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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.

Pay As You Go?

As I have occasionally pointed out (and others have too), our way of funding road repairs is heading to a fiscal cliff. This is due to the reduced number of miles being driven which leads to reduced gallons of fuel purchased by drivers (it may not seem that way when you pay your credit cards off each month, but it is the trend). Not only did the pandemic reduce people driving into and out of city centers from the suburbs to go to work, but increased mileage efficiencies, increased public transit, and increased use of hybrids and electric vehicles have all reduced the amount of fuel we are buying. And our main source of funding for road work is the fuel excise tax.

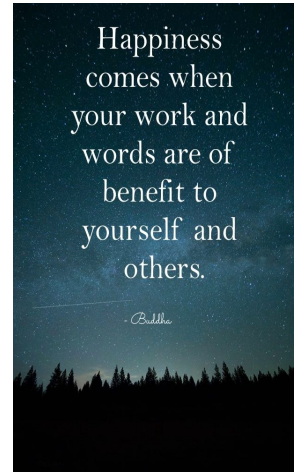
California charges 59.6 cents per gallon for gasoline excise tax on fuel. Revenue declines are forecast in the neighborhood of \$5billion over the next decade if the state keeps on track to meet its carbon reduction targets.

In 2021 the California Legislature passed, and Newsom signed into effect Senate Bill 339 which established a pilot program “to identify and evaluate” the issues in creating a road charge which would charge drivers for actual miles driven. Reporting options for the 800-driver sample size was: a. monthly reading of their odometers, or b. a plug-in device, or c. in-vehicle telematics. The data is now being analyzed from the pilot study. At the end of next year, the final report will go to the Legislature.

Whatever they decide, it should be fair. Road miles actually travelled seems fair to me.

What say you?

That’s All Folks!
John



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Save the Dates for 2025!

Public Officials Night - Wednesday, April 23 at The Backdrop
Mixer at Blue Rock—Wednesday, May 28th
Father's Day Car Show - Sunday, June 15 at Juilliard Park
ECA Golf Tournament - Friday, July 11 at Windsor Golf Club
Wine & Dozers Auction—Saturday, November 1 at Graton Resort & Casino

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

CONCRETE DAY, APRIL 26TH 8AM-3PM



The North Bay Construction Corps is a 3-month Construction Training Program for high school seniors who want to pursue a career in construction. Students are introduced to a variety of trades and topics including heavy equipment operation, carpentry, framing, electrical, plumbing, concrete, HVACR, power and hand tool safety, construction math, and plan reading.

WE NEED:

- Industry partners who can guide students in building forms, pouring and finishing concrete.
- Want to join? Contact mackenzie@ncbeonline.com



NEWS YOU CAN USE

1. **SMART to work on path in Petaluma**-[Pathway construction continues this week near Petaluma North station - The North Bay Business Journal](#)
2. **Sonoma County airport gets damaging report from FAA**-[New FAA inspection finds persistent runway surface problems at Sonoma County airport - PD Plus](#)



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Part of this **on-demand service** is a viable alternative to **in-house training** because it is designed for situations where only **one, two, three or four** people that need training. Importantly, this training can be very cost effective. We can combine the classes with other companies that need the training or you can have your own company class.

Whether you're in search of workplace safety training to meet OSHA compliance requirements, Competent Person, Trench Safety, Confined Space, CPR/First Aid initial or update training or implementing a Safety Program ECA can help!

The best way to beat an OSHA citation is to never get one at all.

Email mary@nceca.org to set up a class today If you don't see a class you need listed please contact me.

CPR / First Aid: 3 hrs - \$95 per person

Confined Space: 3 hrs - \$150 per person

Competent Person / Trench Safety: 3 hrs - \$125 per person

Flagger Safety Training: 2 hrs - \$125 per person

Sexual Harassment—1 hr for Employees—\$45 per person ~ 2 hrs for Supervisors \$60 per person

Active Violence Emergency Response Training— \$100 per person

Public Officials Night!

Wednesday, April 23

5:30pm - 9:00pm

No Host Cocktails 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 7 p.m.



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Location

The Backdrop
1455 Corporate Center Parkway, Santa Rosa

THE
BACKDROP

The Bridge Award will be presented to:

City of Sonoma, Chase Street Bridge Replacement Project

Hard Hat Award goes to: Calvin Tolman of Granite Construction

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Mixer at Blue Rock BODEAN A CRH COMPANY

Wednesday May 28, 2025
From 4 pm—7 pm
7888 Hwy 116, Forestville, CA

Please RSVP to mary@nceca.org or 707-546-5500

Join us for fun, food and drinks!

click [HERE](#) for flyer

Father's Day "Show & Shine" Car Show

Sunday, June 15, 2025
Juilliard Park, Santa Rosa
9 am—4 pm

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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 April 22, 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 April 22, 2025, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, with special guests from Blue Rock Quarry and CRH to inform you about their services
- 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 April 22, 2025 from **1:30pm to 3:00pm**- (Chair John Bly, Members Ross Liscum, Keith Woods, Joanne Webster, Dale Mahoney, Mark Soiland, Mike Wolff, John Reid, and NEW GAC MEMBER Aimi Dutra!!)-invited guests who will be meeting separately with us are Santa Rosa City Council Member Victoria Fleming and City of Healdsburg Councilmember Ariel Kelley.
- ECA Specification 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 has been rescheduled from Wednesday April 23, 2025 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm (Chairs Dale Smith/Casey Wood, Antonio Mencarini, John Reid, Geoff Coleman, Jason Nutt, (and invited guests linked to topics). -**This will be a special meeting with the County of Sonoma and all City Public Works Directors to meet May 1, 2025 at 400 Aviation Blvd from 9am to 10am to discuss what is working in public works, and what is not.**

From the Desk of Jim Persons

The Danger of High Winds on a Construction Site

Weather plays a huge role in our ability to work safely when working outdoors. While rain, snow, ice, and hot temperatures are often discussed, less focus is given to the hazards wind can create for workers. It is important to realize the different hazards high winds can pose and what can be done to work safely in these conditions.

Click [HERE](#) to read more!



Workplace Violence Program

Implemented – July 1, 2024

Senate Bill 553 requires employers to create, implement and maintain a Workplace Violence Program by July 1, 2024. Employers must also train their entire workforce.

The Workplace Violence Program must include a reporting mechanism (how is the employee going to report incidents), detailing who will be responsible for receiving complaints, and who will be responsible for identifying and mitigating workplace hazards.

Jim Persons has developed a Workplace Violence Program and Active Shooter Guidelines that meet the requirements of this new regulation. He can also provide training resources for your employees.

Contact Jim if you are interested in getting his help on a Workplace Violence Program, COVID-19 related issues or other health and safety programs.

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ECA SAFETY & EDUCATION TRAINING

Competent Person Trenching & Excavation

Tuesday, April 29th, 1—3 pm, 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa

The course will cover soil analysis, sloping, shoring and shielding, hazardous situations, excavation standards and more...

Click [HERE](#) for the April flyer.

CPR / First Aid

Wednesday, April 30th, 1-3 pm, 1030 Apollo Way, Santa Rosa

Training includes bleeding control, strokes, seizures, broken bones and other life-threatening emergencies. Adult/child/infant CPR & airway obstruction management covered. This course is designed as both a course for first-timers and as a refresher.

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- B. Metropolitan Transportation Commission website-link [Meetings & Events | Metropolitan Transportation Commission](#)
- C. Sonoma County Transportation Authority-link [Sonoma County Transportation Authority | SCTA](#)
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[Flyer](#)



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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](#)

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Northern California Engineering Contractors Association

The ECA, and its Board of Directors, has been the voice of the engineering construction industry for almost 50 years.

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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