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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**-Find Out What Work is Coming Your Way
- B. **ECA Events:** 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 with special
guests Damon Connolly, NorthBay Leadership Council, NORBAR, NCBE, SCAPAC
and Farm Bureau, on Thursday November 18 from 3-5:00pm



Planes, Trains, and Automobiles Redux

What has become a "kind of tradition" with the ECA is their themed Annual General Membership Meeting at year end being about "planes, trains and automobiles". From the great movie starring Steve Martin and the late great John Candy trying to get home with all kinds of problems with airlines, train schedules, and the hilarious scenes in the rental car trying to get home, the theme for the ECA sprang up years ago.

I know I have been affected by the government shutdown affecting air travel. I hope my next flight is on schedule and goes without a hitch!

This year, because I am hearing from some of the "big boys", that project opportunities in public works have been reduced, we decided to invite speakers from Sonoma County Transportation and Public Works, the City of Santa Rosa Department of Public Works, the County of Napa Department of Public Works, and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority executive director to talk to us about all the great bidding opportunities that are coming up in the short term and beyond!

Please join us on November 18, 2025, for our ECA Annual GMM sponsored by PACE Supply from 12-2pm at Sallie Tomatoes in Rohnert Park for a very positive presentation on upcoming projects that you all may be interested in. This is our last official meeting together for the year 2025, so let's go out in style-informed, fed, and ready for a bigger and better 2026!

That's All Folks,

John



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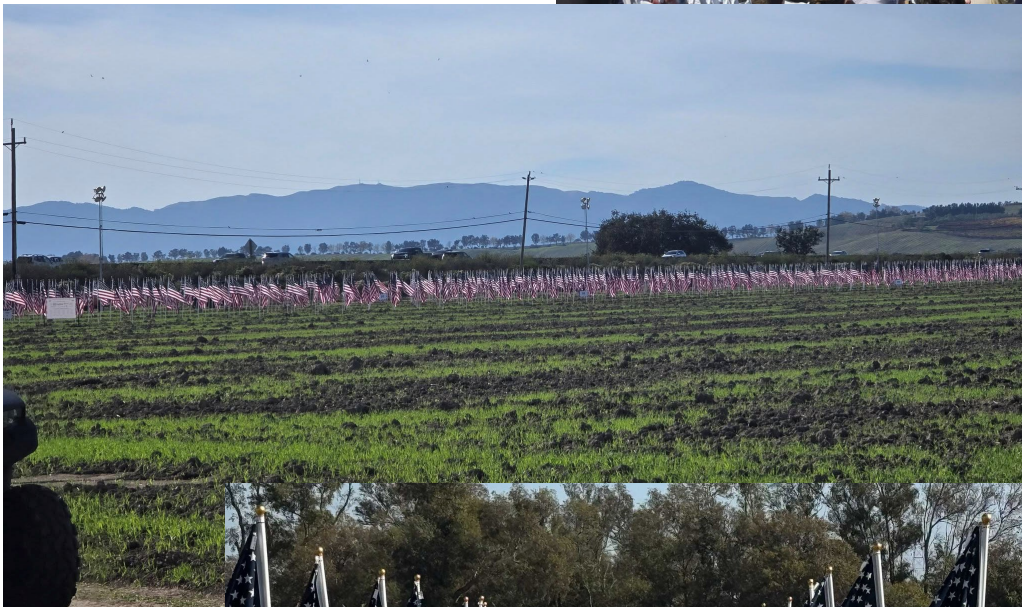
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Field open November 9—16th at Wing & Barrel, 6600 Noble Rd. Sonoma

The Sonoma County Honor Field mission as a non profit is to serve the needs of the Veteran, Active Duty Military and First Responders who dedicate their lives to serve our Country and Communities.



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 Last Tuesday** (this is a change!!) 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 February 23, 2026 from 11:00am to 12:00pm
- B. **ECA Board of Directors** Recurring Meeting – **Every Last Tuesday** (this is a change!) 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 January 27, 2026, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm. This is our first meeting of the year, and we will do strategic planning for the year so Directors, please don't miss this meeting!
- C. **ECA Government Affairs Committee** next Meeting Tuesday, November 18, 2025, from 2:00 pm to 4:00pm- (Chair John Bly, Members Ross Liscum, Keith Woods, Joanne Webster, Dale Mahoney, Mark Soiland, Mike Wolff, John Reid, and Aimi Dutra). Special Guest will be Damon Connolly who is running for Mike McGuire's Senate Seat, and we are inviting our allies at the NorthBay Leadership Council, North Coast Builders Exchange, NORBAR, SCAPAC, and the Farm Bureau. We want Mr. Connolly to be very clear on what we all want him to focus on should he win the Senate seat.
- D. **ECA Specification Committee Meeting**-Recurring Meeting Every Last Wednesday of the month from January through October from 3:00pm to 5:00pm, Place-NCBE Main Board Room, 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa, CA – Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 28, 2026, from 3-5:00pm.
- E. **ECA Nominating Committee** will meet after the 1st of the year to nominate the Bridge Award and the Golden Hardhat Awards for 2026.
- F. **ECA 50 Year Anniversary Committee will meet as needed.**
- G. **ECA Community Relations Committee will meet as needed.**

Save the Date!

48th Annual ECA Installation & Awards Dinner

Saturday, January 31, 2026
Santa Rosa Golf & Country Club

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Annual General Membership Meeting

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Upcoming Capital Improvement Projects

Upcoming projects in the following areas:
County of Sonoma, City of Santa Rosa,
Napa County, Sonoma County Transportation Authority

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Tuesday, November 18

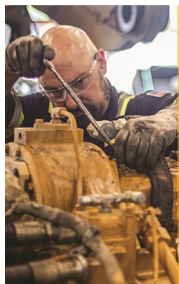
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1. **Water reuse to drive \$47B in US infrastructure investment**

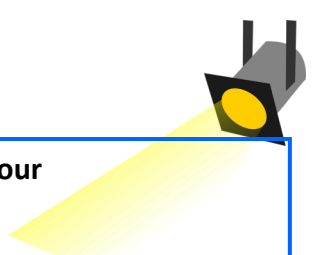
Water reuse projects are set to contribute nearly \$47.1 billion in US infrastructure spending through 2035, according to Bluefield Research. The surge is fueled by more than 600 planned or developing projects nationwide, with key investments allocated to conveyance pipelines and engineering design. Major growth is concentrated in states like California, Texas, Florida and Colorado, but eastern states are also ramping up efforts to enhance water quality and combat saltwater intrusion.

2. **How do we get low-carbon concrete from idea to solution?**

The recent ACI Concrete Convention emphasized the transition from theoretical low-carbon concrete concepts to practical implementation through the new ACI 323-24 code, which provides a performance-based framework for tracking and reducing Global Warming Potential in concrete mixes. Presentations detailed how the code can be integrated into real-world specifications by setting reduction targets by project size and allowing localized benchmarks, all while aligning with sustainability updates in ACI 318-25 and broader acceptance of blended cements. Other discussions covered the practical use of portland-limestone cement and the successful global scale of CarbonCure's CO2 mineralization technology.

3. **Trump's tie of transport funds to immigration blocked**

A federal judge has blocked a Trump administration directive that tied transportation funding to state cooperation with immigration enforcement. US District Judge Mary McConnell issued a preliminary injunction after 20 states filed a lawsuit, arguing that the directive was an overreach. "If President Trump wants to stop losing in court, he should stop breaking the law," says California Attorney General Rob Bonta. "The courts have repeatedly and firmly rejected the Trump Administration's efforts to infringe on states' constitutional right to set their own policy priorities."



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

Doing Work Tasks Wrong the First Time

There is unnecessary exposure to hazards for workers across the country every single day. The list of possible unsafe actions and unsafe conditions employees deal with in their work can be limitless.

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)

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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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Virtual on-line option available upon request

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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

<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>

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!

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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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](#)

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



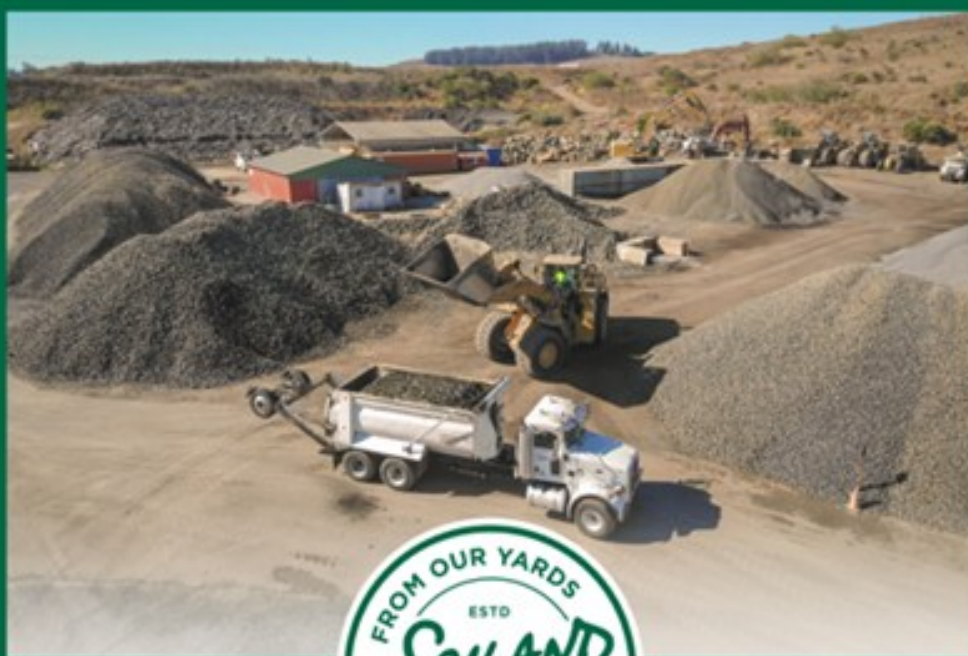


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Each meeting is led by a contractor or tradesperson who presents information about his/her particular trade and then leads students through a hands-on skill-building activity. There is a strong focus on safety awareness at each meeting.

2025 NBCC Schedule: Click [HERE](#)

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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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