City of San Diego Poised to Enter the Energy Business, While Labor Pushes for Union-Only Projects in Direct Conflict with Proposition A

Brad Barnum, Executive Vice President

With energy prices skyrocketing throughout California, local governments are turning to a new program that permits them to purchase and/or generate electricity for residents and businesses located within their jurisdictional boundaries. The program is called Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), and it will offer customers a choice of a non-utility electricity supplier, and at the same time allow for procurement of renewable energy at a reasonable cost. Today, the San Diego City Council will vote to pursue a CCA through a regionally-formed Joint Powers Authority (JPA).

Of course, when it comes to possible construction projects in the City of San Diego, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), the San Diego County Building Trades Unions, and a coalition of environmental stakeholders lock hands and look for roadblocks. In this instance, they have asked for 15 provisions to be included in the CCA, one being a requirement for Project Labor Agreements (PLA) on "any City-owned electric generating projects."

The PLA provision is the most egregious, as the IBEW and the Building Trades know very well that the City can't mandate PLAs. In 2012, over 58% of City residents voted "yes" on Proposition A, which amended the Municipal
Did you know about AGC Member Discounts?

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

**Steve Friar, Hensel Phelps, 2019 AGC President**  
**Rachael Gonzalez, West Coast Air Conditioning Co., AGC 2019 Meetings & Events Chairwoman**

The AGC San Diego Chapter's Meetings and Events Committee invites members to our 50th 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 2012 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 Desert Willow Golf Course, and we're going to have our first ever Pickleball Tournament. It's sure to be a lot of fun!

The schedule includes:
- Thursday: AGC Opening Night Dinner Reception & Cocktail Party
- Thursday: Hospitality Suite
- Friday: Breakfast Business Meeting
- Friday: Golf at the Desert Willow Golf Club
- Friday: Pickleball Tournament
- Friday: Dinner Banquet
- Friday: Hospitality Suite

The deadline to register is March 29, and the early-bird discount expires on March 15.

Yes, it's a short window, but we know members will benefit from the opportunity to get to know our board of directors and leaders of the AGC San Diego.

Sponsorships are needed to help host the Welcome Reception, Saturday Dinner Banquet, and the AGC Hospitality Suite.

Click on the brochure link above and send to raek@agcsd.org.

Please contact Rae Krushensky with any questions.

An Unforgettable AGC Winter Conference - February 7-10, 2019!
Rae Krushensky, Director of Meetings & Events, Membership Services

With a record number in attendance, 2019 proved to be one of the best AGC Winter Conferences ever. Like most of the ski resorts in the West, the Teton Mountains in Jackson Hole, Wyoming had an endless barrage of heavy snowfall this season, providing AGC members excellent ski conditions in knee-deep powder.

It was pure joy to experience featherweight snow, although temperatures at the
mountain summit tickled the low teens, and temps at the base in the low 20’s. Some mornings got down to negative degrees.... yes, it was cold!

Along with the skiers and snowboarders, the snowmobile groups toured in supreme winter settings, contributing to unparalleled sceneries. **Pictures just don't do it justice.**

There were also many wildlife sightings throughout the weekend, including moose roaming the lower mountains, with a couple venturing out of the trees onto the ski slopes. True story!

In addition, the Four Seasons Resort was exceptional as expected, with the added convenience of ski in/ski out service, and its close proximity to the shops and dining in the Teton Village.

**We thank the following sponsors one last time for helping to make this a memorable event for all attendees!**

*Thursday Welcome Reception Hosted Bar:*
- Trench Plate Rental Co.
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- Rowan Electric
- Marathon Construction Corp.
- Marsh & McLellan Agency

*Friday Après Ski:*
- BNBUILDERS
- Helix Electric
- I.E. Pacific, Inc.
- Sherwood Mechanical
- Soil Retention Systems

*Saturday Dinner Banquet Hosted Bar:*
- K.R. Wolfe, Inc.
- Rossin Steel, Inc.
- Southwest Construction Services, Inc.
- TC Construction Company, Inc.
- Trench Shoring Company
- West Coast Air Conditioning Co., Inc.

Also, thank you to **AGC CEO, Eddie Sprecco**, for his presentation at the business breakfast meeting. Eddie reviewed what the construction industry can continue to expect in the era of Trump, indicating that construction spending is up.

**AGC San Diego 2019 President Steve Friar** from *Hensel Phelps*, and his wife Jeanette, enjoyed meeting everyone and look forward to an even larger group in 2020!

**PHOTO GALLERY**

Click to view all of the amazing pictures that were taken by many attendees in our group.
AGC Affiliate Mixer - Thursday, March 14, 2019

Are you registered yet to attend the first AGC Member Mixer of the year? The AGC Affiliate Council is pleased to welcome members to the first mixer of 2019.

Join us on March 14, at Tom Ham’s Lighthouse on Harbor Island! This is a great location with fantastic views of the downtown San Diego skyline, and plenty of free parking!

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!

Join the growing list of generous sponsors listed below (New sponsors are noted in red):

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To attend the mixer, pre-registration is required. Please click here to Register!

There is still room for more sponsors!! Please click here for a sponsor form.

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.
- All sponsors will have the opportunity to incorporate their company logos into a running visual presentation slideshow on all the TV screens in the room.
Gold sponsors receive additional "screen time" for their logos and Platinum sponsors receive "FULL SCREEN" ads.

Contact Rae Krushensky with any questions.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meetings are held at the AGC office (6212 Ferris Square, San Diego, CA 92121) unless otherwise noted in red.

February Meetings
- Feb. 26: 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Specialty Contractors' Council
- Feb. 26: 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - CLC
- Feb. 28: 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Government Relations

March Meetings
- Mar. 6: 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Safety Meeting
- Mar. 13: 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. - Build & Serve
- Mar. 13: 11:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Airport @ Airport
- Mar. 22: 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Caltrans @ Caltrans Office
- Mar. 27: 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Public Building

Get involved in the AGC by serving on one or more AGC committees. This is a great way to network with fellow AGC members, and to have a voice in the industry!

CLASSES

February Classes
- Feb. 26: Microsoft Project Workshop
- Feb. 27: CPR, First Aid & AED Training
- Feb. 27: Prevailing Wage Certified Payroll
March Classes

Mar. 1  
Beginning Microsoft Powerpoint (Offsite Class)

Mar. 4-7  
OSHA 30-Hour

Mar. 5  
Beginning Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite Class)

Mar. 5  
Construction Law: New California HR. Laws for 2019

Mar. 5  
Stormwater Monthly Breakfast Forum

Mar. 11  
Confined Space Entry

Mar. 13-14  
CQM

Mar. 13  
Foreman & Superintendent Boot Camp

Mar. 14  
Forklift 4-Hour

Mar. 18-20  
Fall Protection 24-Hour

Mar. 19  
Advanced Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 (Offsite Class)

Mar. 20  
Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite Class)

Mar. 20  
Respiratory Protection Training

Mar. 20  
Traffic Control Technician

Mar. 25-28  
BIM

Mar. 25  
Fall Protection 8-Hour Refresher Course

Mar. 26  
Advanced Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite Class)

Mar. 26  
Primavera Workshop

Mar. 27  
CPR, First Aid & AED Training

Mar. 27  
Project Management Boot Camp

Mar. 27  
Silica Standard for Construction CPT

Mar. 29  
BIM EXAM

For more information on classes, contact: Becca Schaffer at (858) 731-8155.

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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 Executive Vice President, Brad Barnum.

Please contact Eddie Sprecco or Brad Barnum 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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