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Last Chance to Register for Thursday's CLC Mixer & Car Show

By Eddie Sprecco, CEO

This Thursday is the Construction Leadership Council's Annual Car Show and Mixer, which also serves as an Open House for AGC – if you haven't been to the new AGC HQ and Training Center, this is a great opportunity for the grand tour! As always, this event is free to attend, with registration, and will feature great local food trucks, beer and wine also provided free of charge by our generous event sponsors. We may even dust off the ol' margarita machine.... It's always a great networking event for AGC members and you might just rub elbows with an elected official or two.

Previously dubbed "Hot Summer Night" Car Show, Thursday's forecast promises to be much cooler than past events – "Warm Fall Afternoon" doesn't have the same ring to it, but the weather will be much better while the food, drink and company is as good as ever.

[Registration closes today](#) – see you there!

The event starts earlier this year at 3:30 p.m. and goes to 6:30 p.m. at the AGC East County Headquarters and Apprenticeship Training Center.



Thank you to our current event sponsors!

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Please contact [Kellie Korhonen](#) with any event questions.

Postponed: Cops v. Contractors – American Ninja Warrior Style

Due to scheduling conflicts, the great Cops v. Contractors showdown previously scheduled for this Friday, October 7th, has been postponed.

If you have interest in competing in a future event, contact Dustin Steiner and start your training today...

While the “Showdown” has been put off for a later day, The [Palomar Health Wellness Festival](#) is kicking off as scheduled with the main event this weekend, October 8-9 featuring live music, American Ninja Warrior Course and other family friendly attractions:

Friday, October 7 is Law Enforcement night with the Deputy Sherriff’s Association taking to the course: <https://dsasd.org/american-ninja-warrior/>



New Funding for City Storm Drain Projects Announced

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Last week, at an event with Mayor Todd Gloria, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced a \$225 million Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan to the

City of San Diego, to support the Stormwater Capital Improvement Program. This money will fund the reconstruction of some of the City’s old storm drains, some of which are more than 50 years old.

With EPA’s WIFIA loan, the City of San Diego says it will protect water quality, reduce flood risk, and restore natural habitats while supporting resiliency to the impacts of climate change. This is EPA’s third WIFIA loan to the City of San Diego. According to City staff, the Stormwater Capital Improvement Program will utilize traditional infrastructure and green infrastructure to reduce flood risk and ensure that waters flowing into local tributaries are clean and safe for San Diego’s 1.4 million residents.

To accomplish this, the City is using the WIFIA program’s innovative and flexible terms to finance the design and construction of the Stormwater Capital Improvement Program’s nearly 80 projects, to replace aging pipes and clear waterways for drainage. According to the City, these projects will redirect captured stormwater through existing, traditional drainage passageways as well as implement new, multi-benefit “green infrastructure” that will use the City’s natural environment to filter stormwater and reduce untreated runoff that enters the Pacific Ocean.

What is “green infrastructure”? Runoff from stormwater continues to be a major cause of water pollution in urban San Diego. It carries trash, bacteria, heavy metals, and other pollutants through storm sewers into local waterways. Heavy rainstorms in San Diego, occasionally, can cause flooding that damages property and infrastructure, as well as

close local beaches. Having high fecal counts at our beaches due to homeless camps and wildlife in our watersheds is a significant concern for a tourist destination like San Diego.

Basically, green infrastructure filters and absorbs stormwater where it falls. In 2019, Congress enacted the Water Infrastructure Improvement Act, which defines green infrastructure as "the range of measures that use plant or soil systems, permeable pavement or other permeable surfaces or substrates, stormwater harvest and reuse, or landscaping to store, infiltrate, or evaporate stormwater and reduce flows to sewer systems or to surface waters." Green infrastructure projects are touted by supporters, to make additional important community outcomes possible, including the restoration of critical wetland habitats for plants and animals, reducing the heat-island effect, community beautification, and creating green space.

Our City of San Diego storm drain system is largely underground and out of sight, but the implications of this aging infrastructure failing are massive – from serious flooding in our neighborhoods to pollution of our bays and the ocean. AGC contractors have had a steady stream, (no pun intended), of emergency project opportunities due to this failing part of the infrastructure system. While replacing storm drains and upgrading pump stations doesn't capture the public's attention like fixing potholes, these major investments in critical infrastructure are incredibly important to our neighborhoods and quality of life and provide good paying construction industry jobs which is important to our AGC members.

The City will save approximately \$63 million by financing with a WIFIA loan and capitalizing on EPA's flexibility to match WIFIA loan repayment amounts with a revenue source that grows over time. Construction under this loan is expected to be completed in 2027. Construction and operations are estimated to create approximately 1,500 jobs. This is the first loan under a new master agreement that will commit over \$350 million in WIFIA assistance to the City of San Diego.



The AGC 2023 Membership Directory Updates Due this Friday, Oct. 7

It's time to update your company's **FREE** listing in the 2023 **AGC San Diego Membership Directory**. Kindly take a moment to update your membership listing by clicking on this [Update Form](#).

Please designate one staff member to update the form.

Updates include:

- *The exact name of your company*
- *Address/phone/fax*
- *Contacts with titles and emails*
- *Certified Businesses (if applicable)*
- *CSI codes*
- *Service Providers Section for Affiliate Members only*
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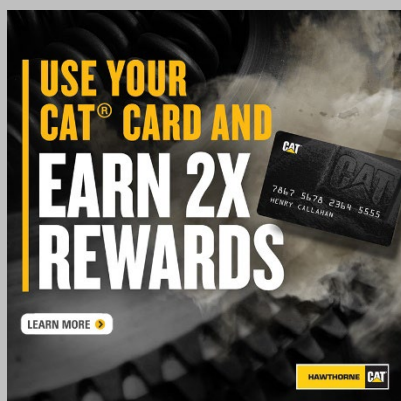
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INDUSTRY NEWS

The Ballots are Here

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Election season is officially upon us. Ballots and voter guides likely arrived in your mailbox over the weekend. California's General Election is less than a month away on **November 8, 2022**, but voting has already begun as, once again, every Californian was mailed a ballot.

As you know, we are running a massive campaign **against the discriminatory and misleading Measure D in the City of San Diego**. Please help us by 'liking' and sharing the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StopMeasureD>. If you live in the City of San Diego, you have likely already received "No on D" mail and may have even seen ads on TV or social media.

In addition to Measure D, your **AGC PAC** and **Board of Directors** has endorsed several candidates for election or re-election in 2022. Please see our voter guide below and share with your networks.

To check your registration, click [here](#).

Want a say in who the PAC endorses? Just want to be better informed about the races that impact the construction industry? Join us by [clicking here!](#)

[AGC's VOTER GUIDE](#)

AGC Members: The Industry and Your Companies are at Risk!

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) staff is planning to bring before the Governing Board a proposed regulation titled "*The Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation*" (ACF). This proposed regulation will require the replacement of all diesel, gasoline, and

natural gas vehicles with greater than 8,500-pound Gross Vehicle Weight Rating, with electric vehicles for all public fleets (federal, state, local, school districts etc.), and for high priority private fleets with 50 vehicles or more or annual revenues of \$50 million or more in annual revenues. This phase out of diesel, gasoline and natural gas vehicles out will start with mandates as early as 2025.

We need your company to sign a letter to the Governing Board of CARB to delay the decision on this far-reaching legislative proposal which will potentially do irreparable damage to our California economy, the trucking industry, construction industry, agriculture, and the truck rental business.

The following issues need to be addressed by CARB before any decisions can be made on the proposed ACF regulation.

We ask CARB to postpone the adoption of this regulation until staff can properly distinguish what private fleets (and public, state, and federal fleets) can and cannot feasibly manage the transition being proposed.

We request CARB engage with the PUC and other relevant agencies to develop a report that exams the feasibility of whether or not the energy grid can be upgraded and how the grid will need to be upgraded to meet these new demands including the overall costs, ratepayer increases and a feasible timeline to accomplish this herculean feat, before deciding on enacting the proposed ACF.

We need to know the plans for addressing public DC charging stations along the highways and for remote locations.

A single big rig truck will need up to 15,000 pounds in batteries that will ultimately become hazardous waste. We request that CARB work with DTSC and EPA on developing a report that outlines how this massive new amount of hazardous waste will be managed, before deciding on enacting the proposed ACF.

We request that CARB engage a team of experts and stakeholders to determine the cost and availability of the vehicles needed to comply with the ACF regulations. Including the technological feasibility of manufacturing vehicles that will have the same capacity and power of those vehicles being replaced, and that can be replaced on a one-to-one basis. We look forward to that report that CARB must make available for public scrutiny before deciding on the proposed ACF regulations.

We request that CARB prepare an environmental impact report required under CEQA for the estimated 500,000 new high voltage charging stations that must be in place to make this new proposed mandate feasible.

We have prepared a form letter for you to edit in specifics about your company for submittal to CARB. Feel free to also insert specific comments about how this will impact your company. To access the form letter, [click here](#).

Copy and paste your letter into the electronic comment [submittal link](#) to CARB.

Written comments are being accepted now, and will need to be submitted prior to **October 17 to be on the record.**

SAFETY

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED



CONSTRUCTION SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARDS wtw



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**Deadline for CSEA
Dec. 15, 2022**

**Deadline for CSPY and CSCY
Nov. 4, 2022**

Showcase Your Commitment to Safety

By Vince Hundley, AGC Safety Director

Each year, in partnership with Willis Towers Watson (WTW) and Milwaukee Tool, AGC recognizes outstanding companies and professionals in the industry for their passion and commitment to safety on the job site through the:

- *Local San Diego and National Construction Safety Excellence Awards - Sponsored by WTW*
- *Construction Safety Professional of the Year - Sponsored by Milwaukee Tool*
- *Construction Safety Champion of the Year - Sponsored by Milwaukee Tool*

Don't miss your opportunity to nominate your company or an outstanding professional for one of these prestigious awards. Details below.

2022 Construction Safety Excellence Awards

The Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA) recognizes those companies who excel at safety and health performance. This program closely examines each candidate's commitment to safety and occupational health management and risk control. AGC's CSEA selection process is comprehensive – judges will look for evidence of company management commitment, active employee participation, safety training, work site hazard identification and control, and safety program innovation.

All AGC San Diego Members are welcomed to enter the San Diego CSEA competition as this allows for feedback from the Safety Committee before submitting final application the AGC National Competition.

To compete in the San Diego Chapter CSEA, companies need to fill out online application form by [clicking this link](#):

Application Requirements:

- Members may apply in only one division and category.
- The application is a step-by-step qualification process.
- All sections of the application must be completed in full to qualify.

Each applicant must submit their application no later than Thursday, December 15, 2022.

If competitors want to advance to the National Competition, a check in the amount of \$250.00 for application fee to AGC San Diego Chapter is required upon submission. [Click here](#) for additional information about National Competition selection process and competition deadlines.

Members of the AGC Safety & Health Committee will review submittals during the [2023 AGC Safety & Health Conference](#) in New Orleans. The finalists in each division/category will compete during the [AGC Annual Convention](#) in Las Vegas, Nevada in **March 2023**. Finalists will give an oral presentation in front of a panel of judges. The award winners will be presented at the *Willis Towers Watson Safety Awards Luncheon* during the AGC Annual Convention.

Important Dates:

- Deadline to submit application: December 15, 2022
- Extended deadline to submit application: December 22, 2022 (late fee)
- National Application - Initial judging: January 16 & 17, 2023
- San Diego Local Awards ceremony: January 12, 2023
- Finalist notification: January 18 - 20, 2023
- Finals judging: March 11 - 14, 2023
- Judges panel: March 14, 2023
- Finalists' reception: March 14, 2023
- Awards ceremony: March 15, 2023

Construction Safety Professional of the Year and the Construction Safety Champion of the Year

Know someone with outstanding safety leadership skills? Now's your chance to nominate them for an award.

Construction professionals with excellent leadership skills are critical to the efforts of construction firms across the country to achieve their goals of injury-free jobsites. To highlight the successes of these professionals, and to honor their commitment and dedication to ensuring the men and women in the construction industry are afforded a safe and healthy work environment, **AGC and Milwaukee Tool** have partnered to present the *Construction Safety Professional of the Year (CSPY)* and *Construction Safety Champion of the Year (CSCY)* awards. **Deadline to submit for CSPY or CSCY is Nov. 4, 2022**

Don't miss this opportunity to recognize individuals that have shown outstanding leadership in guiding your company's safety and health program.

For more information on the CSPY/CSCY program and to access the applications, [click here](#).

[AGC of America's dedicated Safety page](#)

To download this article for a copy of all the important deadline dates, [click here](#).

MEMBER NEWS

Here Ye, Here Ye

By Marcy Knopman - AGC 2023 Membership Directory "Crier"

The AGC's 2023 Membership Directory listing updates were due **last Friday, Oct. 7**, and we are still missing updates from many AGC firms.



NEW DEADLINE - OCTOBER 14

It is in every company's best interest to update their listing to ensure that all the pertinent information is included, such as change of address, phone, contacts, titles, and removal of any former employees.

The first proof is being submitted to Naylor Publications on November 1!

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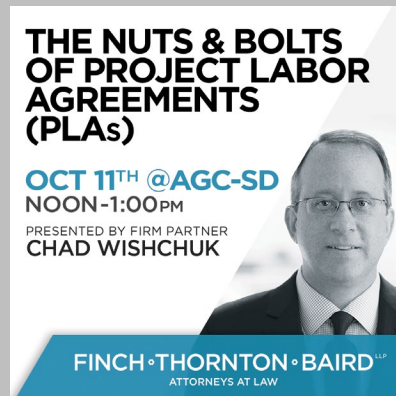
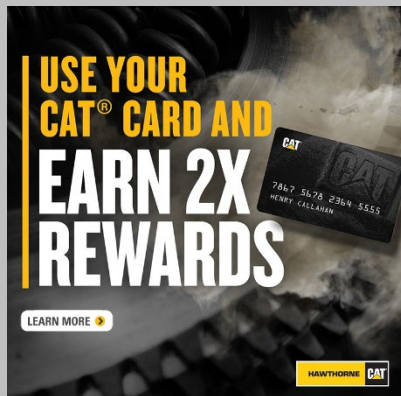


Thanksgiving Food Drive - October 17 - November 9

Please join AGC San Diego's Build & Serve Charitable Alliance in supporting the STEP's (Support the Enlisted Project) Thanksgiving Dinner Program. Each year, STEP donates supplies to make a turkey dinner with all of the fixings to local military families in need. To help with this effort, AGC's Build & Serve Charitable Alliance is collecting non-perishable Thanksgiving dinner items. Please bring items to your participating AGC member company, then deliver to one of the three member locations around the County by **November 9**:

Erickson-Hall Construction Co. - Escondido
Atlas Technical Consultants - Mission Valley
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Joint Legislative Committee Meeting Thursday

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Twice a year, we join our friends at AGC California in a joint legislative committee meeting to discuss new bills and laws that affect our industry. Since our last joint meeting, AGC's Sacramento lobbyists have been busy working on behalf of all contractors both in San Diego and across the state.

September 30 was the official deadline for the Governor to either veto or sign bills that passed the Legislature into law. Please join us to hear how these new laws will impact your business. We will also be discussing bills that did not make it through the legislature and some that we expect to be reintroduced in the new year.

Our semi-annual **Joint Legislative Committee Meeting is THIS Thursday, October 20 at 1:30 p.m.** This virtual meeting is open to ALL members. Join fellow contractors and bring questions for AGC's legislative advocates. If you like to keep updated on legislative happenings at the federal, state, and local level, please join our Government Relations Committee by e-mailing Robin Scott at Robin@agcsd.org.

To register for the Joint Legislative Committee Meeting, click the link:

[Joint Legislative Committee Meeting \(agc-ca.org\)](https://www.agc-ca.org/joint-legislative-committee-meeting)



Electric Vehicles Shrink Gas Tax Revenue, States May Tax Mileage

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The increasing popularity of hybrid and electric vehicles is shrinking revenue from gas taxes, prompting more states to consider charging fees based on miles driven to help pay for roads and bridges.

This year, at least eight states — Hawaii, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington — considered bills that would modify existing programs or set up new pilot programs to tax drivers of electric vehicles (typically all-electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles) based on the miles they drive, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures, which tracks the issue.

States' revenue from fuel taxes has been dropping in recent years because drivers of vehicles with better fuel efficiency pay less in per-gallon gas and diesel taxes. The growth in sales of electric and hybrid vehicles has accelerated the trend.

Under some of the current programs, the state installs devices in vehicles to measure the miles driven. Other programs rely on drivers to report the miles they've driven, or track miles through year-over-year odometer readings when drivers renew their registrations. Under all states' existing laws, vehicle owners voluntarily sign up for the programs.

In the Virginia and Utah programs, drivers can end up paying less under the miles-driven fee than fixed fees the states otherwise charge on electric vehicles.

Utah, this year, revised its law, setting its mileage tax at a penny per mile beginning in 2023, then raising it to 1.25 cents a mile in 2026 and 1.5 cents in 2032. Beginning in 2024, state tax authorities will be able to adjust the rate for inflation.

To address privacy concerns, Virginia enacted a law this year stating that any data collected under that state's pilot fee-per-mile program may not be sold, accessed through a public records request, or used for any purpose other than to collect unpaid fees. The law also gives residents the option to participate without location tracking.

In Oregon and California, pilot programs have been underway for many years. Last year, California expanded its pilot program, which had given drivers mock bills to show what they would have owed. Now Californians who agree to participate actually pay based on the number of miles they drove — derived from odometer readings or GPS tracking — and then are refunded for any gasoline taxes they paid.

Without a change in tax formulas, the current federal and state gasoline taxes will fail to meet the nation's infrastructure needs. The Congressional Budget Office last year projected that if the 18.4-cent per gallon federal tax remains the same, and infrastructure spending increases at the average projected rate of inflation, the federal Highway Trust Fund will come up about \$140 billion short by 2031. The federal gas tax hasn't been raised since 1993.

The federal \$1.2 billion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that President Joe Biden signed late last year also will fund multiple pilot programs to test road use fees.

Biden also has signed an executive order calling for half of the vehicles sold in the United States to be electric by 2030, and the infrastructure law includes money to build more electric vehicle charging stations nationwide.

At least four states — Iowa, Kentucky, Oklahoma, and Pennsylvania — are trying to recoup lost fuel tax revenue from a different angle: taxing the electricity used at public charging stations, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Starting next July, Iowa will levy a 2.6 cents-per-kilowatt hour tax on electricity delivered to an electric vehicle at a public station. Kentucky's tax, which goes into effect in January, is 6 cents per kilowatt hour.

SAFETY



Safety Huddle/October 2022

New Cannabis Bill

There's been a lot of talk about the new Cannabis Law, AB 2188, which passed last month and goes into effect in January 2024. Just to summarize, the law says you can't discriminate against someone who tests positive for cannabis metabolites (which is what current testing shows) at a pre-employment screening. While it currently does not apply to the building trades and construction, it's probably just a matter of time before we are subject to similar legislation.

With California's legalization of recreational use of cannabis and the limits of current drug tests that detect THC in one's system for weeks after last use, there is much difficulty in determining if someone is currently under the influence of cannabis. This has created a legal minefield for employers who are working to ensure a safe, drug-free workplace.

The good news is that a new breathalyzer test is about to hit the market and it measures cannabis from recent usage, i.e. within the last 3 to 4 hours. The Hound Labs breathalyzer (<https://houndlabs.com/>) and all of those that will surely follow are sorely needed for all those involved in drug testing individuals for employment, accident investigation, and driving violations to determine the individual's current status of impairment in an objective way.

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MEMBER NEWS

WELCOME NEW AGC MEMBERS

The AGC Board of Directors and AGC staff welcome the following new members:

- [Don Peterson Contracting Inc.](#) - Contractor Member
- [Onsite Pro Development](#) - Affiliate Member
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"Active" members are defined in the Bylaws as General Contractors (Building and Engineering) and Contractor members. Contractor members are Subcontractors that participate in one of AGC's major programs (health, apprenticeship, pension, etc.), and pay local dues that are equal to the dues paid by the General Contractors

While Specialty and Affiliate members will not be able to vote, the Board is convinced that sharing the valuable information about the association with the entire membership is important.

In addition to the election of members to the Board of Directors, **AGC San Diego CEO, Eddie Sprecco**, will present the AGC's 2022 Annual Report, detailing the activities and finances of the AGC. This will include acknowledging our dedicated members who are the backbone of the San Diego chapter; our chairmen and chairwomen who head up the many AGC committees. Our guest speaker will be **AGC of America's Chief Economist, Ken Simonson**.

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Burn Institute's Fire-Safety Senior Project

This past Saturday, volunteers through AGC's *Build & Serve Charitable Alliance*, installed free smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in 20 senior homes at a mobile park in Ramona. Seniors face a higher risk of injury or death from fire, and with the help of our awesome volunteers, the seniors can now feel safe in their homes. A brief training and cordless drills were provided by the Burn Institute, then the volunteers were paired up to install review fire safety information with residents.

Jean Pirkl from Filanc commented, *"What a great way to meet others in a community, and provide such a wonderful layer of potential life saving home improvements."*

A special thank you to **Erickson-Hall Construction Co.** and **J.R. Filanc Construction Company** who sent volunteers from their companies for this project:

We would like to thank the following individuals who gave up their Saturday to volunteer for a great service:

Julia Hope and Mark Lopez - *Erickson-Hall Construction Co.*

Mark Filanc, Jean Pirkl, Bob Zaiser, Omar Rodea, and Tony Ruiz - *Filanc*

AGC's' Build & Serve Charitable Alliance volunteer again in 2023 in the spring and fall. If your company would be interested in participating, please email [Marcy Knopman](mailto:Marcy.Knopman).

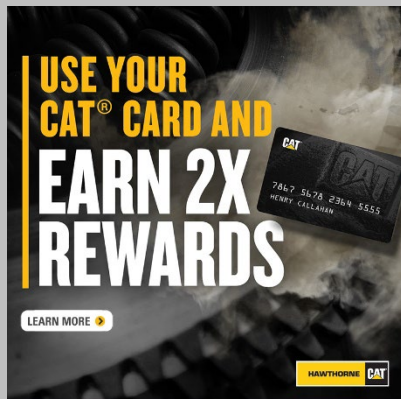


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- Oct. 19 - 11:45 AM - **Airport** - Virtual
- Oct. 20 - 1:00 PM - **City of San Diego** - Virtual
- Oct. 27 - 12:00 PM - **Meetings & Events** - Lakeside

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OCTOBER CLASSES

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- Oct 17 Ferris Square Boom Lift Operator Certification Training
- Oct. 18 Lakeside Qualified Rigger Training
- Oct. 18 Lakeside Foreman & Superintendent Boot Camp
- Oct. 18 Lakeside Construction Law
- Oct. 19 Ferris Square Estimating Basics
- Oct. 20 Offsite Microsoft Excel Advanced
- Oct. 20 Lakeside Construction Correspondence/Business Writing
- Oct. 24-26 Ferris Square Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT for EM 385
- Oct. 25 Lakeside Construction Law: Get Paid! Collection Remedies
- Oct. 26-27 Lakeside Blueprint Reading for Construction
- Oct. 26 Lakeside CPR /First Aid
- Oct. 26-27 Online USACE CQM-C

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INDUSTRY NEWS



Union Tribune Endorsement: San Diegans should Vote 'No' on Measure D. Ignore a Hollow Threat, Keep the City's PLA Ban

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Big news! The *San Diego Union Tribune* (UT) has recommended a **'No' Vote on Measure D**. Two weeks ago, our CEO, Eddie Sprecco, National Black Contractors Association's Founder and President, Abdur-Rahim Hameed, and your humble correspondent, (Dustin Steiner), met virtually with the UT's Editorial Board. We had a robust conversation over the course of an hour where we discussed the impact to our local workers and also talked about the deceptive yes campaign. **This is not a union vs. non-union debate, nor is it Republican vs. Democrat. It is simply a matter of fairness to our local workforce. Measure D seeks to harm the very people it claims to help.**

Here are some highlights from the endorsement:

"Most construction workers in the local region are not union members. They benefit from the city's 2012 PLA ban."

"There is no evidence supporting the argument that the repeal is needed for the city to avoid losing state and federal funds for construction projects."

"But the twist is this is a hollow threat {that we need Measure D to protect state and federal funding} — at least when it comes to San Diego. Measure A has a [specific exemption](#) allowing PLAs to be used on projects where to do otherwise would put state or federal funding at risk. And there is no evidence the ban has cost the city any funding since its passage, as The San Diego Union-Tribune [reported](#) last month."

"Should there be vigorous debate over both union and corporate influence in government contracting decisions? Of course. Should such debates also consider sensitive diversity issues — not just [historic obstacles](#) to Black people in the construction industry but the fact that in the U.S., [1.5 million-plus](#) undocumented people, generally Latinos, work in the industry without full legal protections? Absolutely. But that broad, healthy discussion is not what is happening with Measure D. Instead, voters are being told they have to act or the sky will fall in, denying the city the state and federal funding it needs to complete many badly needed civic projects."

"That claim can't be backed up. The bottom line is project labor agreements restrict fair competition and put smaller — and especially many Black — businesses at a disadvantage. Nothing in Measure D changes that. The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial Board recommends a "no" vote on Measure D."

To read the full editorial, [click here](#)

Over the weekend, the Yes campaign received another \$200,000 from the Building Trades. We need your help to finish this campaign strong!

If you would like to donate, please e-mail me by clicking [here](#).

Lastly, please spread the word! Share the editorial, Facebook page, and *your* Voter Guide with your networks!

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Election Reminders

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Political Scientist, Larry J. Sabato, once said "Every election is determined by the people who show up." San Diegans have been voting for several days, thanks to the COVID-era policy to send every registered voter a ballot in the mail (complete with "I voted" sticker!), but Election Day is coming up on **November 8**, which now serves as the official end of what has become election month. Don't just *show up*, become educated by checking your [AGC Official Voter Guide!](#) Below are a few other guidelines and reminders for voters and employers.

To check your registration status or to register click here: [Check Your Registration \(sdvote.com\)](#). If you missed the deadline, you can still vote in-person by registering to be a conditional same day voter here: [Same Day Voter Registration \(Conditional Voter Registration\) :: California Secretary of State](#).

Every registered voter was mailed a ballot, but you can still vote in-person at the Registrar of Voters (5600 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA, 92123) or at a designated polling place. Check [here](#) for one near you. Please be advised that there could be long lines.

So-called ballot harvesting is legal in the State of California. According to the Secretary of State ([Voting Law Compliance Handbook :: California Secretary of State](#)): “A vote-by-mail voter who is unable to return his or her ballot may designate any person to return the ballot to the elections official who issued the ballot or a polling location or vote-by-mail drop-off location within the state. However, the designated person cannot interfere with the ballot’s return to the elections official. (Elections Code §§ 3017, 3021, 18577)”

Also “including in or on your pay envelope any type of written or printed opinion that directly or by implication urges [an employee] to vote for or against a candidate or measure or is intended to influence [an employee’s] political action or opinion is **prohibited** by law. (Elections Code § 18542)”

Lastly, “The California Elections Code section 14001 requires employers to post a notice to employees advising them of provisions for taking paid leave for the purpose of voting in statewide elections.” California law allows employees to take up to two hours of paid time to vote, if there is not sufficient time outside of working hours to do so, which should be taken at the beginning or end of a regular work shift unless otherwise arranged. You can find additional information and a flyer here: ["Time off to Vote" Notices :: California Secretary of State](#).

AGC of America Opposes Proposed Rule for Federal PLA

On October 18, AGC of America formally weighed in against the Biden Administration’s government-mandated project labor agreement proposed rule, amplified by more than 8,500 communications from AGC members against the proposal.

By Jordan Howard, Counsel, Federal Construction & Regulatory Affairs - AGC of America

On October 18, AGC of America [submitted extensive comments](#) opposing a federal government-mandated project labor agreement (PLA) [proposed rule](#), which will require every federal prime contractor and subcontractor to engage in negotiation or agree to PLAs on federal construction projects valued at \$35 million or more, with limited exceptions. Through the association’s grassroots efforts, AGC members sent more than 8,500 communications against the proposal via formal comments and messages to their federally elected officials.

AGC urged regulators to rescind the proposed rule for a litany of reasons, including but not limited to:

- AGC analysis of government data shows that under the Obama-Biden Administration defense agencies chose not to mandate PLAs;
- AGC survey results reflecting the negative impacts of E.O. 14063 on economy and efficiency in federal procurement;
- How government mandates for PLAs harm union contractors;
- How government mandates for PLAs harm open-shop contractors;
- How the proposed rule violates the Biden Administration’s own equity goals and will result in less small business participation;
- How the proposed rule goes beyond the statutory authority; and
- The flawed analysis used by the government to justify the rule and its impacts on the construction industry.

Rest assured, AGC of America will rigorously explore every possible avenue—including legal options—to push back against this E.O., as underscored in the association’s recent [statement](#). This E.O. will repeal and replace the Obama-Biden Administration’s

2009 PLA E.O ([E.O. 13502](#)) once the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council issues a final regulation—thereby implementing this proposed rule and adding a federal contracts clause to applicable federal construction contracts—which is expected to take several months. AGC will offer its members resources to weigh in on the proposed rule and to contact their members of Congress.

AGC of America neither supports nor opposes contractors' *voluntary* use of PLAs on government projects or elsewhere, **but strongly opposes any government mandate for contractors' use of PLAs.** AGC is committed to **free and open competition** for publicly funded work. AGC has long [maintained](#) that the federal government should not mandate PLAs. The use of government-mandated PLAs hurts [union contractors](#), [open-shop contractors](#), and fails to promote economy and efficiency in **federal procurement.**

MEMBER NEWS



AGC San Diego Project Management Course Scholarship - Application Deadline This Friday

The AGC San Diego Chapter is offering five (5) full scholarships for the for the 2023 AGC San Diego Construction Project Management Certificate program. Applications due October 28. [Click here](#) to learn more about the course.

Who is eligible to apply?

Any individual candidate looking to continue their education and/or advance their career by demonstrating the desire to provide current employer added value. REQUIREMENT: Candidate must be employed by an AGC San Diego member company in good standing.

Scholarships will be awarded for the following:

- Three Scholarships designated to an individual employed by an AGC San Diego member company (in good standing)
- One Scholarship to be designated to Military Personnel, (active, discharged, retired)
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INDUSTRY NEWS



Election Day Contest

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

It's Halloween and we're announcing our biannual election contest, so why not start with a bad crossover joke?

Dr. Frankenstein entered a bodybuilding contest...He seriously misunderstood the objective!

Okay, okay, on to the contest...and don't forget to check *your* official [AGC Voter Guide!](#)

Will Measure D, which overturns 2012's Fair and Open Competition initiative, pass?

- Yes, it will pass
- No, it will not pass

Will Measure B, which overturns the century-old People's Ordinance (trash tax prohibition), pass?

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Who will represent the 49th Congressional District?

- Mike Levin (D)
- Brian Maryott (R)

Who will represent the 38th State Senate District?

- Matt Gunderson (R)
- Catherine Blakespear (D)

Who will represent the 5th District on the County Board of Supervisors?

- Jim Desmond
- Tiffany Boyd-Hodgson

Who will be the next County Assessor / Recorder/ County Clerk?

- Barbara Bry
- Jordan Marks

Who will be the next Sheriff?

- Kelly Martinez
- John Hemmerling

Who will be the next Mayor of Chula Vista?

- Ammar Campa-Najjar
- John McCann

Who will be the next Mayor of Vista?

- John Franklin
- Cipriano Vargas

Who will represent the 6th District on the San Diego City Council?

- Tommy Hough
- Kent Lee

That's it! 10 questions...winner take all. Wait! Better add a tiebreaker:

Tiebreaker: What will the final YES percentage be for Measure C? *Measure C removes the 30-foot height restriction in the Midway District.* HINT: this is the second time this item is on the ballot – 2020's Measure E passed with 57% of the vote. Please use hundredths of a percent (i.e. 50.25%).

To enter, [click here](#) and fill out the webform.

Entries must be received by **5PM on Election Day, November 8, 2022.**

The winner will be announced in a future edition of MMQB. (note: If we go to tiebreak, it may be a few weeks as the votes continue to be tallied.)

The winner will receive...drum roll please...**lunch with ME where we can recap the election!** That's right, after months of near constant commercials and mailers, you get an additional hour *after* the election! I know! I'm excited too!

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Join the AGC Technology Committee for a Free IT Roundtable Discussion – November 17

**Does IT have you Spooked?
Does the Dark Web have you scared?
Are you afraid of those skeletons in your IT or Field closet?
What ghosts are buried in your field technology?**

If you are frightened by even one of these questions, then we have an event for you! The AGC Technology Committee is holding a **FREE Roundtable Discussion** during our next committee meeting on **Thursday, November 17th, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. -12:30 p.m., at AGC Lakeside** and ALL interested AGC members are invited to attend.

Attendees will gain valuable insight as to how their fellow member companies have implemented a variety of solutions to tackle their challenging IT environment issues. This FREE roundtable event will kick off a series of regular discussions, each with a different focus on relevant, real world IT business solutions. The initial roundtable in November will focus on challenges in the field - with devices, data collection, connectivity, processes, procedures, and more. Come join your industry peers to learn how they are enhancing and advancing the building process with Field Technology.

If you have any direct expertise as a contractor in this area, and would like to attend as a core contributor to the discussion, then please contact Kellie Korhonen Kellie@agcsd.org. Our goal is to provide a venue for lively and spirited discussion to inform and benefit the maximum number of members, so substantial attendance is strongly encouraged. All non-proprietary discussion contributions will serve to assist and strengthen others in our community.

We look forward to seeing you at this **FREE (LUNCH INCLUDED)** event! Please RSVP to kellie@agcsd.org to reserve your seat and lunch!



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January 12, 2023 - [INSTALLATION DINNER](#)

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Nov. 2 - 7:00 a.m. - **Safety Committee** - Lakeside
Nov. 9 - 11:30 a.m. - **Workforce Development** - Lakeside
Nov. 16 - 8:00 a.m. - **Build & Serve Charitable Alliance** - Lakeside & Virtual
Nov. 16 - 11:30 a.m. - **Affiliate Members Council** - Lakeside
Nov. 17 - 11:00 a.m. - **Technology Committee** - Lakeside
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Nov. 1 - **Stormwater Webinar**
Nov. 3 - **Bluebeam Revu20 Basics**
Nov. 3 - **Microsoft Excel Beginner**
Nov. 7-9 - **Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT (Closed / Class Full)**
Nov. 9 -10 - **USACE CQM-C** – Virtual Training
Nov. 10 - **Silica**
Nov. 10 - **Microsoft Excel Intermediate**
Nov. 14-16 - **Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT (7 Seats Open)**
Nov. 14 - **Fall Protection Competent Person Refresher**
Nov. 17 - **Microsoft Excel Advanced**
Nov. 17 - **Construction Law: Scheduling Impact**
Nov. 30 - **CPR First Aid**

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