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ECA Newsletter

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ECA's New Webpage

One of McKenzie's priorities when she was hired January 1, 2026, was to re-vamp our website. No offense to me or Mary, but our strongest attributes were not our age and ability to focus on what younger ECA members and prospective members want to see on our website. McKenzie had a huge 35 - 40 year leg up on us there! God, that sounds terrible. Oh well, it is what it is.

I am very pleased to include our new revamped website for your use here. We have tried to "clean up" our home landing page, our Membership Application form, and every aspect of the website. We have attempted to get rid of unnecessary texting, verbiage, and duplication when you navigate from one web page to another. Even as minor a "tweak" as having two of our logos on our old Membership Application Page has been changed. This new webpage is not perfect by any means, but working within our budget constraints, I think the new ECA webpage is something to be very proud of. I hope you appreciate it, use it, and agree with me that it is a huge improvement to the old one. We hope the new webpage is widely accessed and we will track the usage. If lots of folks are using it, maybe we will get a few more dollars from advertising as we move forward!

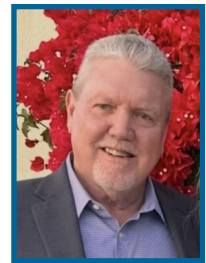
To access the new ECA webpage, click here www.nceca.org

There will be some additional "tweaks" to the website which will include:

1. Our ECA Meetings and Event calendar will link to Outlook so you can download our scheduled meetings to your calendar.
2. Right now, you can purchase in-person trainings and Car Show car entries online, but shortly, ECA Members will be able to make their dues payments and purchase tickets and sponsorships for all of our events.

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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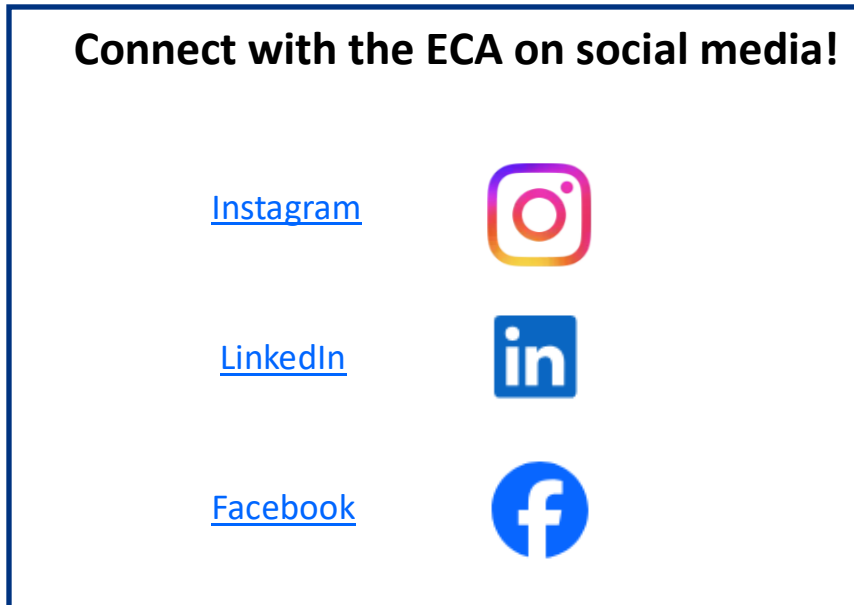
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3. Under “Committees” tab, right now you just see the committees listed and the meeting schedules for those with recurring monthly meetings. We are considering for some committees, like CR, GAC, Spec, CAR Show, Golf, and Auction-maybe we include actual agendas and minutes, but for others, some of what we discuss is too sensitive for “Joe Q Public” to access. More discussion with our Board and Officers is needed to tweak the info for each committee.

4. Links to our social media sites are also included now, and that is another task McKenzie was given at the beginning of the year. The ECA has our own “LinkedIn”, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube sites. The social media involvement was something the Board of Directors made clear to staff that they wanted, and they now have it. Please take the time to visit us on social media and add content or comments!!

5. Boylan Point did a great job working with us on revamping our website. A nod to Mr. Keith Woods for “background” assistance and ideas is also worth a “shoutout”. But McKenzie gets the bulk of the praise if you agree with me that this is a VAST IMPROVEMENT to our ECA website!

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. Next meeting will be May 26, 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 May 26, 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 be May 26, 2026, from 2:00-3:30pm
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, May 27, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 4:30pm.

June 2 ECA Endorsed Candidates as of 4-28-2026:

Sonoma County District 2 Supervisor-Sylvia Lemus

Sonoma County District 4 Supervisor-Tom Schwedhelm

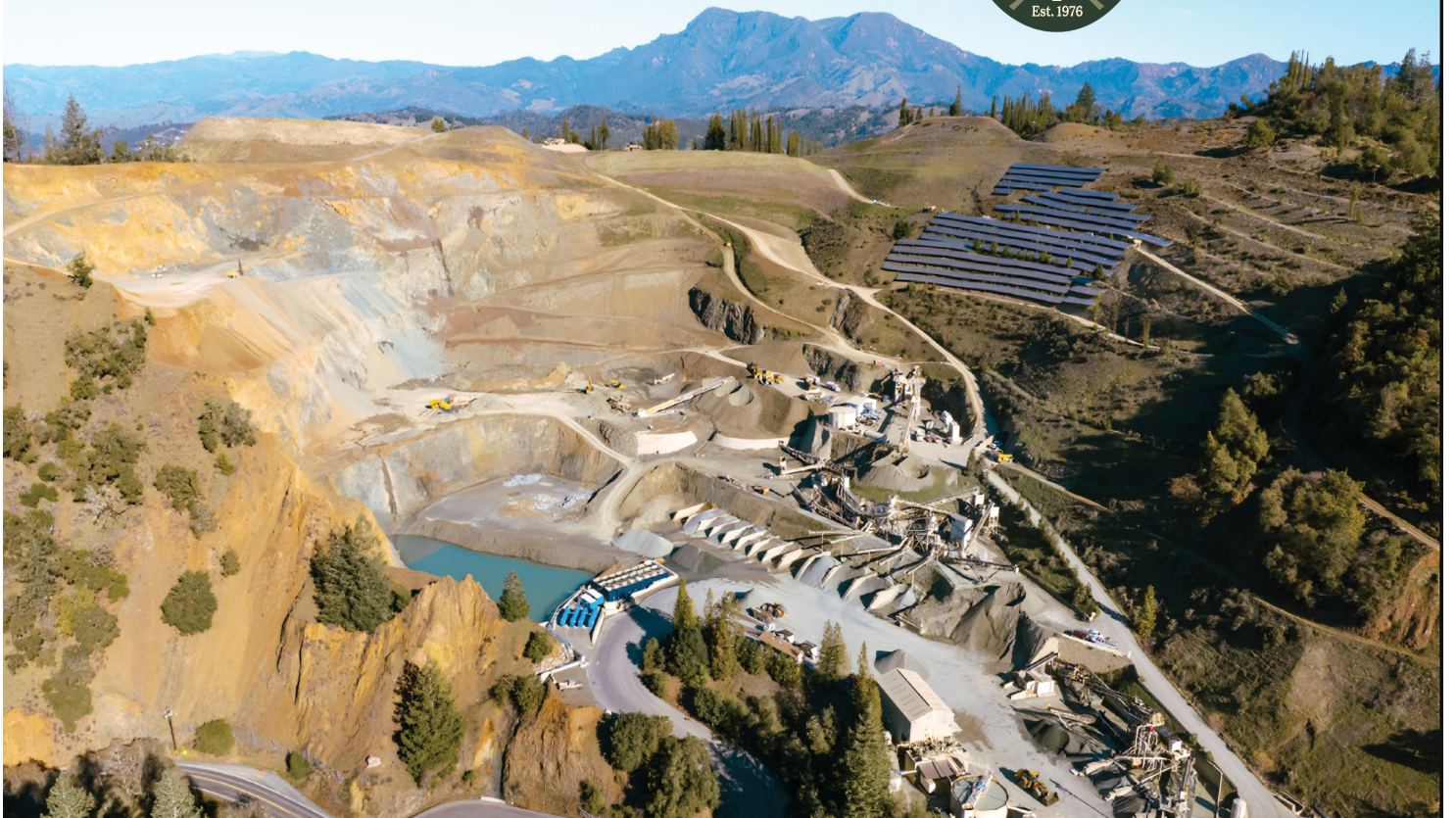
Windsor Mayor-Tanya Potter

ECA EVENTS

1. Mixer-May 27 Hosted by BoDean (a CRH Company) and Sponsored by NCBE and ECA. Event Flyer is on the next page.
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-7:00p
4. November 7, 2026-The ECA Annual Days of Wine and Dozers Dinner and Auction at the

Join Us for an Industry Mixer at Mark West Quarry

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WHEN

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



WHERE

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ECA & NCBE SAFETY & EDUCATION TRAINING

ECA MEMBERS PAY THE NCBE PRICE

MAY

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 5/14: [CPR + First Aid May - English and Spanish](#) 1 pm - 3 pm

Wednesday 5/20: [Scaffolding Training “Qualified Person” - English and Spanish](#) 1 pm - 3 pm

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

Thursday 5/28: [Trenching/Excavation “Competent Person”- English and Spanish](#) 9 am - 11 am

JUNE

Monday 6/8: [Fall Protection “Competent Person” - English](#) and Spanish 9 am - 11 am

Tuesday 6/9: [CPR + First Aid May - English and Spanish](#) 9 am - 11 am

From the Desk of Jim Persons

HARDHAT “EXEMPTION” PROGRAM

In our continuing efforts to encourage a progressive safety program, we announce a unique policy benefiting everyone. It is a hard-hat exemption program.

If you are one of those hard-headed individuals that wants to let your hair blow in the breeze, who feels a hardhat shortens his/her neck, and that in general it is just a pain in the you-know-what, this program is for you. Every employee is required to wear a hard hat on the job.

But, if you earn a certificate of exemption, you will be excused from this requirement.

To read more:

[Click HERE](#)



NEWS YOU CAN USE

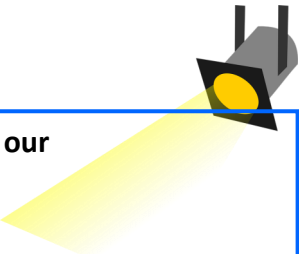
1. This is well worth reading for ECA members. Clearly there are major differences in District 4 (Gore's District) in the candidates. [What Sonoma County supervisor candidates had to say - or didn't - during recent live forums](#)
2. City of Santa Rosa is facing the reality of not having enough income to cover their expenses. I can assure you there will be an effort to increase their income by a sales tax measure soon. [Santa Rosa finance staff warn of 'stark and sobering' situation in coming years despite efforts to find savings](#)
3. More on businesses leaving Santa Rosa and CA- [Medical device maker Medtronic leaving Santa Rosa after nearly three decades, more than 300 jobs affected](#)
4. Pictures of Public Officials Night- [NCECA Public Officials Night Photos](#)

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Video from Public Officials Night can be found [here](#).

5. From Paul Foley-a quick promo video on LinkedIn from the PO Nite- ["Public Officials Night" at Northern California Engineering Contractors Association https://nceca.org/ brings all the local government agencies in the North Bay Area Counties together with the major... | Paul Foley](#)
6. Reminder of what the Go Sonoma Act actually says for funding transportation needs: [Go Sonoma Transportation Sales Tax Measure - Sonoma County Transportation Authority](#)



**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.

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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Date posted: April 15, 2026

Salary: \$95,000 to \$135,000 depending on experience

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Position Summary

The project manager is responsible for planning, coordinating and executing construction projects from inception through completion. This role ensures that all work meets contractual obligations, schedule requirements, quality standards, budget and safety protocols. Acting as the central liaison between owners, engineers, field teams, subcontractors and stakeholders. The project manager drives the project success through disciplined leadership, strategic planning and clear communication

Application Question(s):

- Do you have a degree in Construction Management?
- Do you have any contracting experience with grading, paving and underground utility construction?

To Reply, Email: jerry@engelkeconstruction.com



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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.

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