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Will San Diegans Agree to New Tax to Improve Stormwater infrastructure?

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Last week, the San Diego City Council heard from the City's Transportation & Stormwater Department about a huge, and growing, shortfall in funding for maintaining the City's storm drains. The problem has been mostly "out of sight so out of mind" for decades. However, in recent years, as many of our City contractors know, many emergency projects have been let by the City to fix failed storm drain systems and prevent flooding, property damage, and threats to public safety. The City averages \$25 million a year in storm drain emergency projects.

The shortfall was highlighted in a past audit by the City's Independent Auditor. The Auditor recommended that the City develop a long-term funding strategy, conduct surveys and stakeholder outreach to gauge public support for raising taxes for fees to cover the shortfall.

As we reported last week, City officials released the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2026 Five-Year Capital Infrastructure Planning Outlook. The City's "priority needs" over the next five years are estimated at \$5.70 billion. This compares to the projected revenue that can be applied to fund those projects of \$3.39 billion over the Fiscal Years (FY) 22-26, which means that a little over 40% of the identified priority

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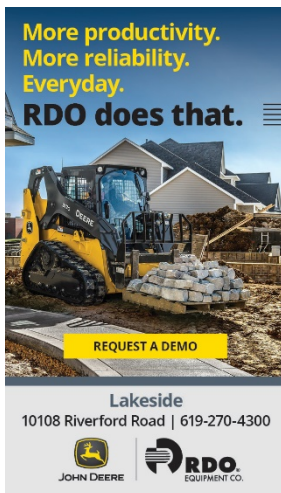
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infrastructure needs in the City will go unaddressed through the year 2026. The funding gap is \$2.31 billion. Of that amount, about \$1.3 billion more is needed to upgrade the City's crumbling storm drain systems during the next five years.

How big is the City's storm drain system? Well it is huge, and includes:

- 8 miles of levees
- 1,148 miles of underground pipes
- 46,000 drainage inlets
- 69 miles of open channels
- 15 pump stations

Given the size of the system, the amount of money needed to maintain it seems reasonable, however, there has never been a dedicated funding source. Meanwhile, City official reported last week that they have identified 2,000 active failure locations, of which, less than 1% are funded. Given the aging of this City, officials either find new sources of revenue or re-prioritize the funds they have now.

City officials have attributed the spike in the funding gap for storm drain system repairs and reconstruction to several factors. One is simply the age of the system, which dates back into the last century in some cases. The other is the changing and more aggressive water quality regulations being imposed by the State. 99% of the City drains to an impaired water body, which means that the City will be required in the future to control certain types of pollution being washed into streams, bays, and the ocean.

The City will need to address a number of pollutants now draining into water bodies which includes: Inorganic/organic pollutants; bacteria & nutrients; and trash and sediment. Not meeting those requirements will result in future fines and regulatory actions by the Regional Water Quality Control Board.

No decision has been made to put a ballot measure in front of the voters to close the funding gap. However, the most likely answer will be to target San Diego's 95-cent monthly storm water fee that is now charged to all single family homes. The fee is among the lowest in the state among comparable cities.

The next steps will include citizen and stakeholder engagement. City staff then will develop alternative funding strategies that may be considered by the Council later this year, which could result in a 2022 ballot measure.



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Limited Space Still Available for AGC's Chief Economist Presentation

Brad Barnum, Executive Vice President

Over 150 construction industry and public agency representatives have registered for a virtual presentation by AGC of America's Chief Economist on Tuesday, March 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. There is still time to register, but space is limited.

On **Tuesday, March 2**, from **10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**, AGC will join the San Diego Regional Construction Procurement Committee in virtually hosting the "*Public Works & Private Construction Outlook*" with Ken Simonson, who has over 40 years of experience analyzing, advocating, and communicating about economic and tax issues. This will be his eighth presentation to AGC in as many years, and he always provides a thorough analysis!

Ken will peer into his crystal ball to provide a 2021 vision of the economy and what it implies for public works and private construction, both nationally and in the San Diego region. He will review recent population trends and their implications for construction demand and labor supply. He will present national and California-specific results from the latest AGC of America-Sage Hiring and Business Outlook survey, and he will comment on likely policy developments and how they could affect construction and construction materials over the coming year.

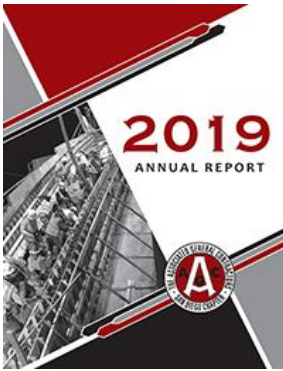
AGC members and public agency representatives are encouraged to attend this **FREE** seminar, which will be held **virtually** on **Tuesday, March 2**, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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Application Period Extended for the 22nd Annual Construction Safety Awards

The AGC Construction Safety Excellence Awards (CSEA), sponsored by Willis Towers Watson, is the industry's elite safety excellence awards program. The CSEA recognizes companies that have developed and implemented premier safety and risk control programs and showcases companies that have achieved

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continuous improvement and maintenance of their safety and health management systems.

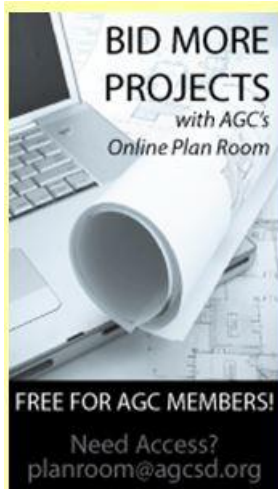
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For more information on the CSEA program, please contact Vince Hundley, AGC Safety Director at vhundley@smartsafetygroup.com

The deadline for submitting revised and new applications is Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

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Director of Plan Room Services

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Deadline is TODAY, February 16, 2021

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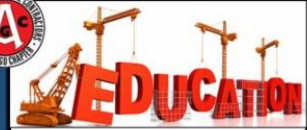
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FEBRUARY CLASSES

- Feb. 17 - Fall Protection Refresher @ Ferris Square
- Feb. 19 - Flagger Certification @ Lakeside Office
- Feb. 22 -26 - EM 385 40-Hour with OSHA 30-Hour @ Ferris Square
- Feb. 24-26 - CQM - Webinar
- Feb. 23 - Kick off of the 2021 AGC San Diego Project Management Certificate Program
- Feb. 24 - CPR First Aid- @ Lakeside Office
- Feb. 25- Writing and Implementing a Business Plan @ Lakeside Office

MARCH CLASSES

- Mar. 1 - Scaffold 8-Hour (CPT) @ Ferris Square
- Mar. 2 - Stormwater Monthly Forum - Webinar
- Mar. 9 - Prevailing Wage Certified Payroll & Compliance Training @ Lakeside Office
- Mar. 8 - CalTrans Approved ATSSA Flagger w/ Traffic Control Technician - @ Lakeside Office
- Mar. 10 - Project Engineer's Boot Camp @ Lakeside Office
- Mar 10-11 - Construction Quality Management (CQM) for Contractors - Webinar
- Mar. 15 - Qualified Rigger & Signal Person
- Mar. 18 - Project Management Boot Camp @ Lakeside Office
- Mar. 19 - CalTrans Approved ATSSA Flagger Certification @ Lakeside Office
- Mar. 22-24 - Fall Protection 24-Hour Competent Person Training @ Ferris Square
- Mar. 24 - Business Writing and Construction Correspondence @ Lakeside Office
- Mar. 24-25 - Construction Quality Management - Webinar
- Mar. 29 - BIM - Building Information Modeling EP (3rd Edition) - Webinar
- Mar 30 - Foreman & Superintendent Boot Camp @ Lakeside Office

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Mar. 31 - **Construction Scheduling @ Lakeside Office**

Mar. 31 - **Construction Contract 101 - Webinar**

Mar. 31 - **CPR, First Aid & AED Training**

For more information on classes, contact: [Becca Schaffer](#) 619-592-4533

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Feb. 18 - **Affiliate Council** - 11:30 a.m. @ Lakeside office

Feb. 24 - *GoToMeeting*) - **Public Bldg. / General Bldg. / EGCC** - 8:00 a.m.

Feb. 25 - **Specialty Council** - 11:30 a.m. - Lakeside

MARCH MEETINGS

Mar. 3 - **Safety Committee** - 7:00 a.m. *via GoToMeeting*

Mar. 5 - **Caltrans/SANDAG** - 7:30 a.m. *via GoToMeeting*

Mar. 16 - **HR Practices** - 11:30 a.m. - *TBA*

Mar. 16 - **Water Authority** - 1:00 p.m. *via GoToMeeting*

Mar. 17 - **Build & Serve** - 7:30 a.m. *TBD if in-person*

Mar. 17 - **Government Relations** - 10:00 a.m. *via GoToMeeting*
Mar. 24 - **County of San Diego** - 1:00 p.m. *via GoToMeeting*
Mar. 25 - **Construction Leadership Council** - 4:00 p.m. - *TBA*

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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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