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The Associated General Contractors of America, San Diego Chapter, Inc.

The AGC offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019 in observance of Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a recognized 2019 holiday on San Diego prevailing wage projects.

We remember all those who served in our country's armed forces.

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INDUSTRY NEWS

AGC Goes to Sacramento as Legislative Floor Sessions Begin

Brad Barnum, Executive Vice President

It's about the halfway point in the first year of a two-year session of the California State Legislature. The month of May usually signals warm weather in Sacramento, but the forecast tomorrow, when over 100 AGC members from throughout the state arrive at the State Capitol for a Legislative Summit, is rain.

Also in the forecast is the consideration of a number of bills moving through the legislative process that AGC's legislative advocates have been following. The bills have made it through the policy and fiscal committees, and are now on the floor of their respective houses (some already have passed out of the first house). Before we review some of those bills pertinent to the construction industry and business community, let's take a look at some of the speakers that will be addressing AGC San Diego and AGC California members:

- Allan Zaremberg - President and CEO, California Chamber of Commerce
This is a good line-up, as many of AGC's top issues and priorities will be discussed, as well as a preview of the races and issues that will be on the March and November ballots next year.

Now, let's move on to some of the bills moving through the legislative process. You will see that some are San Diego specific, click here to read.

Busy times are ahead for AGC and its legislative advocates. We will keep you posted as the “sausage making” process continues!

Will Bullet Train Construction Delays Put State Funding for Other Infrastructure Projects in Jeopardy?

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The Trump administration on Thursday followed through with its plan to pull more than $900 million in federal funds from California's beleaguered high-speed-rail project. They also are threatening to pull back another $2.5 billion in already allocated federal funds that could put future state transportation projects in jeopardy.

The U.S. Department of Transportation said California officials "failed to make reasonable progress," and had not met federal requirements for a project beset with cost overruns. In the letter to California officials, Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) official Ronald L. Batory said the state had originally proposed an "800-mile, statewide system" with speeds up to 220 miles per hour "connecting the Bay Area, the Central Valley, Sacramento, and Southern California."

Batory said the first phase, as described by California rail officials when they applied for federal funds, was to involve "the construction of approximately 520 miles between San Francisco and Anaheim, connecting two metropolitan regions and more than 25 million people."
Now, the inaugural stretch would be between Merced and Bakersfield.

That "dramatically reduced scope ... is simply not consistent" with what California originally promised, Batory said. In addition, the FRA said it "continues to consider all options regarding the return of $2.5 billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funds awarded to California High Speed Rail Authority."

Another significant piece of this story is a March report from the California Legislative Analyst's Office that pointed to a massive funding shortfall for the project. A line from San Francisco to Anaheim would cost $77.3 billion, according to the analysis. Even with the federal money, the funding gap is between $54.9 billion and $58.2 billion, according to the analysis.

The really bad news is that according to the Brian Kelly, chief executive of the authority, that seeking the return of funds already spent by California would be "disastrous policy" and could put 2,600 people out of work.

By way of background, the Obama administration awarded California $3.5 billion in 2010, and California voters in 2008 approved nearly $10 billion in bond proceeds which originally launched this project.

At this point in time, construction is underway on the first leg of the bullet train, a 119-mile section in the state's Central Valley. More than $6 billion has already been spent on the California high-speed rail project.

When the state accepted $3.5 billion in federal grants to start construction in the Central Valley, that money came with a catch. The High Speed Rail Authority must make significant progress by December 2022 or the Feds can withhold funding for future grants until the grant for high speed rail is repaid.

Lou Thompson serves on an independent peer review group that oversees the high speed rail project for the Governor and Legislature. Thompson has testified that he believes the entire project is in crisis. Thompson believes
the only way the project can continue as designed is for the state to raise more taxes and drastically increase construction.

This is another potential attack on SB1 funding which we will be watching carefully. Most likely it will play out in the federal courts.

EVENTS

It's Not too Late to Register for AGC Annual Baseball Bash on June 18!
Get in on the 2nd order of tickets

Sponsored by Swinerton and Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP!

We're getting ready to order the 2nd batch of tickets for the AGC Baseball Bash on June 18 on the roof of the Western Metal Building at Petco Park! If you haven't registered yet, we suggest you do it soon. This is an amazing venue, with views of downtown San Diego and Petco Park, and offering plenty of space to mix/mingle and party.

Registration includes your ticket to the game, and food & beverages, including ballpark snacks.

- Food served 6:00 p.m. until one hour after first pitch
- Ballpark snacks served in the 3rd inning
- Drinks served from 6:00 p.m. until the bottom of the 7th inning
Cash bar in our area for those that want to order cocktails

Want to "Ring the Mission Bell" before the game? Enter the contest by pre-ordering raffle tickets on your registration form. Your registration and raffle ticket order must be received in the AGC office, by June 3 to be eligible. The winner of the drawing will be notified by June 6. There will be many other raffle prizes as well, so we encourage you to order your tickets now!

Join AGC Members to cheer on the San Diego Padres as they play the Milwaukee Brewers, game starts at 7:10 p.m.

The "Baseball Bash" committee is looking for some fun raffle prize donations, so we are offering all those who sponsor a raffle prize of $150 or more, the chance to be entered in the "Ring the Mission Bell Drawing." Click on links below for more information.

Contact Rae Krushensky with any questions.

Save the date for the AGC Summer Mixer & Car Show July 30!

Mark your calendars for the seventh annual AGC Summer Mixer & Car Show on July 30! Enjoy delicious food truck fare and beer and margaritas while checking out the classic cars and hot-rods on display. This event is hosted by AGC San Diego's Construction Leadership Council (CLC) and is free to members!
Please notify AGC if your company has relocated, or if there are updates to your company's listing (i.e. contacts, phone/fax, job titles, CSI codes, & certified business listings).

Email Marcy Knopman

The event starts at **4:30 p.m. and goes to 7:00 p.m.** at the AGC San Diego Training Facility. Registration details coming soon.

**Do you have a classic car or truck you want show off?**

Register to display your vehicle at the event, and be in the running for one of three awards: **Best in Show, Best Mod-Rod, or Best Classic.** Visit the AGC website Events page to download the **Car Entry** form to register.

Questions about the event or interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Kellie Korhonen or 858-750-4268 for more information.

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**2019 AGC Build San Diego Awards - Call for Entries**

It's time to start getting your entries together for the prestigious **AGC Build San Diego Awards Program.** The awards honor AGC members who build San Diego's most impressive construction projects ranging across building, highway & transportation, underground & utility infrastructure, and heavy divisions categories.

The event is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 5, 2019** at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront. We are very proud to have back as our **Title Sponsors:**

**Hawthorne Cat** and **Torrey Pines Bank**

Hawthorne Cat has staunchly supported this event since 2009, and we welcomed the addition of Torrey Pines Bank as co-sponsors in 2017. These two long standing AGC member companies make a great team and AGC San Diego partners.

Entries in the Build San Diego Awards program are open to all General Contractor, Contractor and Specialty Contractor members who worked as the "prime" on the job for which they are submitting, and who are in good standing with AGC.

By entering the awards program, you are providing your project team with a fantastic opportunity to showcase their achievements to our panel of exceptional and influential judges, and to the industry.

Recipients of a coveted Build San Diego Award in the following categories will have demonstrated the very best when it comes to building a better San Diego:

*Building Construction - Public Work*
*Building Construction - Private Work*
*Heavy / Highway*
*Underground / Utilities*
Unique Small Project - Public Work, not to exceed $6 million
Unique Small Project - Private Work, not to exceed $6 million
Unique Special Project
Sustainable Project

To be eligible, projects must have been completed between September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2019.

ENTRY DEADLINE:
August 30, 2019 @ 12:00 PM
Entries may be submitted any time before August 30.

Questions? Please contact Rae Krushensky, (858) 731-8157.

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AGC San Diego Constructor
Magazine - 2019 Volume 1
Now Available

The digital edition of the AGC San Diego Constructor Magazine is now ready!

This issue includes articles...

- New California Employment Laws for 2019
- Building Better Roads
- Free Pre-Apprenticeship Opportunities
- CLC Summer Car Show Mixer - July 30
- Upcoming Events
- Photos from Installation & Awards
- New Class Coming...Estimating Civil Construction
- Photos - Affiliate Mixer
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CLASSES

May Classes

May 21  Construction BMP Training
May 23  Advanced Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
May 29  CPR, First Aid & AED Training
May 29  The Effective Project Engineer
May 30  EM 385 - 1- 1 Refresher

June Classes

June 4  Foreman & Superintendent Boot Camp
June 4  Stormwater Monthly Breakfast Forum
June 5  Effective Project Engineer
June 6  Confined Space Entry Training
June 6  Law: Insurance & Indemnity
June 6  Forklift 4-Hour Operator Certification
June 6  Beginning Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
June 6  Trenching & Excavating
June 7  Beginning Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 (Offsite)
June 10-13  BIM-Building Information Modeling
June 10-12  Fall Protection 24 Hour Competent Person Training
June 11  Intermediate Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
June 12-13  CQM
June 12  Effective Project Engineer
June 14  BIM EXAM
June 17  Advanced Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
June 17  Advanced Microsoft PowerPoint (Offsite)
June 19-20  Blueprint Reading for Construction
June 25  Microsoft Project Workshop
June 26  Construction Correspondence & Business Writing
June 26  CPR, First Aid & AED Training
June 26  Silica Standard for Construction Competent Person Training
June 27  Hazwoper 8-Hour Annual Refresher

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

January - June 2019  Register Online
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**May Meetings**

| May 23 | 1:30 p.m. | County of San Diego @ County Office |

**June Meetings**

| June 4 | 11:30 a.m. | Specialty Contractors’ Council |
| June 5 | 7:00 a.m.  | Safety Meeting |
| June 5 | 11:15 a.m. | Airport @ Airport Facility |
| June 13 | 11:30 a.m. | HR Committee |
| June 20 | 7:00 a.m.  | General Building Contractors’ Council |
| June 21 | 12:00 p.m. | Technology Committee |
| June 25 | 4:00 p.m.  | Construction Leadership Council (CLC) |
| June 28 | 7:30 a.m.  | Caltrans @ Caltrans Office |

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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