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# ECA NEWSLETTER

## JOHNS SOAPBOX



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### **Soapbox #1:**

Dues Renewals are Out and I urge you all to watch this very nice promotional video sponsored by Trans Tech Consultants and Sound Ideas as to why it is so important to belong to, and participate in the Northern California Engineering Contractors Association:

Here is the link, please enjoy the very short but well done video! Click [HERE!](#)

### **Soapbox #2:**

**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.**

## City of Santa Rosa Pushed Two Big Projects Out Before July 1, 2023, PLA Deadline

On July 1, 2023, the City of Santa Rosa will attach a Project Labor Agreement to all public works projects over \$500,000. There are no “carve outs” for local suppliers or truckers.

On Thursday, June 29, 2023, the City of Santa Rosa came out with their long-awaited project to fix the streets in Coffee Park and Fountaingrove due to fire related damages. This project is estimated to be around \$15,000,000 and has 66,000 tons of hot mix asphalt to out down. No PLA is attached to this project because it went out prior to July 1, 2023.

On Friday, June 30, 2023, the City of Santa Rosa came out with a 2<sup>nd</sup> huge project to fix Sonoma Avenue from E Street east. Again, since this project came out before July 1, there is no PLA attached to it.

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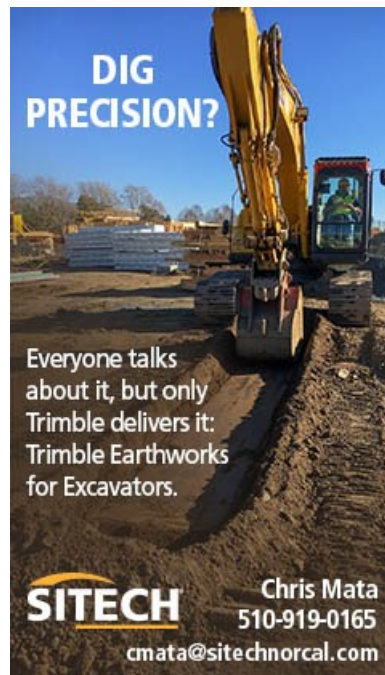
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I have been in many discussions with the City of SR regarding the effect the PLA could have on their projects for the past few months. I believe advocating for local quarries, batch plants and trucking firms played a major role in these two big projects coming out to bid before July 1. As you all know, I have been active in answering the city's staff questions regarding PLAs and how the city should try to find a way to allow local suppliers to bid on their public works projects. In a way, they did just that. However, for the next five years following these two big projects, local suppliers will need to sign on to the PLA and its requirements to be able to bid on future projects. Fair or unfair, that is what the rules are now. If you would like the County of Sonoma to know how your business feels about the City of SR PLA, you should contact the Supervisors and their contact information is on our website Click [HERE!](#) The County of Sonoma will be considering new PLA language on July 18, 2023. The ECA will not be speaking for or against the PLA so it is up to individual firms to take the time to call, email, or meet with your County leaders if you want to influence the outcome.

Thanks for putting up with my Soapboxes about the PLAs. I promise you I won't write anymore about them!!

That's All Folks!  
John



## NEWS YOU CAN USE

What happens now that older trucks and equipment are banned? [What you need to know about California's new emissions ban on older diesel trucks, tractors \(northbaybusinessjournal.com\)](#)

Congrats Nancy Maduras of Eddinger Construction - [Healdsburg construction firm CEO wins North Bay Influential Women Award \(northbaybusinessjournal.com\)](#)

Increased ridership fueling SMART extensions-[Sonoma–Marin train plans spending surge for rail, path projects \(northbaybusinessjournal.com\)](#)

Newsom and Legislators agree to cut climate change expenses in approving infrastructure budget-[Takeaways from the California budget deal between Newsom and Democratic lawmakers - Los Angeles Times \(latimes.com\)](#)

San Rafael School District seeks comments on upcoming projects-[San Rafael school district seeks comments for construction projects \(marinij.com\)](#)

Pictures from the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show [HERE!](#)

*Happy Independence Day Everyone!*



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!



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

## COMMITTEE NEWS & INFORMATION

**Car Show**-If you have any ideas for the 2024 Car Show, please text or email me soon as we will be holding a wrap-up meeting soon [Photos!](#)

**The ECA Golf Tournament** The ECA Golf Tournament Committee with Victor McKnight and Dave Weller (along with the ECA Exec Committee), has reached capacity. WE ARE SOLD OUT! Sponsorships are still available so please jump in and support the event whether you can play or not. —[Sponsor Flyer](#)

**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 and BoDean for the live auction Blast and Brews!**

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## ECA 2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, July 21

### ECA Golf Tournament

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

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Saturday, September 16,

## ECA WINE & DOZERS DINNER & AUCTION

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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

### Construction Safety Data – What the Numbers Tell Us

If we really want to get down and dirty with the numbers, we need to look at statistical data provided by government regulatory agencies.

According to OSHA, in 2021, the construction industry got 5 of the top ten spots in the Top 10 most frequently cited OSHA standards violated. Take a look at the OSHA's top 10:

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



### 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. On Monday, June 26, 2023, I led the Sonoma County Transportation Authority's Citizens Advisory Committee in discussing SMART projects upcoming. SMART is moving forward with both the Windsor extension and will move forward with design and project solicitation for specific portions of the Healdsburg extension soon. By "specific portions" Eddie Cummins explained the crossing of the Russian River is the first "specific portion" SMART will be working on. SMART will be going over the river, not under it so a bridge is the specific portion of work SMART is going to be designing soon.
2. I have a couple of special upcoming meetings scheduled in July: A meeting with Mike Wall the Windsor Mayor, and my regular monthly meeting with Maraskeshia Smith (City Manager for Santa Rosa)



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