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ECA Newsletter

John's Soapbox

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- A. **Soapbox**-Annual General Membership Meeting
- B. **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



Annual General Membership Meeting



ECA Annual General Membership Meeting 11/18/25 12-2pm at Sallie Tomatoes in Rohnert Park

I wanted to remind all of you what a great lineup of speakers and information is coming your way on 11/18/25 from 12-2pm at our final meeting and event of 2025, our ECA Annual General Membership Meeting:

1. From Napa County, Steve Lederer will give us a rundown of upcoming projects in Napa County. Steve is the Director of Public Works for Napa County, and we are lucky to have him take time to get us informed on their planned projects coming out to bid.
2. From Sonoma County Transportation Authority, James Cameron will be here to give us the news on Highway 37 and other projects funded by SCTA and the Go Sonoma Act. James is the Executive Director of SCTA, and he is coming even with an injured leg!
3. Following James Cameron we have Johannes Hoervetz, Director of Sonoma County Public Infrastructure and he will be joined by Vanessa Garrett and Michelle Ling from his department. Typically, Sonoma County puts out a lot of paving and road work for bidding opportunities each year and we are looking forward to seeing what is coming out soon!
4. Our final speaker will be Dan Hennessey, Director of Public Works and Transportation for the City of Santa Rosa. I know there will be news of many projects coming our way for bid opportunities from Dan's presentation.

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We have arranged a great lineup for you all. We hope our ECA members come out in force to hear what our speakers have to say, which will largely determine how good 2026 might be for many of your firms. I will announce our year end 2025 "State of the ECA" and announce the Award Winners who will be honored at our ECA Installation and Awards Dinner in early 2026. You will also hear about the 2026 Board of Directors and Officers who will guide the organization in 2026. Both of our new staff will be on hand to meet you personally as well Susan Maners will be the ECA Bookkeeper starting January 1, 2026 replacing Cheryl Long who is retiring, and McKenzie Wexler will be the Membership Events Director starting January 1, 2026 relacing Mary Kennedy Cabrera who is also retiring.

Please come out, grab a nice lunch, and make a good attendance showing for these public servants who are speaking!

That's All Folks,

John

JOB LISTING

Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

Santa Rosa, CA

Part-time M-F 1pm—5pm

Small engineering office looking for a dependable, self-motivated, organized person with attention to detail. Ability to work independently and collaboratively with direction from executive staff.

Some tasks include answering phones, emails, copying, scanning, emailing documents, data entry, filing, electronic filing, general administrative duties along with special projects as needed to support the staff.

Computer skills with Outlook, Excel, MS Word

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For each donor who enrolls, the North Bay Construction Corps will receive a \$10 donation.

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- Natural Peanut Butter
- Canned Proteins like Tuna
- Pasta, Rice & Beans
- Healthy Cereal, Oatmeal & Breakfast Bars
- Shelf Stable Milk
- Canned Soup
- Canned Vegetables and Fruits
- Energy Bars, Nuts & Raisins
- Cooking Oil, Cornstarch & Sugar
- Ziplock & Garbage Bags

Use the above flyer. For every person who uses the QR Code on the flyer, RCU and A Simple Gesture will donate \$10 to the North Bay Construction Corps.

There is also a bin at NCBE, 2030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa for food donations.

COMMITTEE NEWS

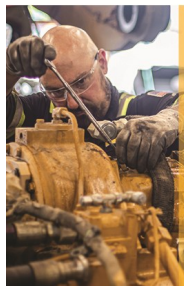
- A. **ECA Executive Committee** Recurring Meeting (Dan Giordani President, Kimber Lenning Carpenter Vice-President, Matt Storm Treasurer, Casey Wood Secretary, Mike Gulley Past President) - **Every Last Tuesday** (this is a change!!) of the month from 11:00am-12:00pm from January through October, Place 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.**

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County of Sonoma, City of Santa Rosa,
Napa County, Sonoma County Transportation Authority

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Tuesday, November 18

Noon—2 pm

Sally Tomatoes ~ 1100 Valley House Dr, Rohnert Park.

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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

GENERAL SAFETY - "TAKE TWO"

Picture this scenario.

You are walking through your Shop and notice a puddle of oil on the floor. Hopefully, you recognize that this is a safety hazard and proceed to clean up the oil.

To continue reading

[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
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Virtual on-line option available upon request

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November

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>



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- 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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EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANUAL ~ 2025—2026

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!



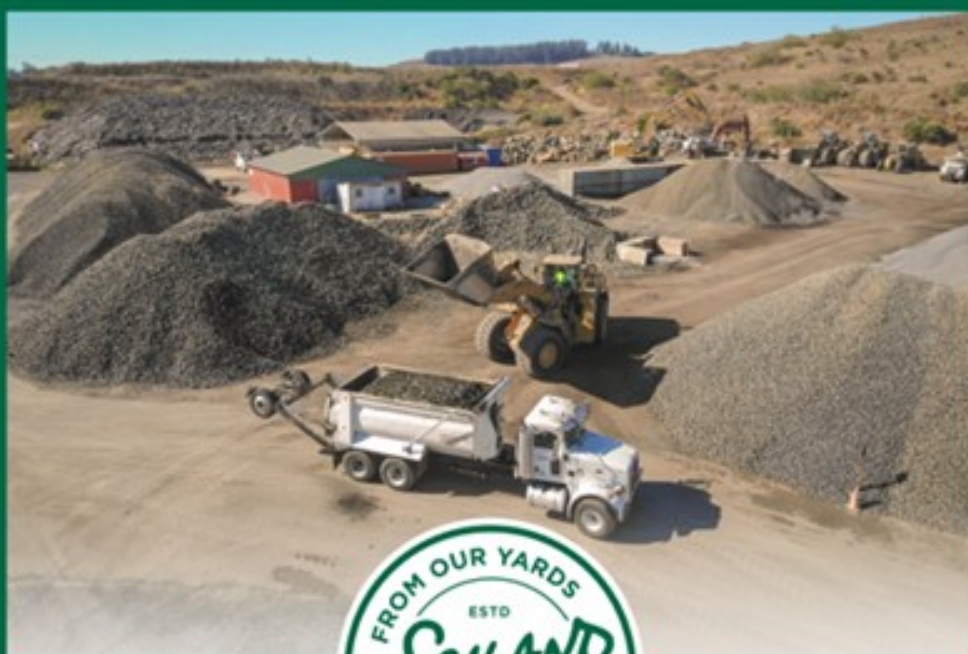


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Each meeting is led by a contractor or tradesperson who presents information about his/her particular trade and then leads students through a hands-on skill-building activity. There is a strong focus on safety awareness at each meeting.

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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