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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK



March is Madness Around the AGC

By Eddie Sprecco, CEO

We have a busy March planned at the AGC. Make the best of your AGC membership by getting your company engaged with these AGC functions – remember, all employees of AGC member companies are eligible to participate in AGC functions. With events back in person, it's the perfect time to reconnect with fellow AGC

members.

Installation and Member Awards – TOMMORROW Night

Join us if tomorrow night at the Marriot Marquis as we thank outgoing President Mike Williamson and swear in 2022 President Kari Kyne, along with other new board members and officers. Member awards will also be announced. This event is **SOLD OUT** – if you are among the fortunate ticket holders, we will see you there!

Board of Directors Meeting – Thursday

The AGC Board of Directors meets the second Thursday of each month to manage the operations of the San Diego Chapter as well as undertake major initiatives that impact the industry. If you have any topics that you would like the board to address or are interested in serving on the Board of Directors, please contact me, via [email](#).

Labor Negotiations

This year **EIGHT** master labor agreements negotiated by AGC San Diego are up for renewal – it will be a busy year at the bargaining table! The language and rates agreed upon will set the work rules and wage rates for union contractors and will largely be adopted for public works projects as prevailing wages. If you work for a contractor signatory to the Carpenters, Operators, Laborers, Cement Masons, or Teamsters unions, and would like to

serve on a negotiations committee, contact Marcy Knopman via [email](#). Labor Negotiation Committees will be meeting over the next two weeks in preparation for negotiations.

Government Affairs – March 16

The Government Affairs committee guides public policy for AGC San Diego and recommends actions on state legislation, local ordinances and ballot initiatives that go before voters. Hot topics for March include easing of remaining COVID restrictions/mandates, SANDAG half cent sales tax initiative, and the potential repeal of the PLA ban at the City of San Diego. If you would like to be involved in Government Affairs Committee now or in the future, contact Dustin Steiner via [email](#).

Members Mixer – March 17

After a THREE YEAR hiatus, the hugely popular AGC Members Mixer returns next Thursday at **Tom Ham's Lighthouse**. Yes, it is on **Saint Patrick's Day**, so be sure to dress in green for this themed mixer unless you are ready to take a pinching. Thanks to our generous sponsors, this member-only event is FREE to attend – [registration](#) required.

National Convention – March 28 through March 31

The last time AGC of America got together for a regularly scheduled convention was March 2020 – which ended with Las Vegas being shut down for the first time in its history... This year's convention in **Grapevine, Texas** will be largely a return to "normal". However, AGC San Diego, throughout the pandemic, has strengthened its already strong ties with AGC of America, as our national staff was crucial in navigating the pandemic while passing a historic infrastructure funding package without the baggage of the "Build Back Better" agenda. With AGC San Diego members in leadership positions in AGC of America's Divisions and Board of Directors, there is no better time to be involved at the national level. Joins us in Texas by registering [HERE](#).

That's just a slice of what AGC San Diego Chapter has in store for March and for the year. As always, check out our [events calendar](#) to see what upcoming committees, classes, and events are being offered. To sign up for committees, use our [AGC Committee Volunteer form](#). Make the most of your AGC membership starting today!

Need Workers? Need Economical Training for Your Employees?

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

California is a land of shortages in some critical commodities in 2022. Housing is in critically short supply for low- and moderate-income families. Also vital to a healthy economy is water supply, which as we know, due to continuous droughts and no effort for fifty years to improve water storage, will be in disastrous short supply for our agricultural sector in the near term. Not as bad but becoming another economy damaging shortage is the supply of electricity in California. Our energy grid has become more unreliable in the face of zero carbon emission mandates in this state that will worsen the shortage. And finally, there is the critical shortage of workers particularly in construction, which is a long-term strategic issue around the country. At this point there are small things happening, one such effort we outline below.

Recently, the AGC and Project Cornerstone have been working to strengthen our partnership with other entities that are developing tomorrow's workforce in areas like

construction and manufacturing. A good example of that is what is going on at the Grossmont Adult Education School. They are part of a consortium called East Region Adult Education which is a partnership also including the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and the Mountain Empire Adult Education School. Some of their success, if replicated elsewhere, would help supply the 800,000 trade workers we are going to need in the next decade.

Several classes that are important to the construction industry are being offered at Grossmont Adult School. Those are welding, Class B Trucking license, and Concrete Mixer driver training. It should be noted that these classes are an economical way to train existing employees as well as a place to look for candidate new employees.

Class-B Truck & Bus Driving License Class

In this 8- week class, students will learn how to operate a 40-foot Class B vehicle with air brakes and have the opportunity to take the California DMV road test. Upon completion of the program students will earn their Class-B License, as well as their Passenger and Tanker Endorsements. Class-B drivers are needed in San Diego's hospitality, construction, retail delivery and mass transportation sectors. Students will also be issued a Certificate of Achievement and a list of competencies. **Current course fee is only \$800.**

Concrete Mixer Truck Training (CMTT)

The 2-week, 30-hour Concrete Mixer Truck Training will train students to drive, maintain and safely navigate a concrete mixer truck at a construction site. Safety protocols, ability to read meters and gauges, ability to properly operate the vehicle at a job site will also be offered. Additional training will include understanding the concrete industry and the basic science behind concrete that is essential for delivering a high-quality product. This class is also designed to educate students about the concrete industry and the high paying jobs available. **Current course fee is \$325.**

GTAW: Gas Tungsten Arc Welding (TIG) - Instruction in this course covers safety, personal protection equipment, welding and electrical theory, basic equipment set up and repair, methods and techniques in GTAW in preparation for testing to AWS D1.3 structural or AWS D9.1 sheet metal welding criteria. Optional processes may include AC aluminum welding and tube notching/welding. **Course fee is \$600**

GMAW: Gas Metal Arc Welding - Instruction covers safety, personal protection equipment, welding and electrical theory, basic equipment set up and repair, methods and techniques in GMAW in preparation for testing to AWS D1.1 structural welding criteria. **Course fee is \$600**

SMAW: Shield Metal Arc Welding - Instruction cover safety, personal protection equipment welding and electrical theory, basic equipment setup and repair, methods and techniques in SMAW in preparation for testing AWS D.1 structural weld criteria. **Course fee is \$600**

Introduction to Welding (Summer Session Only) – This 5-week class will introduce students to GTAW, GMAW and SMAW welding techniques. This survey class is perfect for adults exploring a career in welding. No experience required! **Course fee is \$375.**

Welding Certification - AWS certification testing is offered to all registered welding students. **Testing fees are \$50**

A few items of interest we found in discussions with school officials:

- This session Grossmont Adult Education has 37 Welding students in the process of completing their programs.
- For firms interested in hiring. Students, Grads, and *any* job seeker can view the [Industry Presentations](#) page to learn about businesses interested in hiring the school's students.
- The school also offers Career and education Expos for employers to connect directly with candidates, showcase their positions, and initiate informal interviews. For more information [click here](#).
- Grossmont's [Job Board](#) is free to employers. View recent postings under "Welding" or "Construction and Trades"

For further information click on:

[Concrete Mixer Training](#)

[Class B Truck License](#)

[Welding](#)



**AGC Members Mixer March 17 @
Tom Ham's Lighthouse - Harbor
Island**

Eat, Drink and be Irish for a Day!

Join us at the St. Patrick's Day themed Members Mixer on March 17. Wear something **"GREEN"** and meet us at **Tom Ham's Lighthouse** on Harbor Island from **4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**

In addition, attendees will be asked to **vote** on the **BEST St. Patrick's Day themed sponsor table.**

All member types are welcome to sponsor an exhibitor table at the event. Yes, **General Contractors**, you can set up a table and reach out to subcontractors. **Subcontractors** and **Affiliates**, you can set up to promote and market your companies.

Join our Sponsors in supporting this event to ensure all **AGC members** are invited to attend at no charge.

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We encourage our member firms to stay connected, and invite their PM's, PE's, estimating staff, scheduling staff, etc., and anyone else in their firm that would benefit from socializing with others in the industry.

This is a member-only function and pre-registration is required!

[PRE-REGISTER TODAY!](#)

The Mixer event will have an EXPO type atmosphere with sponsors receiving a table to display promotional materials, etc.

- You can display product samples, promotional materials, etc.
- Your company name will be prominently displayed on a banner in the room
- Platinum level sponsors will be given choice placement by the entrance and bar areas.
- A running slide show will display AGC event photos and sponsor logos and ads depending on their level of sponsorship:
- **SILVER SPONSOR's** logos will be displayed on the screen with other Silver Sponsors (6 companies per screen)
- **GOLD SPONSORS** will share "screen time" with a 2nd Gold Sponsor (2 companies per screen)
- **PLATINUM SPONSORS** receive "full screen" ads



AGC San Diego Spring Conference La Quinta Resort, La Quinta, CA

From: **Kari Kyne**, *Kyne Construction*, 2022 AGC President and **Rachael Gonzalez**, *West Coast Air Conditioning Co.*, AGC 2022 Meetings & Events Chair

The AGC San Diego Chapter's, Meetings and Events Committee invites members to our 53rd Annual Spring Conference, May 5-7, 2022. The

Spring Conference has traditionally followed the AGC Board of Directors Spring Retreat. Members are given the opportunity to spend time together in a relaxed setting at some of the most outstanding resorts in the Western United States.

This year, we are headed back to the La Quinta Resort & Spa, in La Quinta, CA, site of the 2019 AGC Spring Conference.

Check out their website at: <https://www.laquintaresort.com>

Attendees can register by clicking on the [Spring Conference Event Brochure here](#). The “Spring Conference Package” includes hotel accommodations for 2 nights, all receptions, banquets, meals, hospitality suite, etc.

See also the “optional activities” listed in the same brochure. On Friday, we’ve arranged for a golf outing at the PGA West La Quinta Course, and we’re planning another Pickleball Tournament. It’s sure to be a lot of fun!

The schedule includes:

- **Thursday: AGC Opening Night Dinner Reception - Sponsorships Needed!**
- **Thursday: Hospitality Suite**
- **Friday: Breakfast Business Meeting**
- **Friday: Golf at the PGA West La Quinta Course**
- **Friday: Pickleball Tournament**
- **Friday: Dinner Banquet - Sponsorships Needed!**
- **Friday: Hospitality Suite – Sponsorships Needed!**

We’re offering a 10% discount on activities to those that register early. Don’t delay, as it expires on **March 25**.

AGC members always enjoy this event and the opportunity it provides to develop relationships with our board of directors, as well as other attendees.

Please note that [SPONSORSHIPS](#) are needed to help host the *Welcome Reception*, *Saturday Dinner Banquet*, and the *AGC Hospitality Suite*.

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

Please contact raek@agcsd.org with any questions.

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6 Months Look Ahead...

- March 8 - **AGC INSTALLATION DINNER /MEMBER AWARDS-** *Marriott Marquis Marina*
- March 17 - **MEMBER MIXER @ Tom Ham's Lighthouse**
- March 28-31 - **NATIONAL CONVENTION @ Grapevine, Texas**
- May 5-7 - **SPRING CONFERENCE - @ La Quinta Resort, La Quinta**
- June 3 (date to be confirmed) - **AGC/EGCC SPRING GOLF @ Maderas Golf Course**
- June 21 - **BASEBALL BASH @ Petco Park**
- July 11-15 - **AGC BLOOD DRIVE**
- July 22 - **DAY AT THE RACES @ Del Mar Racetrack**
- August 5 - **AFFILIATE DAY GOLF @ Singing Hills**

EDUCATION/SAFETY TRAINING

MARCH CLASSE

- Mar. 8 **Women in Leadership** - Online
- Mar. 8 **Flagger Certification** - Lakeside
- Mar. 9-10 **USACE CQM - C Training** - Online
- Mar. 10 **MEWP (Boom/Scissor lift) Operator Training** - Ferris Square
- Mar. 14 **Excel Beginners** - Offsite
- Mar. 14 **EM 385-1-1 Refresher** - Ferris Square
- Mar. 14 **Fall Protection 8 Hour CPT** - Ferris Square
- Mar. 16 **QuickBooks Beginners** - Offsite
- Mar. 16 **Confined Space** - Ferris Square
- Mar. 16 **Scaffold 8-Hour CPT** - Ferris Square
- Mar. 21 **Excel Intermediate** - Offsite
- Mar. 21 **Fall Protection CP Refresher** - Ferris Square
- Mar. 21-23 **Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT** - Ferris Square
- Mar. 22 **Microsoft Project 2016 Introduction** - Offsite
- Mar. 22-24 **NAVFAC Trenching and Excavating 24 Hour CPT** - Ferris Square
- Mar. 23 **QuickBooks Intermediate / Advanced** - Offsite
- Mar. 23-24 **USACE CQM - C Training** - Online
- Mar. 23,30 & 4/6 **Effective Project Engineer** - Lakeside
- Mar. 24 **Prevailing Wage 8-Hour Compliance Training** - Lakeside
- Mar. 28 **Excel Advanced** - Offsite
- Mar. 28-31 **OSHA 30 Hour Construction Outreach** - Lakeside

Mar. 30 CPR/ First Aid - Lakeside

For more information on classes, contact: [Becca Schaffer](#), 619-592-4533



Training Calendar & Class Registration

ONLINE PLAN ROOM

The advertisement features a background of architectural blueprints and a laptop. The text reads: 'BID MORE PROJECTS WITH AGC'S ONLINE PLAN ROOM FREE FOR AGC MEMBERS! NEED ACCESS? Email planroom@agcsd.org'.The advertisement features a background of an industrial structure. The text reads: 'State Approved Trade & Focus Publication GOOD FAITH ADVERTISING REPORT Interested in Advertising Visit www.agcsd.org/online-plan-room.html'.

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETINGS

Committee Meeting Calendar

Get Involved - Join a Committee

MARCH MEETINGS

Tuesday, March 15 - 1:00 P.M. - **Water Authority Liaison Committee** - Virtual

Wednesday, March 16 - 8:00 A.M. - **Government Relations Committee**

Wednesday, March 16 - 8:00 A.M. - **Build & Serve Committee** @ Lakeside/Virtual

Wednesday, March 16 - 11:30 A.M. - **H.R. Practices Committee** @ Lakeside

Wednesday, March 23 - 1:00 P.M. - **County of San Diego Liaison** - Virtual

Friday, March 25 - 11:00 A.M. - **Technology Committee** - @ Lakeside/Virtual

AGC LOCATIONS



**AGC East County Facility &
Apprenticeship Training Center**
10140 Riverford Road
Lakeside, CA 92040
(858) 558-7444
[DIRECTIONS](#)



**AGC Government Affairs Office &
Fall Protection Training Campus**
6212 Ferris Square
San Diego, CA 92121
2nd floor
[DIRECTIONS](#)

About Monday Morning Quarterback

AGC San Diego Chapter's Monday Morning Quarterback is a "hot off the press" and to the point Monday morning briefing on the important issues facing San Diego's construction industry. It is prepared by AGC Chief Executive Officer, Eddie Sprecco, and Vice President Government & Industry Relations, Dustin Steiner.

Please contact [Eddie Sprecco](#) or [Dustin Steiner](#) with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 3,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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The **VOICE** of Construction



Kari Kyne Installed as the 77th President of AGC San Diego

By Eddie Sprecco, CEO

The Associated General Contractors of America, San Diego Chapter, Inc. (AGC) installed its 2022 Officers and Board Members at the Chapter's Installation program on Tuesday, March 8. Over 300 guests attended the event which was sponsored by **Surety Associates of Southern California**.

Kari Kyne, President of *Kyne Construction*, was installed as the 77th President in the AGC's 95-year history and only the second woman to hold this leadership role. She succeeds **Mike Williamson** of *Pacific Coast Iron*. *Kyne Construction* was established in 2004 and is a small, woman owned, and family operated, general engineering contractor specializing in underground and site utilities.

Mrs. Kyne has been an active AGC member for many years. As a member of AGC's Board of Directors, she has served as Senior Vice President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Chair of AGC's Government Relations and Political Action Committees, Membership Committee, Plan Room Committee and Education Committee.

AGC officers installed:

Austin Cameron, TC Construction Company, Inc. as Sr. Vice President

Dr. Gita Murthy, RORE, Inc., as Vice President

Norbert Schulz, J.R. Filanc Construction Company, Inc. as Secretary/Treasurer

Other Board Members Installed:

Mike Spain, Skanska USA Civil - General Engineering Contractor

Wes Wise, Cass Arrieta - General Engineering Contractor

Barry Swaim, Tower Glass, Specialty Contractor

Mike Williamson, Pacific Coast Iron, Specialty Contractor

Larry McMahon, Alliant Insurance Services - Affiliate

Jeff Harper, Harper Construction Co., Inc. - Past President
Rob Brienza, Hensel Phelps, Chair of Construction Leadership Council (CLC)

The following AGC members have been appointed to the 2022 Executive Committee and will serve as Ex-officio Members of the Board of Directors: **Bob Bridges**, Sherwood Mechanical, Inc., and **Mike Furby** Marathon Construction Corporation.

Retiring Board Members

John Boies, Granite Construction, served for 3 years
Lars Herman, Herman Construction, served as the ex-officio member in 2021.

Retiring Committee Chairs

The retiring committee chairs were recognized for their dedication and service to the AGC:

John Boies, Granite Construction - Caltrans
Austin Cameron, TC Construction Co., Inc. - Membership Committee
Paul Diaz, Bergelectric Corp. - CLC
Nancy Erickson, TPPS - Build & Service Charitable Alliance
Matt Ferguson, The Haskell Company - NAVFAC
Julia Hope, Erickson-Hall Construction Co. - Build & Service Charitable Alliance
Kari Kyne, Kyne Construction, Inc. - Government Relations and PAC
Jeff Jaques, Swinerton - Safety Committee
Jared Rury, Helix Electric, Inc. - Specialty Contractors Council

Apprenticeship

Thomas L. Brown, *Sierra Pacific West, Inc.* - Chairman of the Apprenticeship Trust, recognized the top graduates from a class of 278 in the AGC's Apprenticeship Program.

AGC's Project Management Certification Course

Glen Schaffer, AGC Director of Marketing & Education, and **Paul Stout**, Course Facilitator from Power Summit, recognized 29 graduates of the 26-week Project Management Certification Course.

AGC Member Awards

The Construction Technology Committee presented **Bergelectric Corporation** the *Excellence in Construction Innovation Award*.

A number of member awards were also presented by the Specialty Contractors' Council, and the Affiliate Members' Council:

- *Construction Industry Excellence Award*: **Marathon Construction Corporation**
- *Construction Industry Professional Award*: **Jacqueline Keller** (Trench Shoring Company)
- *Construction Industry Leadership Award*: **Mike Williamson** (Pacific Coast Iron)
- *Excellence in Marketing Award*: **Alliant Insurance Services**
- *Good Business Award*: **TC Construction Company, Inc.**
- *Affiliate of the Year* (Company): **Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP**
- *Affiliate of the Year* (Individual): **Jodie Taylor** (Career Construction)
- *Rookie of the Year*: **Aaron Vallejo** (Milwaukee Tool)

Construction Safety Excellence Award (CSEA) Winners

Vince Hundley, AGC Safety Director and **Robert Sahagun** of *BNBuilders* AGC's 2022 Safety Committee Chair recognized the following firms for winning AGC's San Diego CSEA Awards in their respective categories (based upon hours worked).

Building Division

Cox Construction: 0 - 250,00 work hours

Western Pump, Inc.: 250,000 - 500,000 work hours

BNBuilders, Inc.: 1,000,001 - 2,500,000 work hours

Construction Manager Division

Straub Construction: 0 - 250,000 work hours

Highway Division

L.B. Civil Construction, Inc.: 1 -250,000 work hours

Sundt Construction Co.: 2,500,000 - 5,000,000 work hours

Flatiron Construction Co.: Over 5,000,001 work hours

Specialty Division

Kyne Construction, Inc.: 100,001 - 250,000 work hours

M Bar C Construction, Inc.: 250,001 - 500,000 work hours

Johnson, Finch & McClure Construction, Inc.: 500,001 - 1,000,000 work hours

Helix Electric, Inc.: 1,000,001 - 5,000,000 work hours

Bergelectric Corporation: Over 5,000,001 work hours

Vendor & Supplier Division

Hudson Safe-T-Lite - 0 - 500,000 work hour

Also recognized were the San Diego member firms that competed last year in our local competition and made it through to the rigorous competition in AGC of America's nationwide **CSEA finals at the 2021 National Convention:**

Highway and Transportation Division

Sundt Construction, Inc.; 1st Place, over 800,000 work hours

Utility Infrastructure Division

Castle Contracting; 2nd Place

President's Award

The Specialty Contractors Council presented the AGC President's Award to an individual who has gone above and beyond in his service to the industry, not just in the past year, but over the course of their membership. The President's Award was presented to **Mark Payne** of *Swinerton*.

SIR Award

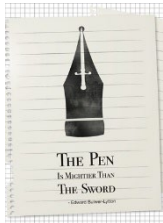
The SIR Award is the highest award given by any AGC chapter. The name SIR is derived from an acronym taken from the association's creed: Skill. Integrity. Responsibility. The award honors individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the AGC and to the construction industry.

In the 95 years of this chapter's existence, only 28 individuals have received this award and the 29th AGC San Diego SIR award was presented to **Mr. Mark Filanc**, CEO of *J.R. Filanc Construction*. J.R. Filanc Construction has been a member of the AGC San Diego for just under 40 years. Mark follows his father Jack and his brother Pete in leading the firm from its modest beginnings to currently being a national leader in the water, wastewater

portion of the industry. Mark served on the AGCSD Board of Directors from 2005-2018 and as President in 2011.

Congratulations to all the member award winners, CSEA winners, nominees, PM grads, and Apprentices

[PHOTO GALLERY](#)



The Pen

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relation

In 1839, English author Edward Bulwer-Lytton famously wrote, “*The Pen is Mightier than the Sword*” in his play *Richelieu; Or the Conspiracy*. Over the years that line has become more than just a rallying cry for peace, and now symbolizes just how powerful the written word is; be it for governing or critiquing said governing.

Last week, Democratic leaders met in Philadelphia for their first in-person caucus retreat since 2019. With an international crisis in full swing, inflation, and gas prices soaring (more on that later), and midterms on the horizon, it is clear that elected Democrats are frustrated. They took out some of that frustration on the President by slashing his request for \$15 billion in COVID spending from the \$1.5 trillion Omnibus Bill last week. They also made it clear they want him to use *his* pen to enact broad swaths of that ambitious domestic plan that seemed so attainable - with the White House and majorities in both chambers of Congress - just 14 months ago.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) is the chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus (CPC). [MMQB discussed her powerful influence in D.C. back in November](#). She promised a list of potential Executive Orders from the CPC as early as this week saying, “*We’re gonna make sure that we do everything we can to cut costs for American consumers. And that means that we are going to look at executive actions, and we’re going to look at legislation. I don’t want anyone to think that we believe that executive action is better than legislation. We would always prefer to have legislation. But certainly there are a lot of areas where a) if we don’t get legislation, the administration could take action and b) the administration can take action to help move us more quickly towards the goals that we’re working on.*”

Executive Orders (EO) have been used throughout history by every President except William Henry Harrison who only served 31 days before his untimely death. Not surprisingly, our longest serving President, Franklin D. Roosevelt issued the most Executive Orders - a whopping 3,721 - during his 12 years in the White House. EOs have ranged from lowering flags to half-staff/mast to the Emancipation Proclamation.

Biden himself is no stranger to Executive Orders. [According to NPR](#), he issued more in his first 100 days than any President since Truman. [As reported last month](#), President Biden recently signed E.O. 14063 that will require—with limited exceptions—every federal prime contractor and subcontractor to engage in negotiation or agree to project labor agreements (PLAs) on federal construction projects valued at \$35 million or more.

Shortly after, during his State of the Union Address, President Biden said, “*And let’s pass the PRO Act.*” **AGC remains strongly opposed to the PRO Act.** You can read more about AGC’s concerns with the PRO Act by [clicking here](#). AGC is not the only association

concerned. In fact, last week, Uber, Lyft, and DoorDash (among others) formed the new group [Flex](#) to fight efforts (like the PRO Act) to reclassify gig workers as employees. They also evidently made a splash with a “seven-figure ad buy” according to [The Hill](#).

Back in the Golden State, Assemblyman Kevin Kiley (R-Rocklin) has introduced legislation to suspend the state’s gas tax for six months. AB 1638 is expected to go to the Assembly floor this afternoon. Supervisors Anderson and Desmond have a similar item for consideration on the Board of Supervisors’ agenda this week. MMQB discussed the implications of any so-called gas tax holidays in a previous edition. You can read it by clicking [here](#).

Rest assured, AGC San Diego will be using our collective pen to continue to express our concerns with both the PRO Act and the proposed gas tax holidays



Construction is Hot, Washington Is Not

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering
Construction & Industry Relations

Construction spending increased in January compared to both December and a year ago, with strong gains in private nonresidential and residential construction, but mixed results for public spending, according to an analysis of federal

spending data, released recently by the Associated General Contractors of America. AGC has urged Washington officials to speed the award of funds promised by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. After much drama, we are now moving forward.

Analysis by AGC shows that private nonresidential construction, especially for manufacturing plants, has rebounded sharply in recent months, and demand for housing construction remains strong. But public projects have yet to grow consistently, partly because of inaction in Washington.

Construction spending in January totaled \$1.68 trillion at a seasonally adjusted annual rate, 1.3% above the upwardly revised December rate and 8.2% higher than in January 2021. Private residential construction spending rose 1.3% in January from a month prior and 13.4% from January 2021, while private nonresidential construction spending increased 1.8% from December to January and 7.3% from January 2021. In contrast, public construction spending rose 0.6 percent for the month but slipped 1.3% from the year-ago level.

A surge in manufacturing construction, which gained 8.5% for the month and 31.2% year-over-year, accounted for the bulk of the private nonresidential pickup. In addition, the largest private nonresidential segment, power construction, rose 2.7% for the month but trailed the January 2021 rate by 1.4%. The next-largest segment, commercial construction, declined 0.5% in January but jumped 18.0% year-over-year, with year-over-year gains in each component: warehouses (up 22.4%), retail categories (up 15.2 %), and farm (up 4.4%.)

Construction employment climbed by 60,000 jobs between January and February as hourly pay rose at the steepest pace in nearly 40 years, according to an analysis of government data released recently. Industry leaders have urged officials in Washington to boost

support for career training and education to enable more workers to pursue high-paying construction careers.

However, filling positions remains a struggle, as pay is rising even faster in other sectors. Average hourly earnings for “production and nonsupervisory employees”—largely, hourly craft workers, in the case of construction—increased 6.0% from February 2021 to last month. That was the steepest 12-month increase since December 1982—and the competition for workers has intensified as other industries offer working conditions that are not possible in construction, such as flexible hours or work from home.

Employment rose at all types of construction firms in February. Nonresidential construction firms added 29,400 employees. That included 19,900 more employees among specialty trade contractors, 7,300 at heavy and civil engineering construction firms, and 2,200 working for general building contractors. Employment in residential construction rose by 31,000 workers, including 24,300 at specialty trade contractors and 6,700 employed by homebuilders and multifamily general contractors.

Meanwhile, the largest public segments showed diverse results according to federal reports. Highway and street construction edged down 0.1% from December but rose 5.2 percent compared to January 2021. Educational construction was unchanged for the month and skidded 9.9% year-over-year. Transportation construction spending climbed 1.6% in January but only 0.1% year-over-year.

Association officials said one reason for the uneven public sector construction spending is that Congress, until just last week had not appropriated most of the extra funds authorized in the Bipartisan Infrastructure law signed by President Biden last year. In addition, the administration has added restrictions not intended by Congress. For example, the Federal Highway administration has put language into their funding rules that restrict the states from widening highways with the new infrastructure funding.

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The highway, transportation, and other infrastructure promised by that bill is urgently needed to tackle snarled supply chains and rising costs. Congress and the administration need to fulfill the promise of the legislation—now.



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David Alvarez for State Assembly

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

On (or before) April 5, the voters of the 80th Assembly District (AD) in San Diego will pick a new Assemblymember to fill the seat of Lorena Gonzalez, who resigned from the Assembly in January to lead the California Labor Federation. Democrats David Alvarez, who served eight years as the City Council Member representing District 8, and Georgette Gomez, who represented District 9 for four years, including two as Council President, are the frontrunners in this race.

The 80th is the most “blue” Assembly District in the County boasting a whopping 33% registration advantage where nearly half of the registered voters are Democrats. There is a third candidate, perennial *also-ran* Lincoln Pickard, who is the lone Republican in a district where Reps make up just over 15% of registered voters.

AGC’s PAC interviewed both Alvarez and Gomez. Both candidates shared their vision on infrastructure investment and cited past work in the area and while both historically support Project Labor Agreements (PLAs), they said they were willing to listen to all sides of the argument. **AGC’s PAC voted to recommend Alvarez to the Board of Directors who officially endorsed him in this Special Election.**

AGC joins a broad collation of Alvarez endorsements including the San Diego Union Tribune, Southwest Carpenters, San Diego County Medical Society, Civil Rights Leader Reverend Shane Harris, and Alvarez’s former staff member turned Council Member Vivian Moreno. Alvarez’s campaign was also bolstered by a reported \$250,000 donation from Uber to a business-funded committee supporting his candidacy. Gomez is endorsed by Gonzalez whose AB 5 has created major problems for gig economy workers like Uber drivers.

If no candidate receives 50% +1 vote in April, a general election will be held on June 7 to coincide with the State Primary Election. The race for the next full 2-year term will also be on that ballot. It appears likely - given the heavy registration advantage - that Alvarez and Gomez will finish in the top two and move on to June. All three candidates in the Special have also filed for the full-term election in June/November. The April Special Election (and

possible Run-Off in June) will be voters in the *old* 80th (primarily parts of San Diego, National City, and Chula Vista), while decennial redistricting created a *new* 80th (more of Chula Vista and Imperial Beach along with portions of SD and NC) for the June Primary (and November Run-off). The new 80th is equally as blue – with 46.6% of registered voters being Democrats to 19.9% Republican. To find out if you live in the 80th click [here](#). For more information on the Special Election click [here](#).

2022 is shaping up to be a busy campaign year! [Join](#) AGC's PAC to have a seat at the table!

State Failing on Housing and Infrastructure and Regulations

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The State of California continues its absurd quest to increase regulatory burdens on business and free enterprise even when it leads to the unintended consequences of increasing homelessness and poverty among our most vulnerable low-income residents. The proposed new Construction Storm Water General Permit is a case in point.

On average, it only rains 15 days a year in Southern California. When those drops of pure water touch the ground, they run downhill and pick up sediment and contaminants like copper from brake pads, zinc from tires, bacteria from plants and animals, and nutrients or chemicals from fertilizer and insecticides. They also pick up vast quantities of human fecal matter as homeless encampments line watersheds all over California.

To protect the water quality of streams and beaches, every decade, the five members of the State Water Resources Control Board re-write the Construction General Permit (CGP) governing the control of rainwater runoff from construction sites. This process is underway now, with the draft new CGP expected to be issued shortly. The new CGP is expected to upend decades of an approach that required best management practices to limit the vast majority of soil movement during rainstorms of any defined pollutants. Instead, this new version of the permit is poised to set absolute limits for every pollutant, an approach that would cause a significant spike in the cost of new homes and infrastructure, even though the existing regulations have been effective.

The stormwater regulators ignore a simple fact; the vast majority of violations under the current permit have to do with reporting, not polluting. The pollutants are being effectively captured. Little will be gained by increasing regulations on new construction sites because these already heavily regulated sites make up almost none of California's landmass.

Roughly half of California is state or federally-owned mountains, forests and deserts, about 44% is agricultural land and the remaining six percent is developed as towns and cities, with only a tiny fraction of that under construction at any time. Far more would be gained by controlling water pollution from existing parking lots, roads, and roof tops, but they aren't covered by the new permit.

Nevertheless, the new permit would dramatically increase the cost of construction by requiring more stringent stormwater runoff sampling and testing, which in turn will require more staff, new consultants, and additional costs for laboratory testing, paperwork and compliance costs. At a time when Governor Newsom is trying to solve California's housing crisis, this regulation would add at least \$3,500 to \$5,000 to the cost of each home, with

similar cost increases to other construction, like new rail and trolley construction or freeway construction and repair. These costs will be incurred without improving water quality in any measurable way.

Under the draft new CGP regulations, if laboratory tests, at a construction site, reveal any pollutant over prescribed limits, fines of over \$50,000 per day per violation would be charged – even when there isn't equipment available to remove all the pollutants the regulations address. There is no filter that removes bacteria or dissolved copper, for example, yet the new regulations will levy fines if these pollutants exceed regulatory limits. Some contractors have suggested that the only way to avoid these fines is to stop all construction from October to May, when rain is possible.

The construction industry recognizes its responsibilities and is doing its part. We train staff and employees in the proper installation and maintenance of required stormwater pollution prevention measures and prepare expensive and extensive plans for containing rainwater during every phase of every project. Employees working on stormwater programs must be certified and registered with the state and recertified every couple of years. During rainstorms, contractors hire private laboratories to take runoff samples and analyze the contents and report the results to a public website. As a result, pollution is controlled effectively – at an already high cost that ends up being paid largely by taxpayers and homebuyers.

The draft CGP permit requirements that are now proposed by the Water Board will quadruple those costs while doing little to reduce pollution – but doing much to drive up the costs of homes and infrastructure. The construction industry has proposed improvements to the draft permit that would reduce pollution while recognizing the technological and economic challenges we face. The construction industry believes that current Best Management Practices combined with a requirement to take action if pollutant levels are exceeded, not automatic fines– is the right approach, while state's proposal to set absolute limits for each pollutant is all wrong and will exacerbate the housing shortage, growing poverty and the decline of our infrastructure.

Every construction site is different, with variations in soils, risks, and options for pollution reduction. Rather than trying to achieve an arbitrary number, we need to continue containing pollution through tried-and-true best management practices while solving the housing crisis and building much-needed infrastructure.



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GIVING BACK



JOIN TEAM AGC in the WALK FOR ANIMALS, May 7, to Support the San Diego Humane Society

By Marcy Knopman, AGC Build & Serve Charitable Alliance Staff Liaison

The **Build & Serve Charitable Alliance** is a committee made up of construction industry professionals whose mission is to help serve the community, whether through "serve" projects or "build" projects. Since 2009, the committee has been dedicated in focusing its charitable efforts in the following groups within the community:

- **MILITARY** (Projects: *STEP (Support the Enlisted Project) Baby Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive, Marines - Bootcamp Challenge, Rescue Task Force Backpacks, etc.*)
- **HOMELESS** (Projects: *Father Joe's Village Clothes Drive, Stocking Stuffing, Operation Hope, etc.*)
- **COMMUNITIES:** (Projects: *Spring Valley-East Community Center Handball Court Demo, Habitat for Humanity, etc.*)
- **KIDS** (Project: *Adopt a School, Make-A-Wish, Computer2Kids Electronics Drive, Monarch School Backpack Drive Back-To-School Night, Build a Bench, Rady and Polinsky Toy Drive, Ronald McDonald House Red Shoe Day and Repair Day, etc.*)
- **HEALTH & WELLNESS:** (Projects: *Blood Drive, La Jolla Family House Collection Drive, Bannister Family House Host-A-Meal and Toiletry Drive, American Cancer Society Construction vs. Cancer*)
- **SENIORS:** (Project: *Burn Institute Smoke Alarm*)
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- **DISABLED:** (Projects: *Mountain Shadows, St. Madeleine Sophie's Center parking lot, Challenged Athletes*)
- **ANIMALS:** (Projects: *Friends of Cats Kitten Cottage, and...now... the SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY!*)

"The San Diego Humane Society creates a more humane world by inspiring compassion, providing hope, and advancing the welfare of animals by keeping healthy and treatable animals from being euthanized"

Since many of us are animal lovers, the committee decided to participate in the "Walk for Animals" on **May 7 at Liberty Station** and create **Team "AGC"** for members and their families to join in this fun, family event to support all the wonderful efforts of the San Diego Humane Society AND to bring along your family's furry friends.

Since we are NOT a fundraising committee, we are not asking any participants to fundraise...your registration fee goes to support these programs, however, if you would like to make a personal donation, that is entirely optional.

[DETAILS ON FLYER](#)

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Any questions, please contact your TEAM CAPTAIN, [Marcy Knopman](#) at (619) 592-4527. There are volunteer opportunities, as well, if you are unable to join the team, but would still like to support the event.

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Boys Scouts Lunch-O-Ree - Honoree Mike Finch, RCP Block & Brick

The Boy Scouts' 15th Construction Building Industry Lunch-O-Ree will be honoring its *Good Scout of the Year*, **Mike Finch**, President and CEO of *RCP Block & Brick* on Thursday, April 7 at Paradise Point Resort.

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Broad PLAtitudes

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Stop me if you've heard this one before! It's campaign season and here comes the rhetoric. This week's episode finds us in the City of Chula Vista – the second largest city in the County of San Diego. In June 2010, 56% of Chula Vista voters enacted a Fair and Open Competition measure (Proposition G) which banned the use of discriminatory Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on City projects. Longtime Mayor, Mary Salas, is termed-out, and the race to replace her has attracted several candidates including Council Members John McCann and Jill Galvez, 2-time congressional candidate Ammar Campa-Najjar, and community college executive Zaneta Encarnacion.

On Friday, Encarnacion wrote of her support for a PLA in a Times of San Diego op-ed. She said the City of Chula Vista is ready for a citywide PLA in part because voters repealed the aforementioned Proposition G in 2020. She also said 80,000 workers leave Chula Vista each day to work in other parts of the County. In 2020, the Chula Vista City Council used the same bogus claims to support a repeal of G as proponents at the City of San Diego and County Water Authority are using to justify similar actions and discriminatory PLAs in their jurisdiction. Their promises of local hire, diversity, and better paying jobs are actually harmed by a PLA while also making projects more expensive for taxpayers. The second problem is that while wanting to give Chula Vista workers a place closer to home to do their job, PLAs have been shown to do the opposite.

Despite claims of local hire – something AGC San Diego certainly supports – union-only **PLAs have a long track record of shutting out local contractors**. San Diego's construction industry is roughly 80% open shop. When local agencies put PLAs on public work, it harms the very people she is trying to help. Ms. Encarnacion says she wants to "...do something now to ensure more high-paying local jobs are available right here in Chula Vista"...but goes on to say that a PLA is the answer.

We invite Ms. Encarnacion to sit down with AGC and some local contractors to discuss how PLAs harm local hire and will significantly drive up the cost for public projects in the city she hopes to run. "*Parents can point to the projects they had a hand in building while*

taking their kids to soccer on the weekend,” she writes. I love this. But, what about the other 80% who are excluded from working on those projects?



San Diego Infrastructure Funding Shortfall Continues to Grow

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The City of San Diego recently issued the annual version of its *Fiscal Year 2023-2027 Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook*. The report looks in detail at the needed capital improvement investments over the next five-year

period from 2023 to 2027. The contents of the report continue to be startling. The gap between needs and funding continues to grow as large swaths of the city that were built before 1970 continue to age, and after more than 50 years, the repair bills are coming due. Additionally, many of the facilities that are key to providing City services were built as the city grew and now need replacing or major rehabilitation to remain viable.

At a summary level the City’s anticipated capital improvement needs over the next five fiscal years is pegged at \$8.44 billion. This includes funding needs for presently identified CIP projects now in the pipeline as well as newly identified capital asset needs based on condition assessments in many cases and regulatory requirements in some cases. Most of the identified needs are termed priority needs, which are estimated to be \$6.84 billion. The remaining \$1.6 billion are described as discretionary needs. However, the funding available falls well short of what the city needs to maintain its crumbling infrastructure, and the funding gap between needs and funding is growing every year.

The most recent estimate of funding available for the City to fund infrastructure projects is \$4.12 billion, but not all of that can be used to fund priority projects because of restrictions on the use of some of the funding. Only \$3.53 billion in funding is available for priority projects leaving a shortfall of \$3.31 billion dollars. In short, the city has only just roughly half the funding they need to maintain the City’s infrastructure, which is a dire situation. This funding gap does not consider the anticipated federal funding opportunities provided by the recently passed federal infrastructure bill, which could help the City fund additional infrastructure projects.

Asset	5-Year Funding Needs	Funding Shortfall
Bridges	\$227 million	\$181 million
General Buildings	\$371 million	\$348 million
New Fire Stations	\$305 million	\$203 million
Sidewalks	\$190 million	\$120 million
Storm Drains	\$1.8 billion	\$1.4 billion
Streetlights	\$281 million	\$220 million
Streets Pavements	\$430 million	\$322 million
Traffic Signals	\$162 million	\$129 million
Parks	\$728 million	\$696 million

Streets and storm drains have an eye-popping level of funding shortfalls due to the fact that there is no enterprise fund to steadily support the maintenance of those facilities. The

total shortfall in funding for streets and storm drains projects is \$2.4 billion of the projected \$3.3 billion shortfall in funds for priority infrastructure projects.

The single asset that has the largest funding problem is the area of storm drains, which continue to be a steady source of emergency projects for contractors. The City's Stormwater Department has applied for a federal loan from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), of \$373 million dollars which will be applied to a list of storm drain replacement and storm water enhancements totaling \$733 million. The City is required to match the EPA's loan amounts, which will be split over five years with general fund and bond financing, the latter of which will be paid off over many years. The City has yet to decide on whether to pursue a fee per household or business to finance the growing and staggering needs of the City's aging storm drain systems.

The City of San Diego needs a long-term strategy to maintain their infrastructure much like the State did when they passed a constitutionally protected funding stream to specifically fund street and highway maintenance across the state. That should be a high priority for City elected officials as they are failing to act decisively on an immediate and visible problem on their watch. The industry is here, and the construction workers are here, in San Diego and are ready to get to work on this major risk to our local economy and quality of life.

AGC Members Complete 2022 Technology Survey

By AGC Construction Technology Committee

AGC Members, would you like to learn more about technology before using or purchasing it for your company? If so, the AGC Construction Technology Committee would like to be that resource for you - a trusted source who can provide you with information about trends in technology and to help you with the questions you need on new equipment or software.

How can you help us - help you? By completing the **2022 Technology Survey** - [click here](#) to complete the survey by end of day April 6.

How will completing the survey help? The insight gained from the survey results will help the committee to better inform the membership on technology trends through speakers, articles, and updates.

"Advancing technology solutions within the San Diego construction industry" is the committee's mission. This mission, along with the results from the 2022 survey, will help the committee to collect, research and share relevant construction technology updates to help member firms make investment decisions for improving their project delivery and technology.

The committee welcomes new members and is looking for IT staff from all member types to join the committee. If you are interested in joining, [click here](#) to sign up.



AGC San Diego Spring Conference La Quinta Resort, La Quinta, CA

We're offering a 10% discount on activities to those that register early. Don't delay, as it expires **TODAY, March 28**

From: **Kari Kyne**, *Kyne Construction*, 2022 AGC President and **Rachael Gonzalez**, *West Coast Air Conditioning*

Co., AGC 2022 Meetings & Events Chair

The AGC San Diego Chapter's, **Board of Directors Members** and Meetings and Events Committee invites members to our 53rd Annual Spring Conference. The Spring Conference has traditionally followed the AGC Board of Directors Spring Retreat. Members are given the opportunity to spend time together in a relaxed setting at some of the most outstanding resorts in the Western United States.

This year, we are headed back to the La Quinta Resort & Spa, in La Quinta, CA, site of the 2019 AGC Spring Conference.

Check out their website at: <https://www.laquintaresort.com>

Attendees can register by clicking on the [Spring Conference Event Brochure here](#). The "Spring Conference Package" includes hotel accommodations for 2 nights, all receptions, banquets, meals, hospitality suite, etc.

See also the "optional activities" listed in the same brochure. On Friday, we've arranged for a golf outing at the PGA West La Quinta Course, and we're planning another Pickleball Tournament. **Join AGC Boards members in friendly competitions for both activities!** It's sure to be a lot of fun!

The schedule includes:

- **Thursday:** AGC Opening Night Dinner Reception - Sponsorships Needed!
- **Thursday:** Hospitality Suite
- **Friday:** Breakfast Business Meeting
- **Friday:** Golf at the PGA West La Quinta Course
- **Friday:** Pickleball Tournament
- **Friday:** Dinner Banquet - Sponsorships Needed!
- **Friday:** Hospitality Suite – Sponsorships Needed!

AGC members always enjoy this event and the opportunity it provides to develop relationships with our board of directors, as well as other attendees.

Please note that [SPONSORSHIPS](#) are needed to help host the *Welcome Reception*, *Saturday Dinner Banquet*, and the *AGC Hospitality Suite*.

[EVENT DETAILS](#)

Please contact raek@agcsd.org with any questions.

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AND GIVE BACK TO THE SAN DIEGO HUMANE SOCIETY

JOIN TEAM AGC in the WALK FOR ANIMALS, May 7, to Support the San Diego Humane Society

By Marcy Knopman, AGC Build & Serve Charitable Alliance Staff Liaison

*The **Build & Serve Charitable Alliance** is a committee made up of construction industry professionals whose mission is to help serve the community, whether through "serve" or "build" projects. Since 2009, the committee has been dedicated in focusing its charitable efforts in the following groups within the community:*

- MILITARY
- HOMELESS
- COMMUNITIES
- KIDS
- HEALTH & WELLNESS
- SENIORS
- FIREFIGHTERS
- DISABLED
- ANIMALS

"The San Diego Humane Society creates a more humane world by inspiring compassion, providing hope, and advancing the welfare of animals by keeping healthy and treatable animals from being euthanized"

Since many of us are animal lovers, the committee decided to participate in the "Walk for Animals" on **May 7 at Liberty Station** and so we created **Team "AGC"** for members and their families to join in this fun, family, dog friendly event to support all the wonderful efforts of the San Diego Humane Society.

[REGISTER](#)

REGISTRATION - EARLY BIRD – By March 31

ADULTS: \$20

CHILDREN: (17 AND UNDER): \$10

REGISTRATION April 1 - May 6

**ADULTS: \$30
CHILDREN: \$15**

REGISTRATION Event Day - May 7

**ADULTS: \$40
CHILDREN: \$20**

All registered participants will receive a Walk for Animals T-shirt, free ticket for a pancake breakfast, and enjoy entertainment, dog activities, and Vendor Village!

Since our efforts are more of a hands-on nature, we are not asking participants to engage in fundraising...your registration fee for the event will support programs; however, if you would like to make a personal donation, that is entirely optional.

[DETAILS ON FLYER](#)

Any questions, please contact your TEAM CAPTAIN, [Marcy Knopman](#) at (619) 592-4527. There are volunteer opportunities, as well, if you are unable to join the team, but would still like to support the event.

[VIDEO of 2019 WALK FOR ANIMALS](#)

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**Special Announcement – Mike Finch to
be Honored at the 15th Annual Boy Scouts
Construction and Building Industry Lunch-
O-See, Thursday, April 7, 2022**

Mike Finch, President and CEO of RCP Block & Brick, has been named the 2022 "Good Scout of the Year" by the San Diego Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A luncheon honoring Mike will be held on **Thursday, April 7**, beginning at **11:30 A.M.** at the **Paradise Point Resort in San Diego.**

The Keynote Speaker this year will be Mr. Randy Jones, member of the Padres Hall of Fame and Cy Young Award Winner.

Mike is the current President & CEO at RCP Block & Brick, a 75-year-old family business started by his father, Marvin Finch in 1947. Mike is proud to be part of an organization that puts the development of people over profits. He loves to mentor young employees at RCP and tells anyone who will listen about the legacy of RCP Block & Brick, and all the cool projects around town that RCP has been a part of. **RCP Block & Brick have been AGC San Diego members since 1996.**

Mike has served the industry for many years at both the state and national levels. In 2009, Mike served as Chairman of the Board at the National Concrete Masonry Association. As Chairman, Mike and other industry leaders began what became a 13-year endeavor, to enact a Federal Check-Off promotion campaign, overseen by the Commerce Department, that will assist all US concrete block producers with needed funds for training, promotion, and research.

Mike has a passion for serving organizations that are making a difference in forming the lives of our youth. Helping Eagle Scouts attain the highest level in scouting to coaching Little Leaguers that have eventually made it to the highest level of professional sports is something he takes great pride in.

The 2022 Construction and Building Industry Lunch-O-Ree is our industry's annual fundraiser to support the Boy Scouts of America San Diego-Imperial Council. The event has raised over \$1.5M to support the San Diego-Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This year's chairmen is Bill Haithcock, President of Casper Company.

All funds raised stay in San Diego to help our local scouting program. Over 400 AGC members and guests typically attend the event.

This will be the 15th "Good Scout of the Year" Award presented to the San Diego construction industry leaders. Previous awards have been given to:

John Elliott, *Roel Construction*
Jack Filanc, *J.R. Filanc Construction Co., Inc.*
Tom Anderson, Bergelectric Corp.
Ted Rossin, Rossin Steel, Inc.
Ron Harper, Harper Construction
Jim Ryan, Executive Vice President, AGC San Diego
Marc & Tim Penick, T.B. Penick & Sons, Inc.
Eric Stenman, Balfour Beatty Construction
Don Adair, Swinerton Builders
Randy Finch, Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP
Thomas L. Brown, Sierra Pacific West, Inc.
Walt Fegley, Retired
Robert Betz, McCarthy Building Company
Larry McMahan, Alliant Insurance Services

The AGC Board of Directors and the Lunch-O-Ree Committee encourage the industry to attend the event.

Questions, contact AGC Staff [Rae Krushensky](#)

See [FLYER](#) for details.

Thank you for supporting the Boy Scouts of America.

CONSTRUCTOR MAGAZINE



AGC San Diego Constructor Magazine - 2022 Volume 1 - Now Available

The first edition of the AGC San Diego Constructor Magazine for 2022 will be arriving in mailboxes this week, or you may read the [digital version](#) now. This issue includes announcements, industry news, and more.

[VIEW MAGAZINE](#)



6 Months Look Ahead...

May 5-7 - **SPRING CONFERENCE** - @ La Quinta Resort, La Quinta

May 7 - **WALK FOR ANIMALS** - Liberty Station

June 3 (date to be confirmed) - **AGC/EGCC SPRING GOLF** @ Maderas Golf Course

June 21 - **BASEBALL BASH** @ Petco Park

July 11-15 - **AGC BLOOD DRIVE**

July 29 - **DAY AT THE RACES** @ Del Mar Racetrack

August 5 - **AFFILIATE DAY GOLF** @ Singing Hills

EDUCATION/SAFETY TRAINING

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Committee Meeting Calendar

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APRIL MEETINGS

- April 6 - 7:00 a.m. - **Safety Committee** - Lakeside
- April 13 - 4:00 p.m. - **Construction Leadership Council (CLC)** @ Bergelectric
- April 14 - Noon - **Meetings & Events** - Lakeside
- April 21 2022 - 1:00 p.m. - **City of San Diego** - Virtual
- April 27 - 11:15 a.m. - **Airport** - Virtual

AGC LOCATIONS



**AGC East County Facility &
Apprenticeship Training Center**
10140 Riverford Road



**AGC Government Affairs Office &
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About Monday Morning Quarterback

AGC San Diego Chapter's Monday Morning Quarterback is a "hot off the press" and to the point Monday morning briefing on the important issues facing San Diego's construction industry. It is prepared by AGC Chief Executive Officer, Eddie Sprecco, and Vice President Government & Industry Relations, Dustin Steiner.

Please contact [Eddie Sprecco](#) or [Dustin Steiner](#) with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 3,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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