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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.

What If?

What if the ECA were able to convene all of the Public Work/Infrastructure/Transportation Executive Directors in Sonoma County and standardize:

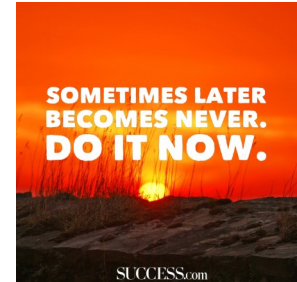
1. Emergency contracts
2. Bidding documents
3. Progress Payment procedures
4. Contract Closeout procedures
5. Insurance requirements
6. Prevailing Wage Requirements/Project Labor Agreement Requirements
7. Dispute resolution procedures
8. Partnering “triggers” and procedures
9. Certified payroll reporting
10. Streamline or clearly define the role of 3rd party construction managers as to their authority and responsibility for both public and private projects
11. Have similar timelines for award of contracts after the bid opening for public projects

Doesn't it seem like that would benefit the various cities that put out the publicly funded projects so many of our members depend either partly or mainly upon for their work?

I think it would. I also think having conversations with the public works directors could identify other issues and discuss them such as:

For private work that has water connections/sewer tie-ins/street and road access on public rights of way included, have very clear requirements as to what work would be required to be prevailing wage, and what work would be private and possibly not subject to prevailing wage or certified payroll requirements.

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Standardize the cost of permits and inspections (might not be exact, but for bidding purposes, the various jurisdictions would be close to the same for each entity.

I'll stop there. There are other topics to "what if" about, but let's just imagine those listed above were able to be discussed and agreed upon. What would the results be?

In my humble opinion, every municipal public works department, permit department, and compliance departments would benefit from standardized rules to follow. The contractors, insurance providers, suppliers, and specialty service providers would know how to submit, who to name for additional insured, what forms to make sure they are filled out, and what the costs are prior to bidding the projects. This would remove uncertainty and promote lower costs of bids, keep the hours down for the municipalities administering the contracts, and speed up the submittals, progress payments, and close out of projects.

Look-every one of the cities in Sonoma and contiguous counties are facing the same shortfall in having skilled labor on hand to design, put out to bid and administer the projects. Each one handles things a bit differently and there is a lot of "personality" based choices and decisions being made during the course of a project. That leads to duplication of effort by both the contractor and the city/county. What if you could cut down on that duplication and save money and man-hours on both sides of the contract?

Of course, these things could never actually happen.

Right?

That's All Folks!
John

Eric Lucan for Assembly Kick-Off

📍 Thompson Builders, Novato

📅 May 30 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

🔗 www.ericlucan.com/events

To contribute: [Contribute](#) | [Eric Lucan for State Assembly 2026](#)

NEWS YOU CAN USE

1. **Highway 101 HOV Lanes will see expanded and coordinated hours soon-**[Marin-Sonoma Hwy. 101 carpool lane hours are about to change - The North Bay Business Journal](#)
2. **40 Under 40 List-Photos: 2025 Forty Under 40 Awards event - The North Bay Business Journal**
3. **Want a “Staycation” at Vintners Inn?- [Vintners Resort unveils new pool, kicks off \\$15 million transformation project in Santa Rosa - The North Bay Business Journal](#)**



**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!

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Mixer at Blue Rock



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

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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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ECA 32nd Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, July 11, 2025

Windsor Golf Club

1340 19th Hole, Windsor

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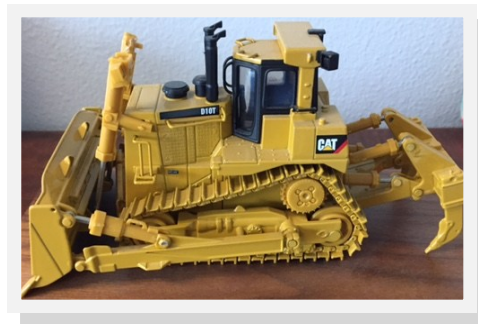
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COMMITTEE NEWS

- 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 May 27, 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 May 27, 2025, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm, with special guests from EBA 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 May 27, 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 Aimi Dutra!!). Aimi Dutra has arranged for the GAC guests to be Corte Madera Council Member **Eli Beckman** and Marin County Supervisor **Eric Lucan**. We have been straining to have more influence in Marin County and Aimi is helping to accomplish that! Eli Beckman and Eric Lucan are running for the State Assembly seat currently held by Damon Connolly who will vacate the seat to run for the State Senate seat that will be vacated by Mike McGuire who is termed out in 2026.
- D. 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 May 28, 2025 from 3:00pm to 4:30pm to Tuesday May 27 from 3:00 to 4:30 pm to accommodate the Mixer on May 28 at Blue Rock.** (Chairs Dale Smith/Casey Wood, Antonio Mencarini, John Reid, Geoff Coleman, Jason Nutt, and invited guests from Healdsburg Larry Zimmer (Director of Public Works) and Clay Thistle (CIP Director).

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.

From the Desk of Jim Persons

Safety Related Paperwork

Safety is often associated with paperwork in many workplaces. While many employees dislike the fact that there is so much paperwork involved in workplace safety, it is often necessary to have it.

Paperwork communicates safety requirements, describes work processes, communicates hazards, tracks near misses, investigates losses, and serves many more purposes. It is an important part of the overall safety program at a company.

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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Sign up though emailing hgiesea@smithdollar.com. If you are bringing a family member or friend to volunteer, please make sure to include their full name and email address for registration. Please read important Volunteering information below before Tuesday. There is also a Bowling and Pizza Team Event starting right after our volunteer shift at the Epicenter, so talk to your teammates and let me know if you want to sign up. See more info at #3 below.

See other ways to support the Team and/or Participate:

1. Food From The Bar Game Points - Food & Funds Drive Poster Most Needed Items (attachments)
2. Click here <http://give.refb.org/team/653017> to make your donation and **feel welcome to share this link with others.**
3. **Tuesday May 13th Spaulding McCullough and Tansil’s Bowl & Donate 5:00-7:00pm** at the Epicenter. We sign up as a Team.
Time: 5:45 PM & 7:00 PM | Location: Poppy Bank Epicenter
Please choose your requested start time, and if you would like Bowling and Pizza, or just Bowling. Each reservation is for one hour. 50% of all reservation purchases will be donated back to the Redwood Empire Food Bank.
4. **Tuesday May 20th Beyers Costin Simon’s Bingo Night 6:00-8:00pm.**
Join us for a fun-filled evening at Shady Oak Brewing Company (420 1st Street, Santa Rosa) on behalf of the Redwood Empire Food Bank! Bingo runs from 6–8 PM, with great food, drinks, and raffle prizes throughout the night. Come early to grab a bite from the food truck, check out raffle items, and enjoy a brew—Shady Oak is generously donating 10% of sales!
5. **Tuesday May 27th Abbey Weitzenberg Warren and Emery Cornhole Tournament.** We sign up as a Team.
Join us at the Redwood Empire Food Bank on Tuesday, May 27 from 5:30–7:30 PM for an evening of friendly competition, tacos, and local wine! Hosted by Abbey Weitzenberg Warren & Emery, this cornhole tournament is sure to be a good time.

Click [HERE](#) for more information!

Aaction Rents in Ukiah needs some volunteers this Saturday!

This Saturday May 17th we will be conducting Heavy Equipment Day for the NBCC program here at **Aaction Rents** in Ukiah. We could use some support from the community to help run stations and help familiarize the kids with heavy equipment. The event will be held at 1400 Hastings Rd Ukiah CA from 8-12 Saturday May 17th. To help volunteer time please coordinate with Jeff Hamel (Aaction Rents Ukiah branch manager) at (707)477-8557



USEFUL LINKS TO SUPPORT YOUR BUSINESS

- 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](#)
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[Flyer](#)



George Petersen Insurance Agency

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](#)

For additional information, contact: NBCC Sonoma: Mackenzie Smith
[\(707\) 542-9502](tel:7075429502) / mackenzie@ncbeonline.com

Save the Dates for 2025!

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
ECA Annual General Membership Meeting—Date/Time/Place TBD



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