



September 22, 2025

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ECA Newsletter

John's 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.

In This Edition:

- A. **Soapbox**-upcoming workshop on when prevailing wage is required and how to protect yourselves.
- B. **ECA Events:** Auction night Nov 1 at Graton Event Center still upcoming as well as the ECA Annual General Membership Meeting 11/18/25 from 12-2pm Sallie Tomato's in Rohnert Park
- C. **Upcoming Committee Meetings** ECA Government Affairs Meeting on Tuesday September 23, from 3-5pm, ECA Executive Meeting on Tuesday September 23 from 10:30-12:00 noon, ECA Board meeting on Tuesday Sept 23 from 12-1:30pm, ECA Nominating Committee Meeting will be held at the Exec meeting on Tuesday Sept 23 from 10:30am to 12 noon



Just the Facts, Please

I have heard that there has been a claim by the DIR for a local contractor to pay prevailing wages on a private project that has some work on a public right of way. Although I do not have any of the facts, this is an important issue that I have decided to address with a workshop this winter.

I do not understand how the DIR can make a determination that prevailing wages are required when there is no public funding involved. Work on a public right of way to do privately funded improvements does not constitute a requirement for paying prevailing wages in my experience. I am not attorney so I have reached out to an expert in this field and will have more news soon.

I want to be able to share "just the facts" with you all so you can apply the correct wages to your bids on private work in the near future.

I am travelling today, so the Soapbox is abbreviated.

That's All Folks!
John

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Your 2025 ECA Board of Directors has started a new collection to your home bar. Get ready to enjoy some of the best bourbon, scotch or whiskey selections around!

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Logo on Banner at Field of Honor	Individual	½ Flag	Shared	Shared
Logo on Media & Promo Materials	✓	✓	✗	✗
Invitation to Donor Reception	12 Guests	8 Guests	4 Guests	2 Guests

**All logos due October 15th for print media.*

COMMITTEE NEWS

- A. **ECA Executive Committee** Recurring Meeting (Dan Giordani President, Kimber Lenning Carpenter Vice-President, Matt Storm Treasurer, Casey Wood Secretary, Mike Gulley Past President)-Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 11:00am-12:00pm from January through October, Place NCBE small conference room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA - next meeting Tuesday September 23, 2025 from 11:00am to 12:00pm and the Nominating Committee will be meeting at this time September 23 as well
- B. **ECA Board of Directors** Recurring Meeting – Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 12:00pm - 1:30pm from January through October, Place – NCBE Main Board Room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – next meeting Tuesday September 23, 2025, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm **Kevin Ghilotti to make a presentation on the Sonoma County Honor Field Sponsorship opportunities, and Keith Woods to speak on membership drive**
- C. **ECA Government Affairs Committee** Recurring Meeting-Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:30pm – 3:00pm from January through October, Place -NCBE small conference room 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA –next Meeting Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from **3:00pm-5:00 pm-** (Chair John Bly, Members Ross Liscum, Keith Woods, Joanne Webster, Dale Mahoney, Mark Soiland, Mike Wolff, John Reid, and Aimi Dutra)-invited guests will be **James Gore and Damon Connolly** and this will be a joint meeting with the **NCBE GAC** and **SCAPAC** to interview Gore and Connolly who are running for McGuire’s State Senate seat!
- D. **ECA Specification Committee Meeting**-Recurring Meeting Every 4th Wednesday of the month from February through October from 3:00pm to 4:30pm, Place-NCBE Main Board Room, 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – we had to cancel the September meeting due to Tennis Wick cancelling. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 29, from 3-4:30pm. Our guests will be Scott Orr (Tennis Wick replacement at Sonoma County PRMD). And Nathan Quarles from Sonoma County PRMD along with the new inspector for the County of Sonoma.
- E. **ECA Nominating Committee** will meet Tuesday, September 23 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at NCBE small conference room. Chair Mike Gulley, Kimber Lenning, Matt Storm, Casey Wood, Mark Soiland and Dan Giordani are the committee members. We will be discussing 2025 Award Nominees, 2026 Board of Directors, and 2026 Officer Candidates
- F. **ECA 50 Year Anniversary Committee** (Keith Woods, Mark Soiland, Antonio Mencarini, Casey Wood) will meet Tuesday, September 23, from 11:50-12:00pm to discuss new Logo and other ideas for our 50th year anniversary!



ECA's Wine & Dozer Annual Dinner & Auction

The ECA Wine & Dozers Auction Committee is hard at work gathering gift certificates, wine, auction items for the upcoming Wine & Dozers auction on **Saturday, November 1st** at the Graton Casino!

The theme this year is Masquerade!

We are now accepting Sponsors for ECA's biggest event of the year!



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Wine & Dozers Auction-click [HERE](#) for the sponsorship flyer!

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From the Desk of Jim Persons

Four Focus Items for Work Area Inspections

Work area inspections are important basic safe work practice that should be done before beginning a task. In the construction industry, there are many work areas that remain the same day in and day out. On the other hand, there are areas that we work in that are constantly changing.

To read more

Click [HERE](#)



ECA EVENTS

Auction-click [HERE](#) for donation handout to your suppliers/vendors and for the event flyer and registration /sponsorship information. Click [HERE](#) to sponsor!

We are seeking a sponsor for our **Annual General Membership Meeting on 11-18-25.**

The program will be several different agencies presenting their upcoming project projections so our ECA members can get an idea of what is “in the pipeline” for projects coming out in 2026 both public works and private projects.

Thank you to **PACE Supply** for stepping up and sponsoring!

The AGM will also be where we announce the ECA Award winners and new Board and Officers for 2026. Finally, this AGM should be a very important meeting as it will be a chance for membership to say goodbye to Mary as she will retire in December 2025. The ECA will also be saying goodbye to Cheryl Long who has been our bookkeeper for many years, and she is retiring in December as well. A small portion of the AGM will be informing membership what our staffing changes will be to accommodate the two key retirements. The flyer will be sent to most of the public works directors and capitol improvement directors in Sonoma, Napa, and Marin Counties as well as all of our government elected friends and of course, all of the ECA membership. We want to make certain we have a great turnout for this, so your sponsorship will be seen by a lot of influential people in and around the industry!

NEWS YOU CAN USE



We want to highlight a member each week in our **MEMBER SPOTLIGHT.**

What we need from you is a short paragraph on what is happening at your company. New employees, new logo, a new move, exciting news, an update on your company or 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!

USEFUL LINKS TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS

- A. Resilient 37 Policy Committee Meetings (open to the public) – Next meeting March 6, 9:30-11:30 am-link [State Route 37 Policy Committee - Sonoma County Transportation Authority](#)
- B. Metropolitan Transportation Commission website-link [Meetings & Events | Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#)
- C. Sonoma County Transportation Authority-link [Sonoma County Transportation Authority | SCTA](#)
- D. Transportation Authority of Marin Website-link [Transportation Authority of Marin](#)
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In the event of an emergency, we have put together the Emergency Response Manual to help our community receive quick service from our members. The manual 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 2025-2026 manual.

Get Prepared Now! Here are some very useful tips from CalFire to get your own house/property “in shape” for fire season. [link](#)

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Each meeting is led by a contractor or tradesperson who presents information about his/her particular trade and then leads students through a hands-on skill-building activity. There is a strong focus on safety awareness at each meeting.

2025 NBCC Schedule: Click [HERE](#)

For additional information, contact: NBCC Sonoma: Mackenzie Smith
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Save the Dates for 2025!

Wine & Dozers Auction—Saturday, November 1 at Graton Resort & Casino
ECA Annual General Membership Meeting—November 18th, Sallie Tomato's



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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.

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