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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.



### They Gave Their Tomorrow for Our Today

Several years ago, I wrote about the origins of Memorial Day in the USA. Let’s see how well we ACTUALLY REMEMBER AND HONOR:

#### Quiz

1. Memorial Day honors all veterans in the United States Armed Forces-
  - A. Yes
  - B. No
2. Memorial Day became a National Holiday after what conflict?
  - A. Revolutionary War
  - B. War of 1812
  - C. Civil War
  - D. World War 1
3. The official date of Memorial Day came to be because
  - A. It is the same day as Armistice Day
  - B. It is the same day as the ribbon cutting for the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
  - C. It is the most optimum day for harvesting flowers which became the tradition for laying on the graves of soldiers who died in combat
  - D. It celebrates the end of the Revolutionary War
4. The first name for Memorial Day was:
  - A. Decoration Day
  - B. Flag Day
  - C. Armed Forces Day
  - D. Remembrance Day
5. Memorial Day date was changed to the last Monday in May in what year?
  - A. 1868
  - B. 1971
  - C. 1968
  - D. 1922

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How did you do? 5 out of 5? You are a freaking Patriot! Here are the correct answers

1. B Only those that died in service
2. C 600,000 dead in the Civil War
3. C Flowers were laid on graves in remembrance in the 1860's to honor the dead soldiers
4. A Decoration Day was finally changed to Memorial Day in 1967
5. C On June 28, 1968, Congress passed the [Uniform Monday Holiday Act](#), which moved four holidays, including Memorial Day, from their traditional dates to a specified Monday in order to create a three-day weekend

So for all those that gave the ultimate sacrifice for the Nation's freedom, fly your flag, take some flowers to a grave of a soldier who died in combat, or just enjoy the Indy 500, drink beer, and be thankful we are still living in the greatest country on earth because of the sacrifices of our soldiers who died in combat!

**REMEMBER AND HONOR**

That's All Folks!  
John




## 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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
- ECA Government Affairs Committee** Recurring Meeting-Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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**- Aimi Dutra has arranged for the GAC guests to be Corte Madera Council Member **Eli Beckman** and Marin County Supervisor **Eric Lucan**. Eli Beckman and Eric Lucan are running for the State Assembly seat currently held by Damon Connolly. Connolly will be running against James Gore (and others) for Mike McGuire’s Senate seat in 2026. Lucan and Beckman will be trying to fill Connolly’s Assembly seat he is vacating.
- A. ECA Specification Meeting** Recurring Meeting Every 4<sup>th</sup> 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).  
Click [HERE](#) for the City of Santa Rosa Bidding Projects.

### Eric Lucan for Assembly Kick-Off

 Thompson Builders, Novato

 May 30 @ 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

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

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# Mixer at Blue Rock



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

Please RSVP to [mary@nceca.org](mailto: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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# ECA 32nd Annual Golf Tournament



**Friday, July 11, 2025**  
**Windsor Golf Club**  
1340 19th Hole, Windsor



## **ENTRY FEE INCLUDES:**

Green Fees, Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch, Gifts, Reception, Putting Contest, Tee Sponsor Special Ticket

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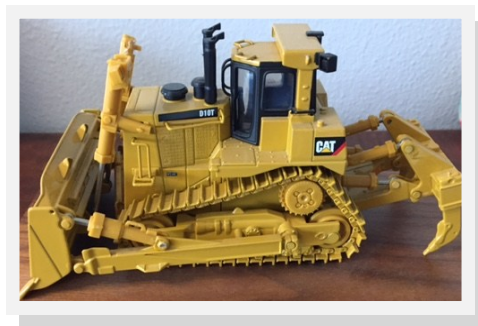
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### **CPR / First Aid**

**July 16 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

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.

Click [HERE](#) for flyer.

### **Confined Space**

**July 17 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

This course covers proper procedures for making entry into Permit Required Confined Spaces. Participants are prepared to operate in the capacity of Entrant, Attendant or Entry Supervisor during confined space operations. Participants are familiarized with CFR 1910.146 and how to properly employ the permit program. This course is a combination of classroom instruction and practical application in actual permit spaces utilizing the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment, meters and ventilation. This course is required by OSHA before an employee can enter a Permit Required Confined Space. Certification of completion is provided.

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### **CPR / First Aid**

**August 7 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

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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### **Competent Person / Trenching & Excavation**

**August 28 @ 9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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

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## From the Desk of Jim Persons

### One Safeguard Does Not Make it Safe

A lot of time and effort is spent every single day to keep workplaces incident-free and employees healthy. There are many different challenges to address to be able to achieve this.

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.

email: [jimpersons@safetypride.com](mailto:jimpersons@safetypride.com) or phone: 707-889-0881 or sign up for an upcoming class!



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## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### “No One Should Be Hungry”



Click here <http://give.refb.org/team/653017> to make your donation and feel welcome to share this link with others.

Sometimes you just need to step up. It is hard to believe that people in our community are still going hungry in May of 2025. Smith Dollar and others are doing their part to raise awareness and money for the Redwood Empire Food Bank. May is the month for making a statement that our community will have “No One Should Be Hungry” if we step up and donate a few dollars to the cause. Please help us stamp out hunger and donate in the ways mentioned in the attached memo. And we need to do so right now folks!

Here are ways to support the Team and/or Participate:

Food From the Bar is here, and we need your help to fight hunger! Join our team and rally with us to raise funds for the **Redwood Empire Food Bank**. Every dollar raised provides meals for those in need, making a real impact in our community.

Sign up today and help us raise the most funds, collect the most food, and volunteer the most hours for the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

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 27<sup>th</sup>** 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.



QR Code to donate

## 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](#)
- F. North Coast Builders Exchange website-link [North Coast Builders Exchange – NCBE Online](#)



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## WORKER'S COMPENSATION

### Worker's Compensation Endorsement By ECA-

HELLO!!! HAVE YOU ASKED YOUR HUMAN RESOURCES PERSON TO CHECK OUT THE WORKERS COMP PROGRAM ECA HAS ENDORSED? Everybody likes to save money, don't they? Doesn't cost you a thing to consider this as an option! Jeff Okrepkie at 707-360-4338.

[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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Training The Next Generation of Construction Workers

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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](mailto: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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1. **James Gore running for CA State Senate**-[James Gore for State Senate](#)
2. **Eric Lucan for CA Assemblymember**- [Eric Lucan for State Assembly 2026](#)
3. **Damon Connolly for CA State Senate**-[Official Website - Assemblymember Damon Connolly Representing the 12th California Assembly District](#)
4. **Eli Beckman for CA Assemblymember**-[Eli Beckman for CA Assembly District 12](#)
5. **Newsom “doubles down” on the controversial high speed rail project**-[Gavin Newsom commits major funding boost to California high-speed rail project](#)
6. **Big Beautiful Bill Act passed in House**-The House has passed the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, a tax and spending package, by a 215-214 vote. The bill extends tax deductions for construction contractors, including making the 199A deduction permanent and increasing it to 23%, and introduces a tax cut on overtime pay. The bill also expands Pell Grants and 529 savings for workforce training. It faces opposition from Democrats and some Republicans in the Senate due to its \$2.3 trillion deficit impact and cuts to health care and food benefits. Full Story: Engineering News-Record (tiered subscription model)
7. **PLA Confusion due to District Court ruling**-[Defense Department must resume use of PLAs, judge says | Construction Dive](#)
8. **CA spending \$1.7 billion on roads**-[California Allocates \\$1.7 Billion for Highway Safety | Roads and Bridges](#)



### Northern California Engineering Contractors Association

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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.