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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.

CARB

Is it any wonder why California has a bad reputation for doing business?

Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) regulation was requiring 100% “zero-emission-vehicle (ZEV) rules for medium and heavy duty truck categories beginning in year 2036. California and 15 other states joined in the lawsuit that just got settled between the trucking industry and state regulators which had sought to ban internal combustion engine sales beginning in 2036.

As we all know, this ACF regulation was draconian, unfair, and probably impossible to enforce yet the EPA and California seemed hell-bent on enforcing this crazy rule right up until the lawsuit was settled recently.

The state’s Air Resources Board and Attorney General Rob Bonta proposed a settlement with Nebraska Attorney General Mike Hilgers and 16 other states Monday to rescind its ACF rule, ending a six-month lawsuit and multi-year struggle between the trucking industry and state regulators around California’s plan to ban internal combustion engine (ICE) sales as part of the regulation in 2036.

California withdrew its request for an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) waiver to enact its ACF rule in January when it was clear the outgoing Biden Administration and incoming Trump Administration would not grant it. CARB requires waiver approval from the EPA for all state regulations that differ from Federal rules.

In Monday’s court filing, California Attorney General Rob Bonta and CARB Executive Officer Steve Cliff stated that California “will not enforce the part of the Advanced Clean Fleets regulation requiring 100% zero-emission-vehicle [ZEV] sales in the medium- and heavy-duty categories beginning with model year 2036” and “will not take any enforcement action” around the rule.

Monday’s settlement continues a tough spring for California heavy truck regulation but does not totally end the state’s push for ZEV adoption.

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The state's Advanced Clean Trucks rule, which requires truck manufacturers to sell an increasing percentage of ZEVs among their annual sales, has come under fire this spring but still currently remains in effect in five states (California, Washington, Oregon, New York and New Jersey). ACT has been painful for truck dealers in opt-in states where orders have crashed due to a lack of ZEV demand.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed two resolutions (H.J.Res. 87 and H.J.Res 89) Wednesday that would stop California from banning the sales of new diesel trucks and revoke its heavy-duty low-NOx Omnibus regulations.

H.J.Res. 87 was introduced by Rep. John James (R-Mich.) and approved by a vote of 231-191. It would revoke the waiver allowing California and other states to enforce its Advanced Clean Trucks (ACT) regulation if also passed by the Senate and signed into law. ACT, which has been adopted by 11 states, requires medium- and heavy-duty truck manufacturers to sell increasing percentages of zero-emission vehicles from 2024-2035.

I hope the H.J. Res. 87 is successful and gets passed so we can end this idiotic effort to do "social engineering" with no regard to economics of small business owners.

Let the market decide what the public needs and can afford for medium and heavy duty trucks. Every time the government gets involved in trying to help us out, we are not helped out (other than being helped out of CA due to draconian rules!).

We are all in favor of clean air and clean water, but let's incentivize the industry and let the private markets sort things out rather than punish those that want to purchase internal combustion trucks!

Right?

That's All Folks!
John

Eric Lucan for Assembly Kick-Off

📍 Thompson Builders, Novato

📅 May 30 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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NEWS YOU CAN USE

1. **USDOT allocates \$607M for infrastructure projects**

The US Department of Transportation has approved 76 infrastructure grants totaling more than \$607 million, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy says. The funding spans various programs, including the Nationally Significant Multimodal Freight and Highway Projects; the Federal Highway Administration's National Culvert Removal, Replacement, and Restoration Grant Program; and the Federal Railroad Administration's Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program. **Full Story:** [The Construction Broadsheet](#)

2. **Fast approval sought for \$20B water conveyance project**

California Gov. Gavin Newsom has proposed fast-tracking the Delta Conveyance Project in a revised budget, aiming to reroute water around the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to address expected water shortages. The \$20 billion project faces opposition from environmental groups and delta lawmakers concerned about environmental impacts, but it is supported by water agencies that would benefit from increased water deliveries. **Full Story:** [Politico](#)

3. **From Andy Allen at City of Santa Rosa-a recent email you may be interested in:**

First, I want to let you know the Water Department's restriction on the use of water and sewer pipes from J M Manufacturing and JM Eagle will be lifted soon. I am taking an item to the BPU (currently scheduled for June 5th) to update the Water and Sewer Standards to reflect this change. The lawsuit related to the restriction has been settled, so there is urgency in taking this to the BPU asap.

Second, we are in the process of preparing a more extensive update to the Standards and will be requesting input from ECA and the local Engineering groups. I will let you know when we are ready to move forward. Hopefully, so we can get back to the BPU by August.

Third, I will be retiring in mid-August after 29 ½ years with the City of Santa Rosa, so hopefully I can facilitate this update to the Standards before I retire.

4. **Windsor approves 106 apartments near Town Green-Gallaher Community Housing gets OK to build 106 apartments near Windsor Town Green - The North Bay Business Journal**

5. **Like it or not, high cost of EV's explained a bit-US electric vehicle industry is collateral damage in Trump's escalating trade war - The Press Democrat**

6. Letter on OWTS-related provisions of the Revised Action Plan for the Russian River Pathogen TMDL (TMDL). Click [HERE](#) for letter

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Sunday, June 15, 2025
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9 am—4 pm

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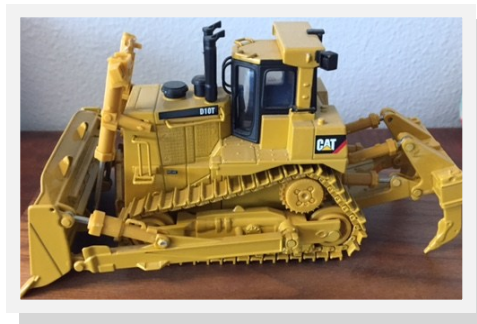
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- A. ECA Executive Committee** Recurring Meeting (Dan Giordani President, Kimber Lenning Carpenter Vice-President, Matt Storm Treasurer, Casey Wood Secretary, Mike Gulley Past President)-Every 4th Tuesday of the month from 11:00am-12:00pm from January 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

Rationalizing Unsafe Choices

Making the decision to follow every single safety rule or procedure does not come naturally to us. We constantly have to work towards making the right decisions every single day.

Many times, individuals find ways to rationalize not working safely. It is important for each worker to recognize this error trap and address it when it arises.

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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Here are 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 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!
4. **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.



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!

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](#)
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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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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
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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
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