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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**-NCBE and ECA are combining safety and information trainings and workshops.
- 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 October 28 from 1:45-4:00pm, ECA Executive Meeting on Tuesday October 28th from 11:00-12:00 noon, ECA Board meeting on Tuesday October 28th, from 12-1:30pm

Joint Safety & Informational Training

The North Coast Builders Exchange and the Northern California Engineering Contractors Association will doing joint safety and informational training sessions and workshops from now on. You should see both of our logos on all the flyers. The ECA is working with Boylan Point to modify our online website to accommodate online registration and payment for not only dues, but for trainings and our events.

Members of both associations can attend the trainings and seminars seamlessly and we welcome the opportunity to smooth out signups for Larry Richmond's safety classes in the future. We have had to cancel many scheduled safety trainings because of a lack of signups and we hope this joint collaboration will make it easier for Larry to schedule and keep his classes on calendar which will help all of us with cost and opportunity.

The ECA is changing, and those changes are intended to make things better for our members.

That's All Folks!
John

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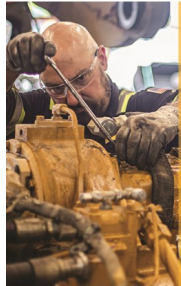
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ECA EVENTS

Rules for General Construction Permits in 2025 and 2026 to be held on 10-29-25 from 3-5pm at the training room in the NCBE building at 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa. Email mary@nceca.org to register.

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

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.

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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 October 28, 2025 from 11:00am to 12:00pm
 - 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 October 28, 2025, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, Jonathan Meronek of SCS Engineers will be introducing us to what SCS is up to these days!
 - 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, October 28, 2025 from 1:45pm to 4:00pm- (Chair John Bly, Members Ross Liscum, Keith Woods, Joanne Webster, Dale Mahoney, Mark Soiland, Mike Wolff, John Reid, and Aimi Dutra)
- 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 – Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 29, from 3-5:00pm. October 29th will be a special SPEC meeting dealing with stormwater rules and compliance. Our guests will be Nick Sudano from Santa Rosa, and the main speaker will be Walt Dragaloski from the Regional Water Control Board. We have invited all SWPP officials from cities in Sonoma County and Sonoma County itself. We have also invited NCBE members to attend. Email mary@nceca.org if you would like to attend.
- A. **ECA Nominating Committee** will meet after the 1st of the year to nominate the Bridge Award and the Golden Hardhat Awards for 2026.
 - B. **ECA 50 Year Anniversary Committee will meet as needed.**

WINE & DOZER LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW



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ECA's Wine & Dozer Annual Dinner & Auction

Saturday, November 1st
Graton Resort & Casino
288 Golf Course Drive
Rohnert Park, CA

Reception & Silent Auction 5:30 pm

Dinner 7 pm

Live Auction 8 pm

Port & Cigars 9 pm



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1. Mark Davis retires from Wright Contracting-After almost 40 years serving Wright Contracting, President Mark Davis has announced his retirement.

Davis, president for more than 15 years, joined the company after graduating from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and will mark his last day Oct. 31.

"Mark has been the backbone of our company for so long. His vision and dedication have shaped Wright Contracting," said Stephen Wright, CEO and Co-Owner of Wright Contracting in a Oct. 9 news release. "We'll miss his leadership, but we're grateful for everything he's done to prepare the company continued success."

2. Highway 101 widening project complete through Marin-Sonoma Narrows, marking milestone for \$1.5 billion North Bay project

3. With Monday's opening of **two North Bay carpool lanes, Highway 101** now has three continuous lanes, north and southbound, from Windsor to the Golden Gate Bridge.

4. Letter from Nathan Quarles—2025 Mode code changes; Just wanted to reach out to let you know Permit Sonoma is pursuing the adoption of the 2025 model building codes. This happens every three years and we are planning to be at the Board of Supervisors on November 4, 2025, to introduce the local adoption of the 2025 model codes. We typically have some local amendments, but this year due to State Law AB 130 we are limited to the type of local amendments we can put forward but we do have a few.

We are planning a couple of public educational sessions to go over the process and the upcoming changes in the codes, and we will be hosting information on our webpage as well. I can also send a link to our website when that is live.

I'm also reaching out with an offer to meet with you or your organization either in person or via a Zoom type meeting. Please let me know your preference.

I've attached a summary of the significant changes that the State has put forth.

Sincerely,
Nathan Quarles, Chief Building Official

To read more on the 2025 Mode Code Changes Click [HERE](#)

5. Sonoma County Updates from James Gore. Sonoma County marked two milestones this month in its recovery from last winter's storms with the reopening of West Soda Rock Lane on Oct. 3 and North Fitch Mountain Road on Oct. 10, restoring vital access for rural communities affected by landslides and flooding.

Backed by emergency funding approved by the Board of Supervisors in April, both projects were managed by the Department of Public Infrastructure. West Soda Rock Lane was among six top-priority roads hit by last winter's storms, while North Fitch Mountain Road has faced recurring landslides since 2017. "Roads like West Soda Rock and North Fitch Mountain are lifelines for residents, businesses, and first responders," said District 4 Supervisor James Gore. "By investing in these long-term fixes, we're not only restoring access but strengthening the connections that keep our communities safe and thriving."

The West Soda Rock Lane project restored access to dozens of homes and vineyards in the Alexander Valley, completed in just a few months. North Fitch Mountain Road received major slope stabilization, drainage upgrades, and new rock walls built to withstand future storms. These reopenings follow similar recovery work on Westside Road, which reopened in August, and Wohler Bridge, which completed seismic retrofits in June. Landslide repairs on Cavedale Road are nearing completion, while work on Giovanetti Road in Forestville is slated for 2026. Click [HERE](#) for West Soda Rock Ln News Release and [HERE](#) for N Fitch Mtn Rd. News Release.

From the Desk of Jim Persons

It's The Little Things

When planning work tasks for the day and addressing hazards, it is easy to get caught up on the big hazards. We focus on risks such as falls from heights, electrocution, and chemical asphyxiation during a confined space entry when they are present. While these hazards need to be taken seriously and be properly mitigated, the bigger hazards can be responsible for taking almost all of the attention from the "little things."

To read more

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- Stormwater Calculator
- Plan Review
- Final SWLID Submittals
- Common Construction Issues
- Q&A (including RWQCB staff)

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<https://tinyurl.com/mtrmdr88>

Date: Thursday, December 4th, 2025

Time: 8a.m. – 12p.m.

Location: Healdsburg City Council Chamber
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OSHA 30-Hour for Construction - English and Spanish

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November:

11/4/25

Confined Space "Competent Person" - English & Spanish

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11/7/25

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11/12/25

CPR + First Aid November - English and Spanish

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11/20/25

Trenching/Excavation "Competent Person" - English & Spanish

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December:

12/2/25

Fall Protection "Competent Person" - English & Spanish

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12/9/25

CPR + First Aid December - English and Spanish

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12/12/25

Confined Space "Competent Person" - English & Spanish

<https://members.ncbeonline.com/events/Confined-Space-Competent-Person-English-Spanish-2261/details>

12/16/25

Scaffolding Training "Qualified Person" - English & Spanish

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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](#)
- E. Marin Builders Exchange website-link [Home - Marin Builders Association, CA](#)
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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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2025 NBCC Schedule: Click [HERE](#)

For additional information, contact: NBCC Sonoma: Mackenzie Smith
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The ECA, and its Board of Directors, has been the voice of the engineering construction industry for almost 50 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.

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