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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.

Bits and Pieces



- A. **One Day Late-Thanks and remembrances to all of our military that gave us the ultimate sacrifice to keep our lives free here in the USA.**
- B. ECA and its members did a good thing for local workers, local truckers, and local contractors by advocating that the County of Sonoma exclude local suppliers and trucking to County public works projects. Although their decision is not “finalized” into the final document yet, clear direction was given to staff on May 21, 2024, to exclude suppliers and trucking from the PLA/CWA! Advocacy works sometimes! It did in this case. I will reach out to several Supes to offer a meeting with them with a contractor or two to make sure they understand what their PLA/CWA means to the community! Thanks to all who took time out of their busy lives to write, call, and show up and speak at the May 21 meeting! Special appreciation to Mark Soiland, Kevin Ghilotti, Jeff Rhoades, Wendell Trappe, and Kimber Carpenter Lenning!!!
- C. The Press Democrat announced that \$81 million was released from the California Transportation Commission to local agencies to fix roads, slides, bridges, etc. in the Northern Bay Area. Bid sharp and get some of the work!!
- D. Show and Shine Car Show is coming up on Sunday, June 16 at Julliard Park. Bring your Dad for Father’s Day and bring the family for a fun day in the sun and shade!
- E. Golf Tourney is within a 4-some of being sold out. We take great pride in how well our tournament does each year, and you all are the ones we need to thank for your support year in and year out! Thank YOU!!
- F. James Gore has consistently voted to support road repairs and infrastructure work while in his Sonoma County Supervisor role. Now he is running for State Senator to replace Mike McGuire. Gore needs our help. He is doing a fundraiser at Wing over Barrel to do some great food, drink, skeet and trap shooting out near Sonoma. Please, PLEASE distribute this to those that would like to attend and maybe even donate to Gore’s campaign. Click [HERE](#) for flyer

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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—\$45 per person ~ 2 hrs for Supervisors \$60 per person

Active Violence Emergency Response Training— \$100 per person





Father's Day "Show & Shine" Car Show

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa

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Safety Classes - Please be sure to use ECA for your safety classes to keep up to date with all the requirements.

Contact Mary to set up any classes you may need. mary@nceca.org.

Upcoming CPR/First Aid Classes

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

9 am—11 am

June 18—[Flyer](#)

Upcoming Active Violence Emergency Response Training

Go Beyond Active Shooter Response Training. While other programs focus solely on active shooter or stop the bleed, AVERT goes beyond by combining both of these important topics in one training program.

When active violence occurs, seconds count, and you can't always wait for EMS to arrive. AVERT enables you and your team to become immediate responders.

No later than July 1, 2024, covered California employers must implement extensive workplace violence prevention plans. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

Wednesday, May 29th—[Flyer](#)

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Friday, June 28—[Flyer](#)

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From the Desk of Jim Persons

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Dust can cause a variety of issues and health concerns for workers who are exposed to it. It is important to understand the risks of dust on a construction site and learn what safety steps you can take to control dust exposure.

Click [HERE](#) to read more.



Workplace Violence Program

Implementation "Target Date" – July 1, 2024

Senate Bill 553 requires employers to create, implement and maintain a Workplace Violence Program by July 1, 2024. Employers must also train their entire workforce.

The Workplace Violence Program must include a reporting mechanism (how is the employee going to report incidents), detailing who will be responsible for receiving complaints, and who will be responsible for identifying and mitigating workplace hazards.

Jim Persons has developed a Workplace Violence Program and Active Shooter Guidelines that meet the requirements of this new regulation. He can also provide training resources for your employees.

Contact Jim if you are interested in getting his help on a Workplace Violence Program, COVID-19 related issues or other health and safety programs.

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No later than July 1, 2024, covered California employers must implement extensive workplace violence prevention plans (WVPP) and deliver specified training to employees under new legislation signed by Governor Gavin Newsom on September 30, 2023. In order to comply on time – including preparing plans that are “*specific to the hazards and corrective measures for each work area*” as required – employers will need to prepare early.

Senate Bill 533 adds section 6401.9 to the California Labor Code. The legislation is intended to help employers prevent and respond effectively to workplace violence.

Covered employers must deliver the training to all employees no later than July 1, 2024, and annually thereafter.

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

1. James Gore has a fundraiser coming up at the high-end skeet and trap shooting location and he wants ECA members to come and support his campaign for State Senate-please review the flyer and sign up for some real fun and political advocacy!! Click [HERE](#) for flyer.
2. **County of Sonoma PLA Negotiations** -on May 21, 2024, the Board of Supervisors had a public hearing on whether to include local trucking under their new PLA policy. After some discussion from local labor leaders as well as Canyon Rock's Jeff Rhoades and Wendell Trappe, and Kadon's Kimber Carpenter Lenning, plus several letters mailed in by Team Ghilotti, Mark Soiland, and me, (if I missed anybody else, it is because I am unaware of anybody else sending in letters to the Supes-sorry), plus many private conversations with David Rabbitt, Lynda Hopkins, James Gore, we succeeded in the Board of Supes voting to send the PLA/CWA back to staff to complete the document without including local suppliers and trucking to project sites under the PLA/CWA!!! Woot Woot!
Quite honestly, this is advocacy at its absolute best! The Supes were influenced by your emails and your public comments, and they appreciated the private conversations with "yours truly" so they could understand the reality of how their PLA/CWA would affect local workers, local projects, local ratepayers, and themselves. The ECA and its membership stood up and were heard. Thank you to all that took the time to write, call, attend the meeting, and speak at public comment!!
3. City of Santa Rosa Update on Questions regarding their meeting with the ECA on 3-25-24:
 - A. A meeting was held on 3-25-24 at the request of the City of Santa Rosa to "make things better". ECA attended with 10-11 attendees and subjects covered were contracts, inspection, 3rd party CM management, and the Project Labor Agreement and how the City will handle questions our bidders have on some of their requirements.
 - B. A follow-up letter was sent to the Public Works Director thanking him and his staff for meeting with us and requesting answers to some of our PLA and Contract Bid questions in early to mid-April.
 - C. Follow up phone calls were made in the last two weeks to see if they were going to answer our questions, nobody answered so I left voice mail messages.
 - D. We have yet to receive any phone call, text, email, or hard copy letter responding to our requests, comments, and questions on "how to make things better" in City of SR projects.
 - E. Things that make you go "HmMMM"-----
4. Here is the local news on another \$81 million for road and bridge projects released this month-
[California routes \\$81 million to North Bay to fix damaged, aging infrastructure - The Press Democrat](#)

Save the Dates for 2024!!!

Father's Day "Show & Shine" Car Show—Sunday, June 16th, Juilliard Park
ECA's Golf Tournament, Windsor Golf Club—July 12, 2024
Wine & Dozers Dinner and Auction—September 28, 2024, Graton Resort & Casino

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.

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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](#)

Labor Law Posters 2024

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COMMITTEE NEWS

1. **Father's Day Show and Shine Car Show Committee**-chaired by Walt Turner went into Sonoma Media two weeks ago and recorded a promo for the 2024 Father's Day Car Show on June 16, 2024, at Julliard Park in Santa Rosa. If you would like to enter a car click [HERE!](#) If you would like to sponsor click [HERE!](#)
2. **Days of Wine and Dozers Auction Committee**-We need auction items and table guests that would spend some Christmas money at our auction please!!!
If you would like to join the committee let Mary know! mary@nceca.org
1. **ECA Specifications Committee**-chaired by Dale Smith and Casey Wood next meeting is scheduled in July
2. **ECA Golf Committee**-Players are filled up and we are still looking for sponsors to make this the best golf tourney in the area!! Thanks to all that have participated!!
3. **Government Affairs Committee**-No update
6. **Community Relations Committee**-No update

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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.

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