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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.

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- A. **Soapbox**-Upcoming rules for General Construction
- 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



Upcoming Rules

There has been increased uncertainty and inconsistency in SWPPP practices amongst field personnel and project teams. Uncertainties and inconsistent compliance oversight costs public and private entities time and dollars.

The North Coast Regional Water Control Board will present the rules for General Construction Permits in 2025 and 2026 and there are some changes that some people might not know about.

Also attending ~ SWPPP public officials from the County of Sonoma, City of Cloverdale, Sebastopol, Healdsburg, Santa Rosa, Rohnert Park, Petaluma and the Town of Windsor.

That's All Folks!

John Bly



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PRESENTED BY: NCBE, ECA & THE NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER CONTROL BOARD

UPCOMING RULES FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION

THE NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER CONTROL BOARD WILL OUTLINE THE UPDATED GENERAL CONSTRUCTION PERMIT RULES FOR 2025-2026

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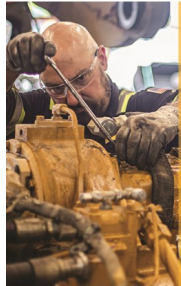
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ECA EVENTS

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.

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.**

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Click [HERE](#) for flyer to register

WINE & DOZER LIVE AUCTION PREVIEW

The Dubs are in the House

Enjoy two *Courtside Club Level* tickets (Section 4, Row A3) for the 2025–2026 Golden State Warriors season. Experience the game from premier seats with exclusive Chase Club access where gourmet dining, private lounges, and top-tier hospitality make for an unforgettable night at Chase Center.'

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ECA's Wine & Dozer Annual Dinner & Auction

Sold out!

Saturday, November 1st
Graton Resort & Casino
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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. Highway 101 widening project complete through Marin-Sonoma Narrows, marking milestone for \$1.5 billion North Bay project

2. 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.

3. **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](#)



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!

From the Desk of Jim Persons

Nine Basic Construction Safety

Rules 1. Always wear your seatbelt when in a vehicle or heavy equipment. Seatbelts are critical to preventing serious injuries and death while driving or operating. Motor vehicle crashes are still the number one cause of fatalities on the job in the United States.

To read more

[Click HERE](#)



2025 Annual Low-Impact Development Training

for the Russian River Watershed

Intended for Private Design Community and Public Agency Staff responsible for the design, compliance, or review of LID measures.

Training Topics Include:

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

QR Code: 

RSVP Required:
<https://tinyurl.com/mtrmdr88>

Date: Thursday, December 4th, 2025

Time: 8a.m. – 12p.m.

Location: Healdsburg City Council Chamber
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Healdsburg, CA 95448

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10/29/25

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10/30, 10/31, 11/4, 11/5

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

Scaffolding Training "Qualified Person" - English & Spanish

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11/12/25

CPR + First Aid November - English and Spanish

<https://members.ncbeonline.com/events/CPR-First-Aid-November-English-and-Spanish-2226/details>

11/20/25

Trenching/Excavation "Competent Person" - English & Spanish

<https://members.ncbeonline.com/events/Trenching-Excavation-Competent-Person-English-Spanish-2256/details>

December:

12/2/25

Fall Protection "Competent Person" - English & Spanish

<https://members.ncbeonline.com/events/Fall-Protection-Competent-Person-English-Spanish-2257/details>

12/9/25

CPR + First Aid December - English and Spanish

<https://members.ncbeonline.com/events/CPR-First-Aid-December-English-and-Spanish-2227/details>

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

<https://members.ncbeonline.com/events/Scaffolding-Training-Qualified-Person-English-Spanish-2259/details>

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](#)
- F. North Coast Builders Exchange website-link [North Coast Builders Exchange – NCBE Online](#)



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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](#)

Pocket Guide for CALOSHA For Contractors: Click [here](#) for the pocket guide you all need!



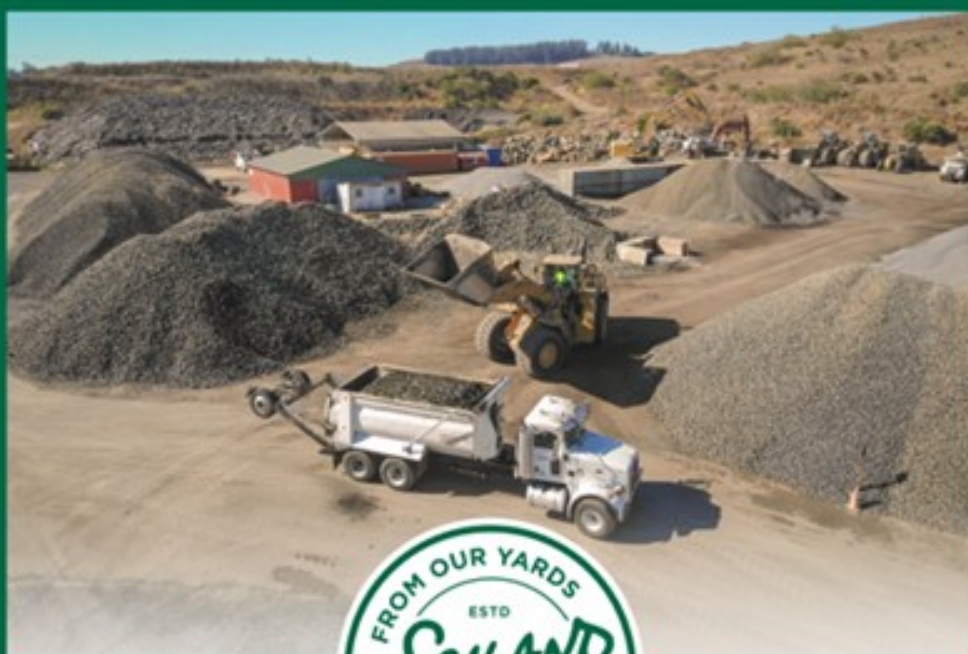


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Each meeting is led by a contractor or tradesperson who presents information about his/her particular trade and then leads students through a hands-on skill-building activity. There is a strong focus on safety awareness at each meeting.

2025 NBCC Schedule: Click [HERE](#)

For additional information, contact: NBCC Sonoma: Mackenzie Smith
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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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