon. Here is the [list](#) we have:

Car Show Committee-The Car Show committee is working on sponsors, vendors and car registrations are now open. Promo radio spot is being worked on and will be out shortly to be broadcast on Froggy 92.9. Nice partnership with Sonoma Media Group! Next meeting Monday, April 17 at 4pm.

Government Affairs Committee: Chair Art Deicke is holding the next GAC meeting in May, and we will have State Assemblyman Damon Connolly as our guest. Art wants to invite anybody that wishes to come to that meeting. The tentative date will be Thursday, May 18 from 4-5:30pm at the NCBE main conference room. Art has also arranged for City of Santa Rosa Mayor Victoria Fleming to announce our ECA Car Show from the dais as her community comment on Tuesday at the City Council meeting. Way to go Art! Best wishes for Art’s speedy recovery as he goes in next week for a “shoulder replacement”-ouch!! Get well quick!

ECA Executive Committee-next meeting 11 am on April 19, 2023.

ECA Board of Directors – next meeting 12pm on April 19, 2023. Special guest will be the Sonoma Media Group. Just listen to their upcoming promotion of the ECA we recorded last week-click [HERE](#)

EVENT NEWS: Public Officials Night,-Premier Sponsor: **Team Ghilotti**, April 13, 2023, at Herzog Hall at Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds. Registration Flyer click [HERE](#) Sponsor Flyer click [HERE](#)

NEWS THAT YOU CAN USE:

Time to recall this guy? [Santa Rosa City Council member Eddie Alvarez's cannabis dispensary faces closure for not having proper permits, unpaid taxes | PD Plus \(pressdemocrat.com\)](#)

Fulton Road repaving to affect traffic-avoid Fulton Road and help out Casey and GBI!! [Santa Rosa traffic alert: Southbound lane for half mile of Fulton Road to close starting Monday \(pressdemocrat.com\)](#)

New Sonoma County Deal with River Rock Casino-[Sonoma County supervisors to consider updated deal with Dry Creek Rancheria, owners of River Rock Casino | PD Plus \(pressdemocrat.com\)](#)

Graton to go Big!! [Big expansion ahead at Graton Resort and Casino, as tribal owners look to solidify dominance in gaming industry | PD Plus \(pressdemocrat.com\)](#)

Changing the Way Downtown Santa Rosa Looks-[Demolition nears completion to make way for new 8-story apartment building in downtown Santa Rosa \(northbaybusinessjournal.com\)](#)

Dick Colombini-a man's man, and a good guy to development, his family, his friends, and his company, has passed. R.I. P. [Dick Colombini, Sonoma County contractor, member of famed USF football team, dies at 91 \(pressdemocrat.com\)](#)

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Whether you're in search of workplace safety training to meet OSHA compliance requirements, Competent Person, Trench Safety, Confined Space, CPR/First Aid initial or update training or implementing a Safety Program ECA can help!

The best way to beat an OSHA citation is to never get one at all.

Email mary@nceca.org to set up a class today If you don't see a class you need listed please contact me.

CPR / First Aid: 3 hrs - \$95 per person

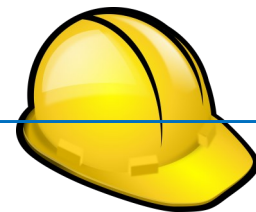
Confined Space: 3 hrs - \$150 per person

Competent Person / Trench Safety: 3 hrs - \$125 per person

Flagger Safety Training: 2 hrs - \$125 per person

Sexual Harassment—1 hr for Employees—\$25 per person ~ 2 hrs for Supervisors \$35 per person

See upcoming training classes on page 9.



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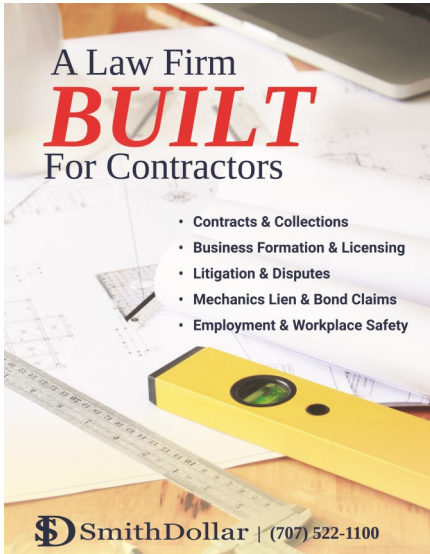

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ECA 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 13,

ECA Public Officials Night—Herzog Hall, Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds

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Sunday, June 18

Father's Day "Show & Shine" Car Show, Julliard Park, Santa Rosa

Platinum Chevrolet—Showcase Sponsor

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Friday, July 21

ECA Golf Tournament, Windsor Golf Course, Windsor, CA—[Sponsor Flyer](#)

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Saturday, September 16,

ECA Wine & Dozers Event—Graton Rancheria

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Worker's Compensation Endorsement By ECA-

HELLO!!! HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR HUMAN RESOURCES PERSON TO CHECK OUT THE WORKERS COMP PROGRAM ECA HAS ENDORSED? Everybody likes to save money, don't they? Doesn't cost you a thing to consider this as an option! Jeff Okrepkie at 707-360-4338.



George Petersen Insurance Agency

FIRE CLEAN UP LIST:

The Sonoma County Environmental Health Department, Transportation and Public Works, and James Gore's office are utilizing the ECA as a resource for debris testing, and debris cleanup for fire victims from the Kincadee Fire. Please review the list that has been provided to the fire victims and the County, of ECA Firms that are interested and listed in various categories as being helpful in the fire aftermath. This is another benefit for ECA members and if you want to be included on the list, and are not, please contact mary@nceda.org. There is no charge for this. You can access the list by clicking [HERE](#)

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANUAL

Emergency Response Manual is now available online!

In the event of an emergency, we have put together this manual to help our community receive quick service from our members.

Thank you to our sponsors for helping to get this manual completed. It is sent to city and county agencies in case of an emergency so they will know who to call for services, equipment and materials.

Click [here](#) for the manual.

IMPORTANT INFO:

Get Prepared Now! Here are some very useful tips from CalFire to get your own house/property "in shape" for fire season. [link](#)

Pocket Guide for CALOSHA For Contractors: Click [here](#) for the pocket guide you all need!

Roadwork in Sonoma County - Check out the County website for road info [here](#)



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Click [HERE](#) To see the rest.



Expert COVID-19 Safety info Available at a Discount

The Shelter in Place Orders issued by County Health Officers in Sonoma, Napa, and Mendocino - as well as the Governor, have highlighted for the building industry the need for all contractors to have an up-to-date written COVID-19 Exposure Control Plan.

This should be an addendum to your IIPP and safety meetings for COVID-19

Jim Persons, SafetyPride, an ECA member who serves as a consultant and safety instructor for ECA, is offering his services to our members and they will receive a 40% discount on his regular rates if you are a current member of ECA.

Contact Jim if you are interested in getting his help on COVID-19 related issues or other health and safety programs. email: jimpersons@safetypride.com or phone: 707-889-0881



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Public Officials Night!



Premier Sponsor

Thursday, April 13
Herzog Hall, Sonoma Marin Fairgrounds

Public Officials Night is for developing and maintaining strong communications and working relationships with public officials and ECA members. P.O. Night starts important steps in serving the public and building our communities.

We send invites to Public Officials in the surrounding area. If you would like someone invited please let us know.

Casual dress attire.
Ribeye Steak Dinner



Showcase Sponsor

This year the Bridge Award will be going to Sonoma County Sonoma Public Infrastructure department and Jim Persons will receive the Golden Hardhat Award .

To Register: click [HERE](#)

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ECA SAFETY TRAINING CLASSES

CPR Training for employees can save lives, improve workplace safety, increase worker confidence, and takes crucial skills outside of the office into the community.



CPR / First Aid

Wednesday, April 12—9 am—noon

Instructor Larry Richmond Jr., Mill Creek Safety

Training includes bleeding control, strokes, seizures, broken bones and other life-threatening emergencies. Adult/child/infant CPR & airway obstruction management covered. This course is designed as both a course for first-timers and as a refresher. ...Click [HERE](#) for April 12 flyer

Confined Space

Wednesday, April 12

1 pm—3 pm ~ Instructor Larry Richmond Jr., Mill Creek Safety

This course covers proper procedures for making entry into Permit Required Confined Spaces. Participants are prepared to operate in the capacity of Entrant, Attendant or Entry Supervisor during confined space operations. Participants are familiarized with CFR 1910.146 and how to properly employ the permit program.

Click [HERE](#) for flyer

Traffic Control / Flagger Training

Tuesday, May 2

1 pm—3 pm ~ Instructor Larry Richmond Jr., Mill Creek Safety

This certified course will instruct on the fundamentals of keeping workers safe on California Highways and roads.

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NCBE is looking for volunteers to come to Aaction Rents (10510 Old Redwood Highway Windsor, CA 95492) this **Saturday, April 15th from 8am to 3pm** to teach the NBCC students how to safely operate the equipment. Please reach out to Nicollette Weinzveg, Director of Workforce Development and Education, at workforce@ncbeonline.com or (707) 529-2996 if you would like to participate. Also, feel free to share this with anyone you think would be interested in volunteering. [Volunteers Needed for NBCC Heavy Equipment Session this Saturday! \(mailchi.mp\)](#)



Northern California Engineering Contractors Association

The ECA, and its Board of Directors, has been the voice of the engineering construction industry for over 40 years.

The foundation of the ECA has been to address local needs and issues.

The purpose and goal of ECA and its staff are to provide services to the members that help them run their businesses safely, efficiently, and in compliance with the many rules and regulations and mandates of government.

The working committees are the heart and soul of the ECA. The committees are comprised of ECA members.

The committees promote events that enable the ECA to fund community projects that include: Fathers Day "Show & Shine" Car Show, Public Officials Night, the Golf Tournament, and, the "Days of Wine & Dozers" Auction Dinner.

If you would like to join a committee, please email mary@nceca.org ~ We would love to have you!

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