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“CONSTRUCTING A WAY FOR A BETTER FUTURE”

ECA NEWSLETTER

JOHNS SOAPBOX



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NEVER FORGET

On September 11, 2001, terrorists killed nearly 3,000 people and injured more than 6,000 others in the worst attack against the homeland in our nation’s history. Today we honor their memories and stand with the families and friends of those who perished in New York City, Arlington, Virginia, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.



Never Forget

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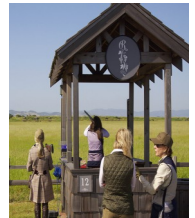
We want to highlight a member each week. What we need from you is a short paragraph on what is happening at your company. New employees, new logo, a new move, exciting new equipment! What ever you want to share about your company with our members.

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

ECA Wine & Dozers Auction ~ Some live auction items:

Shoot & Lunch

You and 5 of your friends will be in for a treat for an afternoon of a delicious lunch and then head to the world class sporting clays course. the 25-acre Vintners Shooting Grounds feature 15 fully automated shooting stations, each containing three shooting positions displaying over 90 different target presentations. This world-class sporting clays course will also feature a multi-trap high tower for the discerning wing shooter. **Donated By: John Serres, Serres Corporation**



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JOBS OPENING

THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA IS NOW HIRING CIVIL ENGINEERING TECHNICIANS TO JOIN OUR TEAM IN PROVIDING CRITICAL SERVICES TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY! JOIN A KNOWLEDGEABLE AND MOTIVATED TEAM WHO TAKE PRIDE IN DOING QUALITY WORK

This recruitment is being conducted to fill vacancies in Transportation and Public Works - Capital Projects Engineering (CPE) Division, as well as any future regular or limited-term vacancies Citywide during the life of the eligible candidate list. If you are interested in this position or a possible future Civil Engineering Technician position at the City, should one become available, including transfer opportunities, you are strongly encouraged to apply now. The City of Santa Rosa is committed to building a workforce reflective of our community and establishing a lasting culture of equity and belonging within our organization. Our collective talents and expertise contribute to high-quality public services that support a vibrant, resilient, and inclusive City for our community and visitors. We celebrate a diverse workforce and welcome all qualified candidates to apply.

[Civil Engineering Technician I, II, III | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

Construction Technician I/II

Brelje & Race Consulting Engineers has an immediate opening for a Construction Technician. Experience should include underground utility, asphalt paving and/or water/wastewater treatment plant projects. The individual will be responsible for field engineering and construction monitoring at sites in Sonoma, Lake and Mendocino Counties. This on-call position is seasonal, with nearly full-time hours when active.

Responsibilities include contract compliance monitoring; observation and reporting of construction activities; coordination of quality control testing; tracking and coordinating project schedule; and maintaining client goals and expectations. Office duties may include assisting with contract administration services such as reviewing submittals, responding to requests for information, and maintaining construction contract logs and files.

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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. 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.

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](#)

The banner features a blue background with white and yellow text. At the top center is the 'North Bay Job Fair' logo with the website 'northbayjobfair.com'. Below this is a yellow banner with the text 'We have TWO Job Fairs coming up soon:'. The details for two job fairs are listed: one on Wednesday, September 20 from 2:00-4:30 at the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts in Santa Rosa, and another on Wednesday, October 4 from 3:00-6:00 at Elsie Allen High School in Roseland. A yellow button with the text 'Register below' is positioned at the bottom center, with the email 'email Bpell@mysonomamedia.com with questions' written in small text below it.

[North Bay Job Fair | Amaturio Sonoma Media Group](#)

From the Desk of Jim Persons

Common Safety Mistakes

Some of the most dangerous situations arise out of common mistakes that can be easily avoided. This Toolbox Talk will focus on some of the more common (and commonly overlooked) safety issues that should be prevented to help improve safety performance.

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



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EVENT NEWS & INFORMATION

The ECA Days of Wine and Dozers is our last big fundraiser. We hope you join us on 9-16-23 and support our efforts to help your firm be as successful as possible. Without your support, we could not exist, and we appreciate you!

Get your guests (with expense accounts!) together for a great night! Here are some recent auction items that we have gotten:

49er VIP Box Seat tickets

Two tickets to the Sold out "Pigs and Pinot"

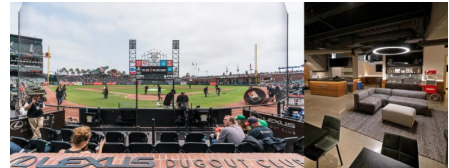
Dinner for 4 at Dry Creek Kitchen

Four Lexus Dugout Club tickets, Giants vs Arizona

A beautiful 7 speed yellow cruiser style bike

VIP wine tasting and a 3 night stay at Russian River Vineyards for 4

And many more items from safety classes, jewelry, to pig hunting to trap shooting



The **ECA Annual General Membership Meeting** has been set for Thursday, November 16, 2023, from 4:30-6:00 pm at Charlies at Windsor Golf Club. Our premiere sponsor is Smith Dollar Attorneys at Law! Thank you, Smith Dollar PC!!

The meeting is "Where's Our Dam Water" and it will feature the topic of the Potter Valley and Eel River diversion project as well as the possible demolition of the Van Horn and Scotts Dam and possible halting of Eel River water diversion. This water diversion is a huge issue for Sonoma County, and we are happy to have lined up Sonoma County Supervisor James Gore in a recorded interview done by Sound Ideas, as well as live panelists Pam Jean and Grant Davis from Sonoma County Water Agency and longtime water rights advocate Janet Pauli from Potter Valley.

Santa Rosa Fire Foundation Event

The When is Friday, October 13, 2023

The Time: 6:00-8:00pm

The Requirement: Your Presence at the Santa Rosa Fire Foundation Dinner and Live Auction Location at The Kunde Family Winery.

The [Santa Rosa Fire Foundation](#) is excited to share our second annual fundraising event to support the Santa Rosa Fire Department and commemorate the 2023 fire season coming to an end. The Foundation was formed in the wake of the devastating wildfires in Sonoma County as a way to inspire the generosity of the community to strengthen and expand the services of the Santa Rosa Fire Department by providing resources not otherwise available. Funds raised at this event will be used to help the Santa Rosa Fire Department institute innovative enhancements in the areas of wildfire resiliency, health and wellness of our first responders and building the next generation of firefighters in our community.

Come and enjoy a fantastic evening of great food and craft wine at one of Sonoma County's Premier wine country destinations. We would love for you to join us along with Congressman Mike Thompson, State Senator Mike McGuire and former San Francisco Giant Rich Aurilia in supporting the important work of the Santa Rosa Fire Foundation and celebrate the end of the 2023 fire season.

[Seating is limited so purchase tickets now.](#)



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COMMITTEE NEWS

ECA Government Affairs Committee-the GAC, led by Art Deicke, will meet with Mark Stapp (City of Santa Rosa Councilman) on September 19, 2023 at 1:30-2:30 pm in the small conference room at NCBE. Other issues to be discussed will be the recent submission for \$1,500 PAC donation by John to the PG & E group. PG&E used to be a regular member of the ECA and an annual donor to our PAC fund. When the fires hit, and our buddy Brian Bottari left their employ, they exited. John is trying to get them back in and this will be discussed by our ECA GAC on 9-19-23.

ECA Specification Committee-the ECA Spec Committee, led by Dale Smith and Casey Wood, will be meeting on 9-20-23 at 4:00pm to 5:30 pm at the NCBE main Board room. The agenda is being worked on right now, but recent discussions show that there are changes to applying for and receiving encroachment permits and grading permits, and there are difficulties in getting projects closed out that might relate to CM contracts on some projects. This could be a very lively meeting!

ECA Executive Committee Meeting-next meeting is on Tuesday, 9-19-23 at 11:00 am. Topics will include the final recommendations for the 2024 Board of Directors, the 2023 ECA Award nominees, and the Officers for 2024.

ECA Board of Director Meeting-next meeting will be held 9-19-23 from 12-1:30pm. Agenda is being finalized but topics will be hearing the Nominating Committee (led by Walt Turner) recommendations for ECA Board of Directors and Officers for 2024, as well as Award nominations for 2023 Award winners. The Board has final say on these items. Also, we will hear a presentation from InterWest Insurance Services on their services available to contractors, engineers and suppliers in our industry.



NEWS YOU CAN USE

1. South Napa is getting busy!-- [South Napa bustling as construction of 945-home development gets started \(northbaybusinessjournal.com\)](#)
2. Got most of the sitework done, but will Windsor find financial backing to continue! [2 large Windsor projects put on hold amid 'evolving economic issues' \(northbaybusinessjournal.com\)](#)
3. For those of us who fly in and out of Sonoma County Airport, the experience has dramatically improved. Here is what is new-[Sonoma County airport celebrates completion of terminal, announces new additions to airport experience \(pressdemocrat.com\)](#)
4. Highway 37 Plans to raise roadway – public comment due 10-8-23. Read the Environmental Report and comment if you like-[State Route 37 Flood Reduction Project Draft Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Assessment \(ca.gov\)](#)

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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