

# *ECA Weekly Newsletter*

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## *What's New*

A WORD FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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## *John's Soapbox*

Remember my disclaimer -this Soapbox is my own opinion and does not necessarily reflect any official ECA position, nor any opinion of any ECA member firm. This is my stuff only and is intended to be thought-provoking as well as educational.

Highway 37 News

Feb 6 Meeting Agenda and Minutes:

[2-5-26-SR-37-Policy-Committee-Agenda-Packet.pdf](#)

Short term flood control projects-near term:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ruhv-gTxZ0g>

Vallejo Fairgrounds and Highway37 Interchange improvements:

<https://youtu.be/z6T2V2ANKKo>

## John's Soapbox Continued

Although Highway 37 improvements have been proposed, analyzed and planned and reconfigured for over 15 years now, it seems likely we will be seeing some major projects being let soon. Here is one that you may find of interest:

<https://youtu.be/NJuV850ZpFw>

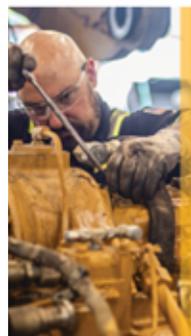
As the 4 County committee continues to line up funding and projects to fix flood control issues and traffic congestion issues on Hwy 37, we are all impatient to see projects hitting the streets sooner rather than later. There have been some emergency projects of considerable size let in the past few years, but the big projects seem to be a lot closer to reality in 2026 than ever before. Let's keep supporting our committee members and opposing some of the electeds that have been putting up delays to the funding and project development (spelled Huffman). Let's take the restraints off and get some projects built that make our Hwy 37 safer and more resilient ASAP!!

That's All Folks  
John



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# ECA COMMITTEE NEWS

1. ECA Executive Committee (Officers) Meetings are recurring every month and are held every Last Tuesday from 11:00-12:00pm, in the small NCBE conference room.
2. ECA Board of Directors meetings are recurring every month and are held every last Tuesday from 12:00-1:30pm, in the main conference boardroom at NCBE.
3. ECA Government Affairs Committee (GAC) meetings are recurring every month and are held every last Tuesday from 2:00pm-3:30pm in the main conference boardroom at NCBE. Tuesday, 2-24-26 we will be meeting with Rob Muelrath and Tom Schwedhelm. One of the topics of discussion is why has David Rabbitt not pulled papers to run for Supervisor again? We will find out tomorrow!
4. ECA Specifications Committee are recurring every month and are held every last Wednesday from 3:00-4:30pm in the main conference board room at NCBE. Because of vacations, this month's Spec meeting is cancelled. We will meet next month.

# ECA EVENTS

1. April 30, 2026- ECA Public Officials Night will be held at The Backdrop, 1455 Corporate Center Parkway in Santa Rosa, CA from 5:30pm – 9:00pm. The Bridge Award will be given to the Hearn Avenue Bridge Replacement Project. The recipient will be the City of Santa Rosa accepting on behalf of SCTCA and Caltrans and Ghilotti Construction Company. Video interviews have been scheduled for the video we will be showing at the April 30 Public Officials Night, and we have some very interesting video interviews to show you all that include: Gaye LeBaron to Andrew Baskerville/Gez Tizazu of Caltrans, and Rob Sprinkle/Dan Hennessey from City of Santa Rosa, and James Cameron/Seana Gauss/David Ripperda from SCTCA as well as Brian Ongaro/Chase McPhaul and Greg Allen from Ghilotti Construction Company. In addition, we will have Mayor Mark Stapp, Vice Mayor Eddie Alvarez in person from Santa Rosa.

Let me remind you that the nominating committee selects the Bridge Award each year and if you have a project you would like them to consider, please let them know in July or August of 2026 that you have a project that you want considered for 2027. Since the Bridge Award is focused on the public projects, we try and rotate the projects to include as many different municipalities as possible.

2. June 21, 2026-ECA Show and Shine Car Show will be held at Julliard Park at 227 Santa Rosa, Ave. in Santa Rosa from 9:00am-3:30pm
3. July 10, 2026-The ECA Golf Tournament will be held at the Windsor Golf Course at 1340 19<sup>th</sup> Hole Drive in Windsor, CA from 11:00am-7:00pm
4. Upcoming BoDean/CRH Mixer - See flyer on next page

# Join Us for an Industry Mixer at Mark West Quarry

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## WHEN

Wednesday  
May 27, 2026  
4:00pm-7:00pm



## WHERE

Mark West Quarry  
4611 Porter Creek Road  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404



## RSVP by May 22

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# NEWS YOU CAN USE

## 1. Bipartisan bill aims to boost local infrastructure

Two members of Congress have introduced bipartisan legislation that would direct more federal transportation funding to local governments by amending funding programs, prioritizing the nation's most deficient bridges, increasing the flexibility of the Surface Transportation Block Grant program and boosting the Highway Safety Improvement Program. The bill comes as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act approaches its September expiration.

Full Story: [Roads & Bridges](#)

## 2. Granite wins I-80 widening contract in Nev.

The Nevada Department of Transportation has awarded Granite Construction a preconstruction contract for widening Interstate 80 widening between Vista Boulevard and USA Parkway. To begin in late 2027, the project will add a lane in each direction, widen shoulders and improve interchanges. NDOT expects the project to reduce crash rates by 20%.

Full Story: [KOLO-TV \(Reno, Nev.\)](#)

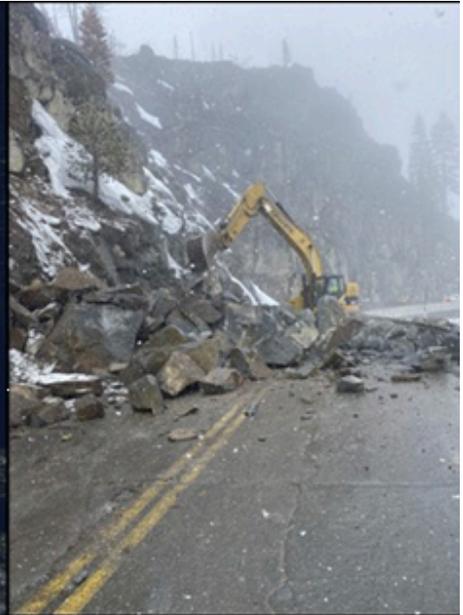
## 3. What Happens in Vegas, Stays in Vegas!!

[CONEXPO-CON/AGG 2026 Las Vegas | March 3 - 7](#)

4. I have posted this before, but here is the Sonoma County Transportation 2050 Plan again for those who are interested:

SCTCA 2050 Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Link: [SCTA-CTP21\\_v8.pdf](#)

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# FROM THE DESK OF JIM PERSONS

## Falls in the Construction Industry

Falls from heights are one of the leading causes of injuries and fatalities.

If today is a typical day in the construction industry across the US, one to three workers will die as a result of a fall in the workplace. There will be more than 500 serious injuries as a result of these falls.

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# ECA & NCBE SAFETY & EDUCATION TRAINING

## ECA MEMBERS PAY THE NCBE PRICE

### FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2/24

Fall Protection "Competent Person" - English & Spanish

9 am - 11 am

### MARCH

Thursday 3/12

NorCal Safety Expo 8 am - 12 pm

Workers' Comp Office Hours 1 pm - 4 pm

Tuesday 3/17

CPR + First Aid March - English and Spanish 9 am- 11 am

Wednesday 3/18

OSHA 30-Hour for Construction - English

- March 18th 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Board Room)
- March 19th 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Training Center)
- March 24th 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Training Center)
- March 25th 8 a.m. – 4 p.m (Board Room)

(Attendance all four days required for certification)

# 2025-2026 EMERGENCY RESPONSE MANUAL

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.

## USEFUL LINKS TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS

- A. Resilient 37 Policy Committee Meetings (open to the public) -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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