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## **Wednesday, March 19**

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**7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**CEAC Registration**

**8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.**

**CEAC Transportation Policy Committee Meeting**

Chair: Najee Zarif, San Joaquin County

**10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

**Visit with Sponsors**

**10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.**

**CEAC Concurrent Policy Committee Meetings**

**CEAC Infrastructure and Development Policy Committee Meeting**

Chair: Matt Randall, Placer County

**CEAC Flood Control & Water Resources Policy Committee Meeting**

Chair: Jason Uhley, Riverside County

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

**Joint Leadership Mtg**

CEAC/Cal Cities (Invitation Only)

**1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.**

**Cal Cities and CEAC Opening Remarks**

Scott Smith, President, Public Works Department and Public Works Director,  
Fountain Valley

David Leamon, President, CEAC and Public Works Director, Stanislaus County

- **APWA Remarks**
  - Vic Biarnes, President Elect, APWA
- **Local Streets and Roads Awards**
- **Keynote Speaker**

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**CEAC Resource Recovery & Waste Management Policy Committee Meeting**

Chair: Tom Koutroulis, Orange County

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**How to Curb Pedestrian Fatalities — Understanding Speed Safety Systems**

With traffic injuries and fatalities on the rise in California, interest in speed safety systems has never been greater. This session will explore the role of these systems in improving road safety, focusing on key topics such as enabling legislation AB 645 (pilot cities), the capabilities and limitations of safety cameras, and their evolving applications. Panelists will address how to prioritize safety and equity over profits, ensure privacy safeguards, and dispel common misconceptions. Leading researchers and experts will share insights into the effectiveness of speed cameras, location selection strategies, and other critical considerations for reducing speed-related crashes and saving lives.

**Moderator:** Damian Kevitt, Executive Director, Streets Are For Everyone (SAFE)

**Speakers:** Juan Matute, Deputy Director, UCLA Institute of Transportation Studies  
Derek Smith, Founding and Managing Member, Marinship Development LLC  
Will Barnow, Vice President of Strategic Partnership, Verra Mobility

**Future Proofing Transportation Funding**

California's shift to zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), including the Advanced Clean Cars II regulation requiring 100% ZEV sales by 2035, is accelerating the decline of fuel excise tax revenues — projected to drop 31% in the next decade. This session examines the challenges posed by this decline on transportation infrastructure, economic health, and quality of life, along with potential solutions like a road user charge. Transportation California will share findings from ongoing research, provide updates on efforts to develop sustainable funding mechanisms, and outline plans for potential legislative action in 2025. Learn how cities and counties can engage in securing long-term funding to support a resilient, equitable transportation system in a zero-emission future.

**Moderator:** Benjamin Lopez, Political Director, Rebuild SoCal Partnership

**Speakers:** Kiana Valentine, Executive Director, Transportation California  
Lauren Prehoda, Road Charge Program Manager, California Dept. Transportation  
Frances Dea-Sanchez, Associate Deputy Director, California Transportation Commission

## **Best Practices for the use of Recycled Materials in Asphalt Pavements and Training Opportunities from the CCPIC**

This session will explore best practices for maintaining and improving asphalt pavements, focusing on the incorporation of recycled materials in asphalt mixes under the new state law. By understanding how asphalt pavements deteriorate and fail, participants will gain insights into proactive maintenance and construction techniques that enhance pavement performance and sustainability. The session will also provide an update on subsidized online training opportunities through Caltrans LTAP, offering certificates in Pavement Engineering and Management and Pavement Construction Inspection.

**Moderator:** Matt Randall, Deputy Director, Placer County, Dept. Public Works

**Speakers:** John Harvey, Director, City & County Pavement Improvement Center (CCPIC), UC Davis

Erik Updyke, Technical Engineer, CCPIC

**4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

### **Concurrent Sessions:**

#### **Fleet and Electric Utility Partnerships for EV Implementation**

The transition to electric mobility is not just a trend but a necessity to mitigate climate change and reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. Electric vehicles (EVs) play a pivotal role in achieving these goals. However, successful EV implementation requires collaboration between fleets and electric utilities to overcome infrastructure challenges, manage costs, and optimize operations. This presentation will explore the strategic partnerships between fleet operators and electric utilities to accelerate the adoption of EVs. We will discuss the key benefits, challenges, case studies, and best practices to inspire and guide organizations towards a more sustainable transportation future.

**Moderator:** Joseph Mattox, Fleet and Facilities Maintenance Division Manager, Moreno Valley

**Speaker:** Jason Niccoli, Electric Utility Division Manager, Moreno Valley

#### **Innovative Approaches to Building Infrastructure: Thinking Beyond Design-Bid-Build**

With demands on existing infrastructure increasing, are there better ways to get major projects built? New legislation allows cities to implement progressive design-build project delivery methods to hire design and construction teams at the beginning of a project. The opportunity for cities to partner and collaborate with preferred design and construction teams provides the opportunity for reduced project risks, cost savings, and, ultimately, better infrastructure projects. However, it can also present unforeseen legal, practical, and political risks and challenges. This presentation will discuss how cities can successfully use progressive design-build, along with other similar and underutilized alternative project delivery tools, to build public infrastructure.

**Moderator:** Michael Maurer, Partner, Best Best & Krieger

**Speakers:** Craig Hayes, Partner, Best Best & Krieger

David Leamon, Public Works Director, Stanislaus County

Theron Roschen, Municipal Services Manager, Interwest Consulting  
James Signore, Principal, NCE

### Speed Sessions:

**Moderator:** Scott Smith, Public Works Director, Fountain Valley

#### 4:15 p.m. - 4:50 p.m.

##### **Microtrenching in 15 minutes**

California Senate Bill (SB) 378, enacted in 2021, requires local jurisdictions to allow microtrenching for installing underground fiber optics. This presentation will cover the fundamentals of microtrenching, its impact on pavements, and strategies for local agencies to collaborate with telecom companies to find mutually agreeable solutions. If the committee desires a panel discussion, we can bring in a local agency perspective on this along with the technical side of the issue.

**Speaker:** Debaroti Ghosh, Senior Engineer, Nichols Consulting Engineers Chtd

#### 4:55 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

##### **In-Situ Roadway Subgrade Repair**

Learn how the City of Fountain Valley reduced project costs by over 80% and expedited construction timelines using innovative methods to repair damage caused by the 2023 California Rainstorms. Discover how this creative solution addresses widespread settlement issues and provides a model for other agencies to solve complex infrastructure challenges efficiently and affordably.

**Speakers:** Kyle Hilton, Associate Engineer, Fountain Valley  
Temo Galvez, Deputy Public Works Director / City Engineer, City of Fountain Valley

#### 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

##### **Networking Reception**

Make new friends and catch up with old ones while enjoying delicious appetizers and tasty beverages during the evening networking reception. It's the perfect opportunity to form support networks inside your profession.

#### **SAVE THE DATES!**

##### **2025 NACE Annual Conference**

Chicago (Schaumburg), Illinois, April 15-17, 2025

##### **Northern California Bedroll Conference**

Camp Tehama, Tehama County, June 25-27, 2025

**20th CEAC Policy Conference**, Sacramento, August 21-22, 2025

##### **CSAC Annual Meeting/Fall Conference**

San Jose Convention Center, December 1 - 5, 2025

Thursday, March 20

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8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**CEAC Registration Open**

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

**Networking Breakfast**

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**Creating New Models for Resilience - Regional Approaches to Securing California's Water Future**

California water managers face challenges like declining water supply reliability, aging infrastructure, stricter regulations, and climate-driven “weather whiplash.” This session highlights innovative regional collaboration efforts to tackle these issues. Attendees will learn about stakeholder-driven processes, decision-support tools, and key lessons from these projects, followed by a panel discussion on advancing water resilience in California communities.

**Moderator:** Jeffery Szytel, CEO, WSC

**Speaker:** Kristine McCaffrey, General Manager, Calleguas Municipal Water District  
Paul Jones, Senior Advisor, Dopudja & Wells

**Decoding RFP Success: Consultants Insights on Mastering the RFP Process for Effective Project Outcomes**

The Request for Proposal (RFP) process is a crucial gateway for organizations seeking to engage consultants for various projects. The effectiveness of an RFP can significantly impact the success of project delivery. This presentation delves into the RFP experience from the consultant's perspective, offering a candid look at the good, the bad and the ugly of the RFP process.

**Moderator:** Patrick Dobbins, Public Works Director/City Engineer, City of Gonzales

**Speakers:** Robert Newman, So Cal Municipal Services Director, MNS Engineers / NTI

Tim D'Zmura, President/CEO, Annealta Group

Jon Blanchard, Geotechnical Engineer, Yeh and Associates, Inc.

**Innovative Rubber Pavement Products Come to Rural and Remote California**

Stanislaus County in partnership with CalRecycle is constructing a pilot project to evaluate a potential new method of incorporating recycled rubber in asphalt mixes to enhance pavement performance. This session will explore the County’s motivation for adopting this new road technology, the potential benefits, and the practical steps of implementation, including construction techniques proving its viability for rural and smaller agencies.

**Moderator and Speaker:** David Leamon, Public Works Director, Stanislaus County

**Speakers:** Theron Roschen, Municipal Services Manager, Interwest Consulting  
James Signore, Principal, NCE

**10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.**

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**An Innovative Approach to Generate Funding and Promote Stormwater Capture and Use: Stormwater Credit Programs**

Stormwater Credit Programs provide municipalities with a novel funding mechanism by selling credits from regional stormwater capture projects to regulated dischargers. These programs support project funding, maintenance, and regulatory compliance while offering benefits like improved water quality, hydrologic function, groundwater recharge, and cost-effective operations. This panel features experts from approved programs in California, such as Anaheim and Contra Costa County, sharing insights on development, stakeholder engagement, regulatory processes, and lessons learned. Attendees will gain practical strategies for leveraging this innovative approach to sustainable stormwater management.

**Moderator:** Matthew Lentz, Vice President and Principal, GSI Environmental

**Speakers:** Keith Linker, Principal Civil Engineer, Anaheim

Amanda Booth, Environmental Program Manager, San Pablo

Mark Grey, Principal Technical Director, Construction Industry Coalition on Water Quality

**The California Strategic Highway Safety Plan Workshop: Partnering to Save Lives on California's Public Roads**

The California Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP) is a collaborative, performance-based effort aimed at reducing fatalities and serious injuries on California roadways. By prioritizing safety through education, improved infrastructure, and law enforcement, the SHSP seeks to create a safer environment for all road users. This session will highlight the development of the 2025-2029 SHSP, focusing on its alignment with the Safe System Approach to address key safety challenges like impaired driving, pedestrian safety, and speeding. By sharing their expertise, attendees will actively participate in shaping the next plan and learn how to get involved in the development process.

**Moderator:** Danielle Stanislaus, President, Emergent Transportation Concepts, LLC

**Speakers:** Rene Guerrero, Public Works Assistant Director, Ontario

Tom Mattson, Director of Public Works, Humboldt County

**11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Networking Lunch**

**12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.**

**CEAC Surveyor Policy Committee Meeting**

Chair, Steve Hennessee, Los Angeles County

**1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**General Session**

**Public Works Visibility as First Responders**

Public works professionals are often the unsung first responders, arriving first after disasters to clear the way and staying long after the crisis ends. Despite their critical role, they are often overlooked by communities, officials, and even other city departments. This presentation explores strategies to raise the profile of public works departments, drawing on lessons learned from peers and emphasizing their officially recognized status as first responders under Presidential Policy Directive 8.

**Moderator:** TBD

**Speaker:** Joubin Pakpour, Region 8 Director, American Public Works Association  
Joshua Pack, Director of Public Works, County of Butte

**2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Concurrent Sessions:**

**Managing Federal Funding during Disaster and Emergency Events**

This session will provide an overview of the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Emergency Relief Program, offering essential insights into how to work with Caltrans and understand the key differences between FHWA and FEMA funding programs. Attendees will learn the fundamentals of these federal funding options, including eligibility requirements, application processes, and best practices for managing and documenting disaster-related expenses. This session will equip participants with the knowledge needed to navigate federal programs effectively during emergency and disaster events for a smooth recovery of your community.

**Moderator:** TBD

**Speaker:** Vince Mammano, Director of Strategic Solutions, Mark Thomas

**Right-of-Way the Right Way**

This session provides strategies for setting up Right of Way (ROW) projects to achieve negotiated settlements, avoiding the time-consuming and costly process of eminent domain. Speakers will focus on how to clearly define the rights required for the project, understand the property owners' needs, and facilitate a smooth path to agreement. Additionally, the session will cover how to streamline ROW delivery within the overall project development process, including the use of incentive programs, waivers, and design expectations, as well as managing third-party ROW rights. Finally, our experts will talk about what to do if you cannot avoid eminent domain in your project. Attendees will learn how these strategies can save both time and money while ensuring successful project completion.

**Moderator:** Bob Morrison, Vice President, Monument ROW

**Speakers:** Artin Shaverdian, Partner, Nossaman LLP

Jason Jurrens, District Manager, Consor

David Leamon, Public Works Director, Stanislaus County

## **Citywide Street Sweeping Parking Restrictions: Strategies for Effective Implementation and Community Impact**

This session explores the collaborative efforts of the City of Ontario Public Works Agency to develop and implement a citywide street sweeping parking restrictions program. With a population of 185,000 and spanning 50 square miles, Ontario is the largest city in San Bernardino County but lacked a coordinated parking restrictions program for street sweeping. Speakers from the several city departments will share the challenges they faced in addressing resident concerns, the planning process, and how various city departments worked together to launch the program.

Attendees will learn about the program's objectives, its positive impact on urban cleanliness, and the environmental benefits of reduced pollution.

**Moderator:** Andrea Ampig, Senior Management Analyst, Ontario

**Speakers:** Bonnie Tam, Public Works Departmental Administrator, Ontario

Tim Masot, Parks and Streets Maintenance Manager, Ontario

John Gonzalez, Lieutenant, Ontario Police

**3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **Concurrent Sessions:**

#### **Wireless in the Right of Way: All things Permitting and Leveraging your Assets**

Learn about the latest issues and trends with wireless installations in the right of way, including information related to recent Federal Communications Commission (FCC) orders, litigation in the wake of FCC action, California's Batch "Broadband" Permit Processing Bill, and the status of 5G network rollout in context of the growing demand for wireless network capacity. This session aims to help public works officials understand the impacts of applicable federal and California laws and regulations and better leverage their assets in the right of way, covering telecommunication industry trends, the requirements being placed on local governments, and the actions that localities can take.

**Moderator:** Bennett Givens, Of Counsel, Best Best & Krieger LLP

**Speaker:** Brittany Weidner, Associate Attorney, Best Best & Krieger LLP

#### **Demystifying AI: Practical Applications in Public Works**

AI is no longer a concept of the future—it's transforming public works today. This session showcases real-world applications of AI by public and private sector innovators, highlighting how it enhances efficiency, reduces costs, and streamlines decision-making. Gain practical insights into addressing technical and administrative challenges with AI, demystifying the technology, and unlocking its potential for smarter, more effective operations. Discover actionable strategies and examples of AI in local agencies to bring transformative change to your organization.

**Moderator:** Joshua Pack, Director of Public Works, County of Butte

**Speakers:** Johannes Hovertsz, Director of Public Infrastructure,  
County of Sonoma

Jason Drew, Principal, NCE

Ian Timmons, President, Founder, OurGov



## Speed Sessions:

Moderator: TBD

**3:45 p.m. - 4:20 p.m.**

### **SB1383 100% Procurement Requirement Now in Effect: Are You Ready?**

Jurisdictions now need to procure 100% of their SB 1383 CalRecycle procurement target of recovered organic waste products. Jurisdictions need to come up with real solutions to comply with SB 1383 requirements or face possible fines. Bill Camarillo, CEO of Agromin, shares innovative strategies jurisdictions are using to tackle product procurement challenges after years of navigating the process.

**Speaker:** Bill Camarillo, CEO, AGROMIN

**4:25 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

### **From Maps to Apps: How the Evolution of GIS Led Us to SUE**

The use of GIS data by utilities and public works agencies has significantly evolved over the past 15 years. Subsurface utility engineering (SUE) emerged as a crucial practice in linear construction. We look back on how we got to our current situation with GIS data, how GIS intersects with SUE Quality Levels, and how current solutions can dramatically improve data availability for SUE. We'll present use cases for Quality Levels A, B, C, and D that will help public works professionals make the most of the data available and improve data quality over time.

**Speaker:** Dave Veilleux, Head of Municipal Partnerships, CivilGrid

**6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.**

### **CEAC President's Reception and Banquet**

Please join us for a fun evening hosted by CEAC President, Dave Leamon, and California's Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants (CLODS).

**Friday, March 21**

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**8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.**

**CEAC Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.**

**CEAC Administrative Committee Meeting**

Chair: Joan Araujo, Ventura County

**10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**Break**

**10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

**CEAC Board of Directors Meeting**

President: David Leamon, Stanislaus County