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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.



The Question of Compliance is Moot?

On April 28, CARB approved the new set of rules known as Advanced Clean Fleet. Within these new rules, is the banning of the sale of diesel trucks by 2036 and requiring that large trucking fleets be all-electric by 2045.

CARB has identified construction as a major opportunity for emissions reduction. Whether the construction industry can or cannot comply is not necessarily a question of choice, but the ability for construction industry compliance might be constrained by several factors outside of the industry’s control.

Factor 1-will the State of California have the necessary electrical grid infrastructure to support the demand for recharging ZEV’s?

I say we will not even come close to having enough electricity grid infrastructure to handle the demand. Remember-this is “my” soapbox, so I get to state my opinion!

Factor 2-there will be a corresponding huge increase in the cost of construction due to increased hauling costs, decreased operability during summer months due to grid brownouts/blackouts and an inability to operate auxiliary equipment. The increased costs will be dramatic and will likely result in fewer projects being funded, financed, and built.

Factor 3-transforming to ZEVs for trucking and construction equipment will not necessarily be a one for one swap. More ZEV’s will be required to replace carbon fueled trucks and equipment due to the limited range and the ability and time to recharge the batteries in all the new trucks and equipment. Since no flexibility is built into the CARB timeline, it is likely the construction industry will not be able to comply as the needed units won’t be built, nor will the needed electrical grid be developed and available.

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It is my opinion that we have not come close to hearing the “rest of the story” as negotiations based on pragmatism will certainly be taking place soon as it becomes obvious that the construction industry will not be able to comply with the new CARB rules. What I do see is a far more flexible timeline being implemented in the future.

Bottom line-I would not alter your 5-year projections much based upon integrating your fleet of trucks and equipment with new ZEVs yet. The question will be to comply or not? If you cannot, the question is moot.

That’s All Folks!
John

COMMITTEE NEWS & INFORMATION

Auction Committee— Committee members are working on getting silent and live auction items. If you have something to donate for the silent or live part of the auction please email Mary@nceca.org! We are looking for vacation stays, game tickets, spa and restaurant gift cards. We will be showcasing some of the live auction items so you can bid on them early! Keep an eye out for them!

Specification Committee—Bob Harder has been busy helping us with an ad-hoc committee meeting on Wednesday, April 26 (not a full spec committee meeting). The next full spec committee meeting will be held May 17 (the 3rd Wednesday of every other month) at 4pm in the NCBE main Board room.

Government Affairs Committee—Next GAC meeting date will be Thursday, May 18 from 4-5:30pm at the NCBE main conference room with Damon Connolly as our special guest.

Community Relations Committee—The following date is reserved for Smith Dollar, et al. to volunteer together as a team at the Redwood Empire Food Bank:

Friday, May 19th

2pm-4pm

Redwood Empire Food Bank, 3990 Brickway Blvd., Santa Rosa

Below is the signup link to register to volunteer. Each volunteer must personally register with this link. Please also let me know if you will be joining us. We currently have 15 spots reserved but can adjust, if necessary.

[Smith Dollar PC and Partners | 2pm-4pm | May 19th](#)

For Team Page Donations click [HERE!](#)

Check out this video on the Jamie Lane project—Click [HERE](#)

Committee News & Information—continued from page 2

Car Show Committee—Car show registrations are coming in! Should be a great show once again!

ECA Executive Committee—next meeting 11 am on May 16, 2023.

ECA Board of Directors – next meeting 12pm on May 16, 2023. Special guests will be City of Santa Rosa City Manager Maraskeisha Smith, Assistant City Manager Jason Nutt and City legal counsel. This will be a SPECIAL Board Meeting with a SPECIAL presentation regarding Project Labor Agreement policy for the City of Santa Rosa Public Works contracts in excess of \$500,000. The City has been working on a PLA policy for over a year, and we are pleased that they are willing to come and let us know what will be in the policy before it becomes public. I have reached out to several stakeholders to invite them to this meeting as the information will affect their businesses. If you think you would like to attend, please contact me as space is limited. Thank you!

Event News

Sunday, June 18

Father’s Day “Show & Shine” Car Show, Julliard Park, Santa Rosa

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Friday, July 21

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

Saturday, September 16,

ECA Wine & Dozers Event—Graton Rancheria



We want to highlight a member each week. What we need from you is a short paragraph on what is happening at your company. New employees, new logo, a new move, exciting new equipment! What ever you want to share about your company with our members.

Email mary@nceca.org with your spotlight information and send in photos if you have them!



North Bay Job Fair

northbayjobfair.com

May 17

2:00-4:30

Luther Burbank Center for the Arts

\$650- Table + Resumes of Seekers

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

Platinum Chevrolet—Showcase Sponsor

Herc Rentals Trench Plates—Donation

Pacific Sanitation—Donation

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Friday, July 21

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



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Saturday, September 16,

ECA Wine & Dozers Dinner & Auction—Graton Rancheria

To sponsor click [HERE!](#)

WORKER'S COMPENSATION

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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From the Desk of Jim Persons

Crane Boom Failure

When a crane boom fails, watch out. As the heavy piece comes crashing down, lives can be snuffed out and thousands of dollars' worth of property damaged.

Crane boom failure can be one of the biggest disasters on a construction job; yet it can be caused by poor planning on the simplest lifting job.

The time to discuss crane boom failure is before it happens, not afterwards.

The two main causes of crane boom failure are overloading and improper loading.

click [HERE](#) for 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

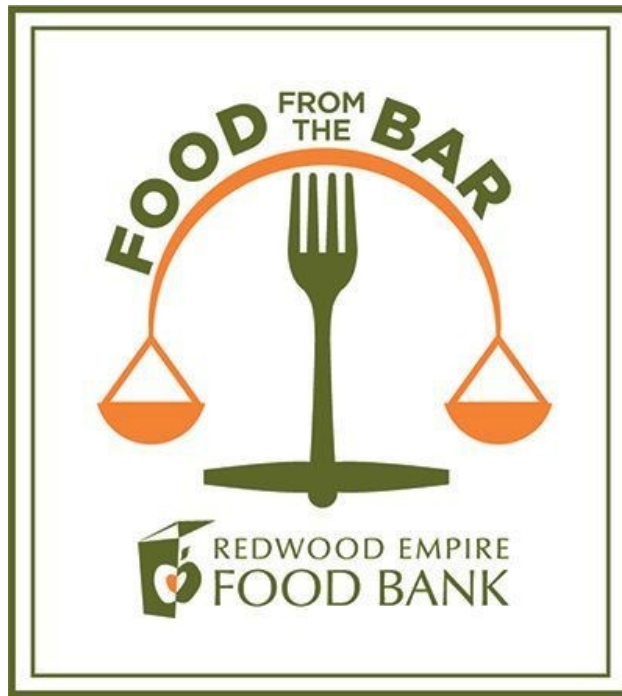


Fire Debris Cleanup Management Services

- County Application and Work Plan Preparation
- Coordination of Asbestos Survey and Fire Debris Disposal
- Air Monitoring, Erosion Control and Confirmation Sampling
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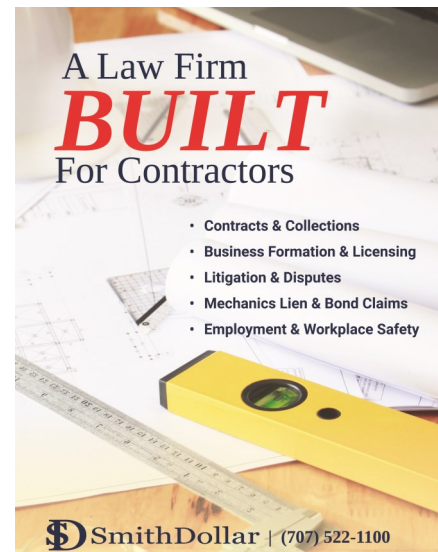
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Throughout the month of May, the local legal community will come together for one purpose: to end hunger in Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties where one in six people is at risk of hunger.

Participating firms, companies, and bar associations enter a friendly competition to see who can raise the most funds and volunteer the most hours for the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

Click [here](#) for more information. And click [HERE](#) for the link to donate!!!



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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

MEMBER UPDATE



Edd Clark & Associates has recently changed their name to ECA Group. ECA Group is an integrity-driven group of environmental professionals. We put our clients first to help resolve their environmental issues. We are geologists, environmental engineers and scientists with the expertise to effectively manage complex environmental sites. We have been providing Clients professional service and problem-solving for over 30 years. [ECA Group | Environmental Consultants \(edclarkandassociates.com\)](http://ECA Group | Environmental Consultants (edclarkandassociates.com))

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1. **Rohnert Park downtown development inches forward**-[A year since purchasing future downtown site, when will Rohnert Park's vision come together? \(northbaybusinessjournal.com\)](http://northbaybusinessjournal.com)
2. **\$7 Toll for Hwy 37?** [Toll proposed for North Bay's Highway 37 \(pressdemocrat.com\)](http://pressdemocrat.com)
3. **North Bay Biz top 500 list of businesses**-[NorthBay biz Top 500 Lists | NorthBay biz](http://NorthBay.biz)
4. **A Look at High Speed Rail in California**-[The cost of high-speed rail in California might surprise you \(eastbaytimes.com\)](http://eastbaytimes.com)
5. **Another Petaluma SMART station moves ahead**-[Second Petaluma SMART station gets final approval \(petaluma360.com\)](http://petaluma360.com)
6. **Bay Bridge New Off Ramp Opening**-[Will new Bay Bridge off-ramp to Yerba Buena help reduce traffic? \(sfchronicle.com\)](http://sfchronicle.com)

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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