



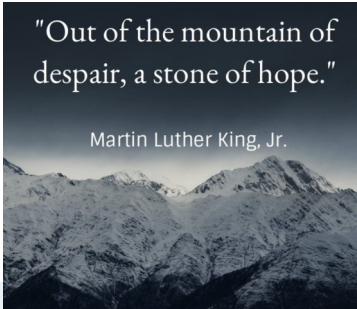
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ECA Newsletter

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.



ECA Is Turning 50 Years Old Next Year

In 2026, the Northern California Engineering Contractors Association will be turning 50 years old. This, a special and proud moment for our group, should be celebrated and will be. The ECA Board of Directors has established a small committee to lead ideas on how to celebrate the ECA's birthday (Mark Soiland, Antonio Mencarini, Keith Woods, and John Bly). The first meeting of the 50-Year Committee will be held July 22 and discussions will take place over:

1. A new logo for the ECA-simpler and easier/more cost effective to print on hats and clothing.
2. Do we celebrate the event at a special Annual General Membership Meeting in November 2026?
3. Will we generate some special clothing/hats/t-shirts etc. with the 50 Year Anniversary prominently noted?
4. Should we reach out to both new and older ECA members to speak about what the ECA has done and what the ECA needs to do to acknowledge 50 years and hopefully move forward for another 50 years?

If you have ideas and thoughts on any of these ideas or other ideas, please contact your committee member of choice and share your thoughts prior to July 22 so we can incorporate your ideas into our discussion!

That's All Folks!
John



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1. **Highway 37 secures \$73 million to fund project to help traffic flow-**
[Highway 37 project awarded \\$73 million state grant - The North Bay Business Journal](#)
2. **SMART keeps moving north-Healdsburg is next!!!**
3. **Finally-some CEQA reform-California rolls back its landmark environmental law - The North Bay Business Journal**
4. **Money in the bank for SMART!- [SMART extension to Healdsburg gets \\$81M state boost - The North Bay Business Journal](#)**
5. **Another ECA Member merges into bigger company-[Pisenti & Brinker joins national accounting firm Sorren - The North Bay Business Journal](#)**
6. **SMART Initiative**—Without raising taxes, the SMART Initiative seeks to renew SMART's public funding through a voter-led initiative, ensuring service beyond 2028, and the continued provision of safe, well-maintained, and accessible trains and pathways for the residents of Sonoma and Marin counties.. The SMART Initiative FPPC #1482098



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!

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 July 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 July 22, 2025, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm.
- 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 July 22, 2025 from **1:45pm to 3:00pm**- (Chair John Bly, Members Ross Liscum, Keith Woods, Joanne Webster, Dale Mahoney, Mark Soiland, Mike Wolff, John Reid, and Aimi Dutra)-invited guests TBD soon
- 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 (**Special Day!!**) Tuesday July 22, 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). Special guests for 7-22-25 will be Paul Kaushal P.E. Director of Public Works for the City of Petaluma and Jonathan Sanglaret Director of Capital Improvements Projects for the City of Petaluma and Nathan Quarles of Sonoma County discussing permit timelines.

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ECA Lunch & Skeet Shooting



Northern California Engineering Contractors Association



ECA Lunch
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ECA Member Lunch ~ Friday, August 29th
\$55 for ECA member & \$75 for non member
to register: email mary@nceca.org

*We encourage you to bring a potential ECA
Member to this lunch!*



ECA 32nd Annual Golf Tournament



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

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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

Burn Hazards and Injury Prevention

Burn injuries are common both at home and in the workplace. The American Burn Association states that there are over 40,000 hospitalizations each year due to burns. There are a few different types of burn injuries.

To read more.

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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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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



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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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!

ECA Golf Tournament - Friday, July 11 at Windsor Golf Club
ECA Luncheon at Glenn Smith's Home - Friday, August 29
Wine & Dozers Auction - Saturday, November 1 at Graton Resort & Casino
ECA Annual General Membership Meeting - Date/Time/Place TBD



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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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