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ECA Newsletter

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Sitting On Our Wallets Is Not The Answer

I get it. Times are uncertain. Spending money is not as easy as it was years ago. With the upheaval in oil, gas, and diesel costs, it is tougher to negotiate the bottom line and contribute dollars to ANY candidates.

Thank you to those that have “answered the bell” and donated to Schwedhelm already!!

With that being said, I will try to put into context what is likely to happen if we cannot get voters to vote for Tom Schwedhelm in the June Primary for District 4 Sonoma County Supervisor seat:

*Melanie Bagby will win the primary most likely as Tom Schwedhelm and Todd Lands are in many voters’ eyes, “cut from the same cloth”. If Lands beats Schwedhelm in June, then the General Election in November would be Lands vs Bagby. If that is the case, Bagby wins.

*If Schwedhelm beats Lands in the June primary, the General Election in November would have Schwedhelm vs Bagby for District 4 Supervisor. Most of the “insiders” think Schwedhelm beats Bagby in a head-to-head battle and therefore, it would be likely that Schwedhelm would take Gore’s seat and our roads will be funded moving forward.

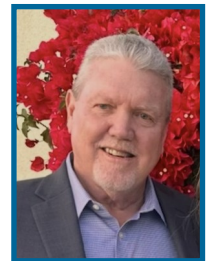
I cannot emphasize enough that we need to overcome our “apathy” and caution and support Schwedhelm RIGHT NOW!

Here is the link to donate a few dollars for Tom Schwedhelm for District 4 Sonoma County Supervisor. [Donate | Tom Schwedhelm for Sonoma County Supervisor D4](#)

That’s All Folks
John

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.



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2026 Public Officials Night is coming up on Thursday, April 30th!

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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. Next meeting will be April 28, 2026, from 11am to 12pm.
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. Next meeting will be April 28, 2026, from 12:00 noon to 1:30 pm.
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. Next meeting will have Terry Sanders (running for City of Santa Rosa City Council) as our guest. We will discuss tax measures and ballot measures more in the next few meetings as well.
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. Next meeting will be Wednesday, April 29 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Lori Urbanek will be our guest to present and discuss proposed new Utility standards for the City of Santa Rosa.

Results of ECA / NCBE Construction Survey: [ECA Construction Survey - Responses | SurveyMonkey](#)



ECA EVENTS

1. April 30, 2026- the ECA Public Officials Night (Premiere Sponsor For Many Years In A Row is Team Ghilotti) 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 City of Santa Rosa for their Hearn Avenue Bridge Replacement Project, and a nice video is being edited by Sound Ideas with many participants of the Hearn Avenue overpass project from SCTCA, City of Santa Rosa, Caltrans and Ghilotti Construction Company. Matt Verke will be awarded the Golden Hardhat award. The nominating committee will be meeting on March 31, 2026, and will consider modifying the qualifications that projects have to have been substantially completed before the calendar year in which they are considered for the award. One modification to be discussed is projects that can be considered if completed within the past 5 years.
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 19th Hole Drive in Windsor, CA from 11:00am-7:00pm

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April:

Tuesday 4/14: [CPR + First Aid \(English & Spanish\)](#) 9 am - 11 am

Thursday 4/23: [Confined Space “Competent Person”](#) - English 9 am - 11 am

Tuesday/ Wednesday April 28 & 29: [OSHA 10-Hour for Construction](#)

April 28th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

April 29th 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

(Both days attendance required for certification)

MAY

Thursday 5/7: [Fall Protection “Competent Person” - English](#) 9 am - 11 am

Wednesday 5/13: [Confined Space “Competent Person” - English](#) 1 pm - 3 pm

Thursday 5/14: [Key legal Concepts for Public Works for Subcontractor](#) 9 am - 11 am

Thursday 5/14: [Worker’s Comp Office Hours](#) 1 pm - 4 pm

Thursday 5/21: [Latinos in the Workplace - Leading through Uncertainty](#) 7:30 am - 11:30 am

From the Desk of Jim Persons

Dust Hazards in Construction

There are many different hazards on any single construction site. Dust can be one of them. Dust can cause a variety of issues, from health concerns to physical hazards for workers who are exposed to it. It is important to understand the issues dust causes and what steps should be taken to prevent its related hazards onsite.

To read more:

[Click HERE](#)



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](#)
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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.



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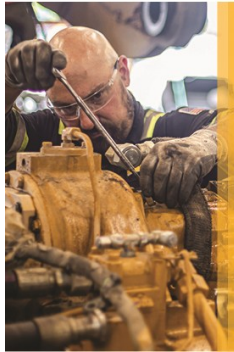
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