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# ECA NEWSLETTER

## JOHNS SOAPBOX



Remember-this is an op-ed piece and I do not speak for the ECA or any of its members in this “Soapbox”. These are just my ramblings that hopefully you find thought provoking.



### We Need a New Sheriff in Town!

Rapper Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson is no fan of L.A. County's reinstated zero-bail policy. "LA is finished," he said in an Instagram post.

In late May, a Los Angeles County judge issued a [preliminary injunction](#) against cash bail for people suspected of most nonviolent misdemeanors who had been arrested but not yet arraigned.

Zero bail policy is a policy that eliminates or reduces bail for certain suspects in the criminal justice system<sup>123</sup>. It aims to prevent economic discrimination and the spread of COVID-19 in jails<sup>23</sup>. It replaces the cash bail system with risk assessments that categorize individuals into low, medium, and high risk<sup>1</sup>. Low-risk suspects are released without bail, while high-risk suspects are detained<sup>1</sup>. Medium-risk suspects may be released or detained depending on the crime<sup>1</sup>. The policy was first implemented in early 2020 by the California Judicial Council, but was rescinded in June 2020<sup>45</sup>. However, some local courts, such as the Sacramento Superior Court, adopted their own zero bail schedules<sup>5</sup>. The policy has been controversial, with supporters claiming it saves lives and reduces property crime, and opponents claiming it allows for more crime and less consequences<sup>24</sup>.

50 Cent is right. Zero bail policies basically encourage more crime and make our cities that have zero bail less safe. The facts are there for all to see-crime tripled in the Sacramento area under zero bail. Crime is up everywhere, zero bail is tolerated and encouraged.

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We need a new (or old) mind set.

We need Sheriff Mordecai!

We need to put the criminals in jail and keep them there because they need to do the time if they did the crime.

That's All Folks!

John Bly



## COMMITTEE NEWS & INFORMATION

**The ECA Golf Tournament** ~~The ECA Golf Tournament~~ is happening on July 21 from 11am to 1pm (1 pm is the shotgun start, but you do not want to miss the putting contest and lunch that precedes teeing off!!) Thanks to our sponsors and all that have signed up to play. [Sponsor Flyer](#)

**ECA Spec Committee**-chaired by *Dale Smith of RCX and Casey Wood of Ghilotti Brothers Inc.* will meet on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, from 4:00pm to 5:30 pm at NCBE Board Room. Topics will include encroachment permit discussions, relations, and requirements for successfully getting a fire permit (private and public works), and grading permit discussion for public and private works.

**The ECA Days of Wine and Dozers Auction Committee** has been busy and is gearing up for the auction night on Saturday, September 16, 2023. We need auction items, and we thank you for those that have stepped up and donated a vacation rental or dinner or special ECA item like "Blast and Brews". We need those items, and we need you to invite some friends to attend that have a checkbook!

**Thank you to Engelke Construction Inc. for their Gold sponsor, Cresco Equipment Rentals, Photo Booth Sponsor and BoDean for the live auction Blast and Brews!**

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**Car Show**-We have in hand the permit reservation for Father's Day in June 2024. We will ride again!!

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](mailto:mary@nceca.org) with your spotlight information and send in photos if you have them!



## ECA SAFETY CLASS

### CPR/First Aid Class

Wednesday, August 23, 2023  
9 am - 11 am



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 flyer



This year's event will be even better! **West Coast Diesel's** is proud to announce that the event will be hosted by **West Coast Fundamentals**, a non-profit that is geared towards helping young people get better access to the trades.

We will be using funds from sponsors and donors to help young people into auto mechanics and other trades.

For the event, we will be adding a dyno.

The event is on September 9th! The dyno will be opening at 9am due to the excess demand! The Show and Shine will be open at 12pm and the Tractor Pulls will start at 5:30pm.

Please email/call us with any questions or if you'd like to be part of the show.

Email: [info@westcoastdiesels.com](mailto:info@westcoastdiesels.com)—Phone: 707-595-3026—Donation and Sponsorships will be tax deductible!

Click [HERE](#) for more information on the Tractor Pulls!

## Blockbusters at the Ballpark ~ LUCA

*September 7th 6:00-9:00pm*

Attention all athletes, families, volunteers, and friends! Get ready for a movie night extravaganza on our fabulous Miracle League field. It's time to kick off the fall baseball season in style, and we want you to join us for a night of Italian fun! So mark your calendars for September 7th and get ready to be swept away! Click [HERE](#) to register!



## ECA 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, July 21

### ECA Golf Tournament

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

**SOLD OUT!**



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Saturday, September 16,

## ECA WINE & DOZERS DINNER & AUCTION

Graton Rancheria

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## 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 Kincade 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](mailto:mary@nceda.org). There is no charge for this. You can access the list by clicking [HERE](#)

## EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANUAL

The updated 2023-2024 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

### Carbon Monoxide and Forklifts

#### “Be Aware of The Hazard”

When forklifts are used inside of confined spaces and buildings, dangerous levels of carbon monoxide (CO) can build up quickly.

CO is a poisonous gas that can cause nausea and dizziness. In high concentrations it can be fatal. Because it is impossible to smell, taste or see CO, it is crucial that you be aware of its dangers and do as much as you can to avoid overexposure before symptoms occur.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



### 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](mailto:jimpersons@safetypride.com) or phone: 707-889-0881



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## SPECIAL MEETINGS AND EVENTS:

1. Nominating Committee meeting at 4:30pm at NCEB small conference room on Monday, July 17, 2023. If you have someone to nominate, please contact John Bly.
2. ECA Exec Meeting to be held July 18 from 11-12
3. ECA Board of Directors Meeting to be held July 18, from 12-1:30 pm., special Affiliate presentation by Kent and Gustavo of Stevenson Supply and Tractor
4. July 18 the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors will be discussing and voting on a revised Project Labor Agreement Policy. The link to their agenda will be located on this [link](#).



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