AGC Fundraiser on November 7 for Steve Vaus, the Next District 2 County Supervisor!

Brad Barnum, Executive Vice President

It's been a pleasant surprise to find a candidate AGC is supporting who will never budge on a commitment for fair and open competition! That candidate is Poway Mayor Steve Vaus, who is running for District 2 County Supervisor.

Over the years, we have heard this commitment for fair and open competition from a number of candidates. Unfortunately, some of them who are now elected officials have veered away from that promise. Steve Vaus, on the other hand, when asked about his opposition to Project Labor Agreements, looked stone cold into a PAC Committee member during an interview and said, “I oppose PLAs, and you can take that to the bank.”

(Pictured left to right) Mike Furby, Thomas L. Brown, Candidate Steve Vaus, AGC President Steve Friar, and AGC Sr. V.P. Bill Haithcock)
Steve Vaus is a leader...one that won't sway from his convictions. That is why AGC, Supervisor Dianne Jacob, and these individuals and organizations have endorsed him. His support is far and wide, and as of the last financial reporting period, he outraised his closest opponent over 2-1!

If you haven't met Mayor Vaus, we hope you will consider attending a fundraiser AGC is having for him on Thursday, November 7. It will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the offices of Marathon Construction in Lakeside. Some local elected officials will be there, including El Cajon Mayor Bill Wells, La Mesa Mayor Dr. Mark Arapostathis, El Cajon Deputy Mayor Steve Goble, La Mesa Councilwoman Kristin Alessio, and El Cajon Councilman Gary Kendrick.

The campaign is expected to be a battle, and Mayor Vaus will need financial resources to be victorious. We hope you will attend, or at least contribute online. Click here to view invitation/RSVP, and click here to contribute online.

Steve Vaus for County Supervisor!

Inspector General Audits Caltrans' DBE Program-Changes Needed

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

SB 1 requires the Governor to appoint an Inspector General (IG) who, upon confirmation of the California State Senate, serves a six-year term. The IG has the duty to review policies, practices, and procedures and conduct audits and investigations of activities involving state transportation funds.

Under the IG, the Independent Office of Audits and Investigations recently completed a badly needed audit of the Caltrans’ certification process for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). The purpose of the audit was to assess whether the Caltrans DBE certification program complies with applicable federal and state requirements.

This audit is important because the integrity of the DBE program depends upon systematic procedures to ensure that only bonafide small firms, owned and controlled by a socially and economically disadvantaged individual(s), are certified to participate as DBEs in federally assisted programs.

Key Findings of the audit were summarized in the report as:

“Our audit determined the following OBEO process and procedures do not comply with federal and state requirements:

- Certification decisions exceed the 90-day federal requirements for in-state applications.
On-site interviews of disadvantaged owners instead of principal officers.
Evaluation of eligibility evidence is inconsistent.
Internal control weaknesses exist over certification process and procedures.

**On-Site Interviews of Principal Officers**
Caltrans is federally-mandated to conduct an on-site interview of applicant firms to obtain eligibility information that will be reviewed as a whole, with supporting documents received from the applicant. The audit found that Caltrans' staff places primary focus of the interview on the disadvantaged owner rather than on principal officers of the firm. Thus, Caltrans is not in compliance with Federal Regulations which requires an on-site visit to “interview the principal officers of the firm.” Caltrans is in the process of fixing this issue.

**Evaluations of Eligibility**
The audit concluded that Caltrans follows its documented process and procedures for determining eligibility of applicant firms. However, it concluded that the staff does not evaluate evidence consistently to ensure that only eligible firms are certified as DBEs.

In 60% of the files tested, the auditors found that documents to assess ownership and control such as tax returns, articles of incorporations, bank documents, stock certificates, and agreements were missing, or the documents were misinterpreted.

For example, Federal Regulations requires Caltrans to determine whether the gift or transfer of ownership to a disadvantaged individual was made for the purpose of obtaining certification as a DBE. The determination of control of the business entity, when ownership is transferred, is complex since Caltrans must determine whether the disadvantaged individual actually controls the management, policy, and operations of the firm.

These complexities increase the possibility for making erroneous DBE certification decisions which may expose Caltrans to potential litigation and ineligible firms participating in federally funded contracts.

The audit recommends that Caltrans:

- Implement a quality assurance process to ensure consistent evaluation of evidence supporting eligibility determinations.
- Develop training for staff to interpret and evaluate eligibility evidence consistently that may include identifying best practices from other diverse certifying agencies.

The most recent information on this audit is that it is still in process, which means Caltrans is working to enact the audit's recommendations, and it is crucial that they do. One issue missing from the audit which we will be pointing out to the IG is the issue of DBE firms being listed as doing specific types of
Caltrans work under NAICS or work codes, but never providing quotes to prime contractors on Caltrans projects. We believe that cleaning up this issue would go a long way towards improving the integrity of the program and getting the taxpayers the best value for their money. Stay tuned.

Awards Season Has Begun!
AGC Build San Diego Awards Luncheon...
Tuesday, November 5 - Subcontractor & Affiliate members - Are you registered?

The entries are in, judging is finished, and the envelopes with the winners' names are tightly sealed. No, we are not talking about the Academy Awards...we are talking about the 2019 AGC Build San Diego Awards!

Every two years, Build San Diego honors and recognizes AGC members who've submitted entries for the region's most impressive construction projects. So, after a two year wait, everyone wants to know, "which projects won?" Was it a project your firm was involved in? Well, the winners, along with the names of our distinguished judges, will remain under lock and key until the November 5 luncheon - so, you'll just have to attend....

November 5, 2019
Build San Diego Awards Luncheon - 11:00 a.m.
Poway Mayor Steve Vaus to be the guest speaker.
Mayor Vaus is in his second term as Mayor, and he is the Chair of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).

Hilton San Diego, Bayfront

As the premiere construction awards program In San Diego, we expect over 300 to attend this event, including key public officials and owners, who will grace the red carpet as guests of the AGC.

AGC subcontractors and affiliate members are encouraged to attend and support this awards ceremony, which reflects the industry's pride in building San Diego.
Larry McMahon, Alliant Insurance, has been named the 2019 “Good Scout of the Year” by the San Diego Imperial Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A luncheon honoring Larry will be held on Wednesday, October 30, beginning at 11:30 A.M. at the Paradise Point Resort in San Diego.

CLICK HERE FOR BROCHURE/REGISTRATION

The 2019 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 $1.5 million to support the Boy Scouts of America. This year's Chairs are Thomas L. Brown of Sierra Pacific West, Inc. and Bill Haithcock 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.

The AGC Board of Directors and the Lunch-O-Ree Committee encourage the industry to attend the event. A registration form and sponsorship opportunities are available by clicking on this link.

Questions, contact AGC Staff Rae Krushensky (858) 731-8157.
Join AGC San Diego's Build & Serve Charitable Alliance in supporting the organization STEP (Support the Enlisted Project); a charity that supports active military, veterans, and their families.

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 items to donate for STEP's Thanksgiving Dinner Program.

We are asking for your help in collecting the "fixings" for Thanksgiving dinner items.

**EXAMPLES OF NEEDED ITEMS**
- Canned vegetables
- Canned pumpkin
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Canned yams
- Pie filling
- Gravy or gravy mix
- Your non-perishable Thanksgiving favorite!

Please bring items to your office and designate someone in your office to deliver to the AGC office (6212 Ferris Square) by **Friday, November 8**.

If you are planning on attending an education class or committee meeting from now until Nov. 8, please bring a canned good or item to donate for the drive! There is a collection box in the lobby 2nd floor.

**Thank you for supporting our Southern California military families!**

Contact Info: Marcy Knopman
(858) 731-8162

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**2020 Construction Safety Excellence Awards - San Diego Chapter Accepting Competition Applications**

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 the application form

**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 Friday, December 6, 2019.**
- 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 2020 AGC Safety & Health Conference in Austin, TX. The finalists in each division/category will compete during the **AGC Annual Convention** in Las Vegas, NV. 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.

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**AGC 2019 Holiday Dinner Dance**

**Holiday Dinner Dance at Hotel Del Coronado - Room Block/Invitation**

**Deadline for Room Reservations is November 15**

We invite members to make plans early to attend the AGC Holiday Dinner Dance this year, and to book your room reservations with the Hotel Del Coronado. When making your
room reservations below, please know that this does not register you for the AGC event. You will also need to complete the registration information on the invitation.

You may use the phone number or our personal reservation link below to reserve your rooms: 1-619-435 6611
https://book.passkey.com/e/49840029

Rates are as follows:

- **Resort Room - $280**
  
  Add 11.56% Occupancy Tax & Tourism Fee.
  
  Rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
  
  The following additional room type upgrades are based on availability at the time of booking:
  - Coastal View Guestroom - $340
  - Ocean View Guestroom - $452
  - Junior Suite (non-view) - $360
  - Junior Suite (ocean-view) - $554
  - Resort Suite with ocean view - $900
  - Ocean Front Cottage Jr. Suite - $1,189
  - Ocean Front Cottage Suite - $1,599

  In addition, daily valet parking rates are discounted at $20, and $30 for overnight valet parking. The normal resort fee of $35 has also been waived for our group.

  In the event that the room block becomes full, members can also book rooms at the Glorietta Bay Inn, directly across the street from the Del, or at the Loews Coronado Resort. Note that there are no room blocks at these locations.

  Please contact Rae Krushensky at the AGC with any questions at raek@agcsd.org.

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**CLASSES**

**October Classes**

- **Oct. 23**  Construction Estimating Basics
- **Oct. 24**  Supervisory Training: Risk Management & Problem Solving
- **Oct. 25**  BIM EXAM
- **Oct. 28**  Fall Protection 8 Hour Refresher Course
- **Oct. 30**  Primavera P6
- **Oct. 30**  CPR, First Aid & AED Training
  
  Silica Standard
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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.

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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.