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INDUSTRY NEWS

Summer Recess in Sacramento, Then a Sprint to the Legislative Finish!
Brad Barnum, Executive Vice President

State Legislators always enjoy a brief summer break away from the heat in Sacramento. Since July 12 they have had a rest from all the sausage-making that goes on in creating new laws and regulations. It’s quite a scene in the Capitol as a bill moves through the legislative process, and those who attended AGC’s Legislative Summit in May can attest to that!

The summer break ends on August 12, when legislators return to Sacramento. From that point on, it will be a sprint to the finish on September 13, which signals the deadline for legislative action. The Governor then has 30 days to sign or veto bills that have reached his desk. Since this is first year of a two-year legislative session, bills that were held up through the process for various reasons may be brought up again next year.

With all that said, let’s go over the activities of our Legislative Advocates and review some of the major issues and pertinent legislation affecting the construction industry and business community as a whole. Click here for a summary.
San Diego Proposes Public Works Process Improvements
Mike McManus Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

City of San Diego Public Works Department officials recently appeared before the Active Transportation & Infrastructure Committee to update the Council Members present on streamlining proposals for public works projects. The proposals are intended to save the City both time and money in the approvals and processing of public works projects, but also may benefit contractors working City projects.

It was noted during the discussion that the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) expenditures have grown dramatically during the last five years. In fiscal year 2014, the CIP expenditures were only $263 million. The plan for the 2018/2019 fiscal year was to deliver over $1 billion of construction projects. The City has struggled with this major increase, not surprisingly, and has yet to deliver on much of the promised program. The size and number of consultant contracts has also grown commensurate with the growth of the CIP. The City has pressing infrastructure needs, and equally pressing needs to clean up their processes as was discussed at the meeting.

Some of the proposals by the Public Works officials were not directly related to construction. However, we have summarized the proposals that were discussed that are of interest to the construction industry.

Here is a sampling:

Increase the Mayor’s authority to award construction contracts up to $30 million for projects in the Utilities Undergrounding Program. Presently, each project in this program must go to Council for approval prior to advertising for bids. This change would have the effect of expediting these critical infrastructure projects. It should be noted here that the Mayor already has the authority to award CIP projects up to $30 million.

The City has infrastructure related major projects that are not in the CIP because they are of an urgent nature. Presently, each of those has to be approved by the City Council, which seems counterintuitive because of the long lead time to get to and through the City Council. Awarding projects, such as cleaning sewer digesters or performing critical repairs at water treatment plants, are proposed to be streamlined in the future. The proposal would authorize the Mayor to award projects of this type that are up to $5 million.

The City's construction project change order process was also
discussed. The proposal by Public Works was related to design-build projects only. Under the proposal, the mayor's authority to authorize construction change orders would increase to $1 million for projects up to $20 million, and $3 million on projects up to $30 million.

The last item discussed was strictly an internal web of problems not requiring Council action, but nevertheless discussed, the City's construction contract closeout process. It is reported to take anywhere from nine months to several years after substantial completion for the City to issues a "Notice of Completion." As noted by the public works officials last week, this has a detrimental effect on individual contractor's ability to compete for further projects in the City's CIP, which reduces competition on City projects.

It is welcome news that the City's proposal is to "shorten the current duration of the closeout process by four months." That is a start, but we will continue to urge the City to shorten the closeout process to four months, period.

Summer Car Show/Mixer Tomorrow  
- Tuesday, July 30

Still Time to Register for the 7th Annual  
AGC Summer Mixer & Car Show

Register today for the 7th Annual AGC Summer Mixer & Car Show on July 30! This event is hosted by AGC San Diego's Construction Leadership Council (CLC) and is free to members!

This summer networking event features delicious food trucks, local microbrews, and refreshing margaritas while checking out the classic cars and hot-rods on display.

The event starts at 4:30 p.m. and goes to 7:00 p.m. at AGC.
MEMBER DISCOUNTS
Are you aware of the many discounts available to AGC Members?

Help support our SDSU Reno Teams - by buying RAFFLE tickets at the event! Bring cash - 3 tickets for $5, 10 tickets for $10 and 25 tickets for $20 - Grand Prize is a 50-inch Samsung TV! Raffle also includes drawing for $100 Target and $100 Home Depot gift cards. Raffle drawing will be at 6:35 p.m., must be present to win.

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SUMMER EVENTS
The 80th Annual AGC Affiliate Day Golf Tournament on August 5, 2019 is now SOLD OUT!

Two Contest Sponsors Still Needed!

Thank you to everyone who has registered for this premier event in support of the AGC / SDSU Construction Engineering & Management Program, Reno Competition and Scholarship Fund.

There are still Two “Contest Sponsor” spots available and we'll always accept "Raffle Prize Sponsors," so if you want to get your name in front of 300 golfers, we need to know NOW!!

This event is much anticipated and offers great marketing opportunities for AGC members. Get in on it while you can!

Please contact Rae Krushensky with any questions.

VIEW ONLINE EVENTS

2019 EVENTS
AUGUST
Aug. 05 | Affiliate Golf
Aug. 15 | Scholarship Awards Dinner
Aug. 30 | DEADLINE TODAY - BUILD SAN DIEGO ENTRIES

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AGC's EGCA Scholarships Awards Dinner - August 15

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Each year, the AGC's EGCA Scholarship Foundation quietly goes about its business of offering and awarding scholarships to deserving college students. Behind the scenes is a flurry of activity involving organizing several college campuses to encourage candidates to complete an application as a first step. The Scholarship Committee then is assigned the duty to evaluate the applications, interview the student candidates, and make the tough decisions of awarding the 2019 winners.

In past years, the annual scholarships were awarded to students enrolled in the SDSU J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program and the Palomar Diesel Technology Program:

- Three $3,000 scholarships to the SDSU students
- Two $1,500 scholarships for the Palomar students
- This year, additional $1,500 scholarships to students enrolled in the Miramar Diesel Technology Program,
- Three $1,000 scholarships for Apprenticeship students at the completion of their first year in the program.

The 2019 scholarship winners will be presented on August 15, 2019 at the Honoree and Scholarship Awards Mixer & Dinner. This year's event will be held at the San Diego Yacht Club, with the social hour starting at 4:30 p.m., followed by the dinner and awards program.

This year's Honoree is Thomas L. Brown, President of Sierra Pacific West, Inc. Mr. Brown has been a longtime leader in the construction industry, not only in San Diego but nationwide. Some of his notable accomplishments and involvements are:

- An AGC National Life Governor
- 2006 AGC San Diego Chapter President
- 2011 SIR Award Recipient
- Vice-Chair of AGC Charities Inc.
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).

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2019 Chair of AGC America Highway Work Zone Safety Committee
Chairman of AGC San Diego Apprenticeship & Training Trust

REGISTER
Don't forget to purchase tickets for the raffle to win 48 bottles of premium wine and an under the counter wine refrigerator! The winner will be announced at the event.

We hope to see you there to support students from our local colleges and to honor Thomas L. Brown.

AGC SDSU Aztec Tailgate/Game and Sky Show August 31- Tickets on Sale Now!

The Annual "SDSU Aztec Tailgate/Game and Sky Show" is set for Saturday, August 31 at SDCCU Stadium (formerly Qualcomm Stadium) .....Make it a company party, and invite your employees!

We are proud to be celebrating the 19th Anniversary of the Annual AGC/SDSU Aztec Tailgate! Your employees & family will enjoy great food, entertainment, a football game, and fireworks! At the same time, you are supporting the AGC/SDSU Education and Training Program, and engineering students at SDSU's Construction Engineering Management (CEM) Program with their Annual Reno Competition.

REGISTER
Tailgate begins at 3:30 PM, and Game time is 6:00 PM! Location is Section C2, parking lot, just inside the main entrance to the right
The best fireworks in town will start after the game.

Thank you to our returning "Title Sponsor" Swinerton

If you've never been to this event, the Tailgate Party is a fantastic way to spend the day with family, friends and co-workers, while you partake in the following:

- Tender, smoky, tri-tip, grilled to perfection by the Specialty Contractor Council members on a 20 foot long stainless steel BBQ, with all the trimmings.
- Lots of beverages designed to meet anyone's thirst, from sodas and water for the kids, to ice cold beer and wine for those who are seeking a more festive ambiance.
- Secret recipe baked beans cooked in a 30-gallon cast iron jambalaya pot that will knock your socks off by Johnson Finch McClure/Burner Sheet Metal!
- Conveniently located right across from the "Aztec Village" where guests can enjoy fun rides and other activities
- Aztec Football!
- The KGB Sky Show - the best fireworks in town

Thank you to the Specialty Contractors Council for their service as cooks and servers, Acme Safety & Supply for providing the barricades and signage, Bergelectric Corporation for providing the stainless-steel BBQ grill, Casper Company for providing the portable restrooms, and to FenceWorks for providing the event fencing!!

Please contact AGC staff member, Rae Krushensky with any questions.

CLASSES

July Classes

Jul. 31 \hspace{0.2cm} CPR, First Aid, & AED Training

August Classes
Aug 1  Supervisory Training
Aug 5 - 9  EM 385-1-1 40 Hour with OSHA 30 Hour
Aug 5-7  LEAN Construction
Aug 6  Beginning Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
Aug 6  Stormwater Breakfast Forum
Aug 8  Advanced Microsoft Excel 2016 (Offsite)
Aug 8  Project Engineer’s Boot Camp
Aug 8  Supervisory Training
Aug 9  Conducting an Effective Accident Investigation
Aug 12-13  OSHA 10-Hour for Construction
Aug 14-15  CQM
Aug 15  Confined Space Entry Training
Aug 15  Supervisory Training
Aug 19-21  Fall Protection 24 Hour Competent Person
Aug 20  Flagger 4 Hour Certification Training
Aug 20  Foreman’s 40-Hour Certificate Course
Aug 21  Heat Illness Awareness Training
Aug 21  Prevailing Wage Certified Payroll & Compliance Training
Aug 22  Silica Standard for Construction
Aug 26-30  Hazwoper 40 Hour
Aug 26  Fall Protection Competent Person Refresher Course
Aug 27  Microsoft Project Workshop
Aug 28  CPR, First Aid & AED Training

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

August Meetings
Aug. 7  7:00 a.m.  Safety
Aug. 8  11:30 a.m.  Specialty Contractors’ Council
Aug. 13  4:00 p.m.  Construction Leadership Council (CLC)
Aug. 14  11:30 a.m.  Education Committee
Aug. 23  12:00 p.m.  Technology Committee

September Meetings
Sept. 4  7:00 a.m.  Safety
Sept. 4  7:00 a.m.  Public Building
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.