The grand opening for the Los Angeles Riverfront Park Pedestrian and Bike Path between Coldwater Canyon Avenue and Whitsett Avenue was held at 12500 Valleyheart Dr., Studio City on September 5, 2019. Councilmember Paul Krekorian cut the ribbon to officially open the project, together with Deputy Mayor Barbara Romero, Recreation & Parks Commission President Sylvia Patasaouras, Recreation & Parks Department General Manager Mike Shull, Public Works Commissioner Jessica Caloza and City Engineer Gary Lee Moore.

Bicyclists welcomed this new 2,850 feet long paved pedestrian and bike path that is separate from automobile traffic, and look forward to the future joining together of bike path segments to connect the Valley to Downtown L.A.

The paths are striped to provide for a smooth and orderly ride. The road is sloped away from the River to divert rain into a bio-swale that lines the path. The rainwater will be filtered by the bio-swale prior to draining into the River. The path features a decorative fence along the River’s edge and gabion walls on the other side. Security lighting, trees and hydro-seeding and plantings were provided throughout the route, as well as educational project signs.

Krekorian said, “It’s been a big priority of mine to make sure that the investments we make in the LA River focus on the San Fernando Valley, and this is a big step forward in that direction.” He noted that the Valley is home to the majority of the Los Angeles River.

The bike path is part of Phase II of the Los Angeles Riverfront Park. The overall project consists of various phases of improvements to the banks of the Los Angeles River that will eventually extend along the River from the eastern edge of Studio City to the I-405 San Diego Freeway and a portion of Encino. The project is also part of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan adopted by the City Council in May, 2007.

The project site is located on the River right-of-way that is used as a flood control channel maintenance access road. This land continued on page 2.
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is owned and controlled by the Los Angeles County Flood Control District. The City entered into a Land Use Agreement with the County for a duration of 25 years. The project also necessitated construction permits and design approval from the County and the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Phase I of the project was completed and opened to the public in 2010. Phase II of the project consists of two segments, both segments are located along the south side of the River. The first segment, located between Sepulveda Boulevard and Kester Avenue opened in 2015. The second segment which extends from Whitsett Avenue to Coldwater Canyon Avenue, or behind Sportmen Lodge, has now opened.

The project was principally funded by the City of Los Angeles Proposition K for Kids Program.

The project design was by Mia Lehrer and Associates. Construction was done by Simgel Construction, Inc. with some final ramp and related work done by Commercial Paving and Coating.

Congratulations go to Architectural Division: Neil Drucker, Interim Division Manager; project manager Jaime Contreras; Construction Division: Jose Fuentes, Division Manager; construction manager Javier Gonzalez; Ethan Wong; Geotechnical Engineering Division: Patrick Schmidt, Division Manager; Jose Beristain; Easton Forcier; from the Bureau of Contract Administration Seffy Wiles and Terry Gorman; and from the Department of Recreation & Parks: Cathie Santo Domingo, Brian Yamasaki and Dave Takata; and everyone else who contributed to making this project a success.

One of several interpretive signs
Amy So Receives Board of Public Works 2019 President's Award for Excellence in Board Presentations

On Wednesday, August 14th, 2019, Assistant Division Manager, Amy So, from Bureau of Engineering, Environmental Engineering Division (EED), was recognized as a recipient of a 2019 President’s Award for Excellence in Board Presentations at the City Hall.

Amy graduated from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor’s Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering and has served the City of LA for over 14 years.

Board of Public Works President Kevin James made the presentation, “As I get up and walk around and find my way to the podium here on this side of the table, I’m reminded that every time one stands at this side of the table it can be a challenging experience sometimes. We on the Board of Public Works sometimes forget that when we’re sitting comfortably on the smaller horseshoe, if you will, in City Hall, compared to the other one, but equally as important some would argue here in the Board of Public Works.

“But I’m reminded every time I step up here for a Council Committee hearing for the City Council, sometimes it is challenging, it is nerve wracking, some would argue an intimidating experience. This room was built to indicate and to demonstrate the authority and power of municipal government. So some years ago, because of what can in many ways be a unique skill set and special skill set, to stand at this podium consistently over and over and over again and provide significant, important, impressive, detailed presentations, while at the same time taking questions from the five of us, which can on occasion be difficult questions, while at the same time having one or two members of a community organization, or a Council office, or an attorney, or a lobbyist, who’s taking a position different than the position you might be advocating.

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Supporters gathered behind Amy So as she spoke, I to r: Commissioner Mike Davis, Brian Schrieber, Xiaozhe (Shaw) Zhang, Christopher Morton, Ibrahim Hafeez, Rymbeau Rosell, Samuel Ahn, Juan Velazquez-Cardenas, Henry Yun, Sam Khurana, Vice President Cecilia Cabello, Commissioner Jessica Caloza, Alice Nguyen, Ufaq (Shah) Tariq, Jacquelyn Velez, Dean Yanagimoto, Marianne So, Amy So, Dr. So, Nate Gruenbaum, Sinh Pham, Anna Gavalyan, Board President Kevin James, Commissioner Aura Garcia, Adrian Mendoza, Andrew Lelea, Michelle Contreas, Zafar Kassai, Laura (Rosanna) Torres, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore, EED Division Engineer Michael Sarullo, Anita Chou, Michael Ponce, Artin Oroujian, Nadir Shah, and Neil Drucker.

...on the Board of Public Works, while I think it benefits all five of us to have someone that excels in the presentation skills to the level that we’re discussing I think the person it benefits the most is the person who’s running the meeting, which is the chair and the President of the Board, whether he or she at the time is presiding over the meeting. When you have a presenter from one of our bureaus in the Department of Public Works that really is prepared and knows the answer to every question, is cool, calm and collected and doesn’t wince under pressure, can handle the spotlight. By the way, some of the times these presentations are happening there might be a camera on right over here or right on the side. We have so many people in our bureaus over the years that have been just incredible presenters that we really do need to catch up in presenting these awards. We have done the President’s Award for Excellence in Board Presentations kind of one a year. I was just thinking out it this morning that maybe we want to do more than one a year. We have so many deserving people in our Department of Public Works.

“In this instance, Amy So from the Bureau of Engineering was selected. Those of you that have seen Amy’s presentations over the years know there is not a question nor a scenario, or a hypothetical that Amy So doesn’t know the answer to. No matter what topic we’re discussing in the Bureau of Engineering, she is continued on page 4
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Amy, I want to thank you, I am very honored

Jessica Caloza and Cecilia Cabello all added
deserved award." 

President James then presented Amy with
a certificate that read:

Certificate of Recognition from the
Board of Public Works
Amy M. So
2019 President's Award for Excellence in
Board Presentations

In recognition of your outstanding
presentations to the Board of Public Works,
your preparation, knowledge of the subject
matter, speaking style, ability to answer
questions from Commissioners, ability to
perform under pressure, ability to respond
to issues and questions raised by opposing
parties such as community members and
contractors and your excellence in repre-
senting the Department of Public Works in a
public setting all warrant recognition by our
Board.

President James also presented Amy with
a special crystal microphone as part of the award.

City Engineer Gary Lee Moore also lauded
Amy, saying, "When I’m in briefings with her
she’s always prepared. She also exudes that
inner strength and passion for her job. Amy,
we are just so proud and pleased that you’ve
chosen to work for the Bureau of Engineering and
that you want to work for the Bureau of Engineering."

Echoing the many comments on how
prepared Amy always is, Environmental En-
gineering Division Manager Mike Sarullo
added, "The beauty is that she is transferring
that knowledge to her subordinates, so she
spends a lot of time mentoring employees,
preparing them for interviews, so rest assured
that when she retires there will be a lot of em-
ployees behind her that can do just as good of
a job. And I want to thank her for making my
job easier, for upholding BOE’s reputation as
being competent and transparent, for setting
a good example, serving the client in deliv-
ering a quality projects, just all in all, a well
deserved award."

Commissioners Mike Davis, Aura Garcia,
Jessica Caloza and Cecilia Cabello all added
their compliments and congratulations to
Amy.

It was then Amy's turn to speak. "President
James, I want to thank you, I am very honored
to receive this award, and Commissioners
thank you for your support and for your kind
words. Standing with me here today is my
family, my father Dr. So is a retired aerospace
software engineer and my sister Marianne So
is a Mechanical Engineer with the Los Angeles
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who passed away several years ago, was
the head nurse of the UCLA Medical Center
operating room on the night shift. She would
have enjoyed being here with all of us. My City
family is also here, and they include of course
our management from the Bureau of Engineer-
ing, Gary and Mike, and my colleagues in the
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former supervisor Nate Gruenbaum from the
Department of Building and Safety.

"It is a privilege to be able to represent all
of them and they each in their own way have
shaped my development. My colleagues,
especially the ones I’ve been fortunate to
supervise, may find this hard to believe. Growing
up I was actually very very shy and terrified
of speaking in public. I was also the only kid
in my classroom who looked like me and this
was making me extremely self conscious,
which did not help. Public speaking was so
terrifying to me that I didn’t talk in school and I
would never ever raise my hand in class
even if I knew the answer to a question that
the teacher was asking or even if I needed to
use the restroom. 

“My mom was extremely worried about me
and she had collected a whole bookshelf full
of parenting books. She also kept changing my
elementary schools, so I ended up performing in a number
and my music teacher thought it would be
beneficial for me to face my fears head on
and sing in front of a church full of people by
myself. I had to sing “My Favorite Things” from the
Sound of Music. So little ten year old me
after a few months of voice lessons, I steeled
my nerves and I sang my heart out. And noth-
ing bad happened. In fact, I rather enjoyed it
and I ended up performing in a number of recitals, sometimes with my sister dressed up
in matching outfits. That was the first time that
my mother helped me to find a voice.

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and she had collected a whole bookshelf full
of parenting books. She also kept changing my
elementary schools, so I ended up attending three different ones. My mother was the type
of person who would keep working at some-
thing until she found a solution. She found an
experimental elementary school on the UCLA
campus, one where instead of being trapped in a classroom with the same thirty kids and
one teacher I was grouped with about 80
kids, at my grade level and one grade level
higher. We moved around from classroom to
classroom throughout the day always with a
different batch of kids from our group and we
learned from different teachers, each of them
experts in their own subject areas. It was like
college but for elementary school kids. And
for me through this little bit of perceived an-
onymity, and there being a few other kids that
looked a little bit like me, I started to come
out of my shell.

“And at the same time my mother also had
the brilliant idea. She thought I should start
taking singing lessons and piano lessons. She
and my music teacher thought it would be
beneficial for me to face my fears head on
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I wanted to study food science and go to cul-
inary school and become a chef in a fancy
hotel. I told my mom that whatever job I do
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I didn’t want to become stuck behind a computer all day. She encouraged me to consider civil engineering where I’d build something tangible and be outside. Most importantly she thought that engineering would allow me to start earning money right away to be able to support myself. Whereas with the other professions I would need to establish myself and become well known before starting to earn a good living. And she told me I could still sew clothing and cook as my hobbies. She started looking up course requirements for engineering and found that one of the basic requirements was speech. And she told me very matter of factly, “Amy, if you’re going to be an engineer, you need to learn how to give speeches.” So she enrolled me at age sixteen in Santa Monica College for summer school and that summer I practiced giving various types of speeches, including one on how to properly load a dishwasher.

“In my wildest dreams I could not have imagined that years later I would end up working as a project manager at the largest sewage treatment plant west of the Mississippi River, explaining the complexities of poop soda, an actual wastewater sludge thickening process, to our Board of Public Works. I think my mother would also find this very amusing. “I am honored to bring a face to what is sometimes is an invisible part of our infrastructure, our water treatment plants. I am grateful to our BOE management who have created an organization where employees are utilized to their fullest potential and are provided with opportunities to shine.”

“I’m grateful for the guidance I received from Eddie Ohanian, my former boss who’s also my mentor and my friend. He taught me the formula for these Board presentations, and would sit with me and quietly ask me if I was prepared for Board. Then he would pepper me with several intimidating, tough, probing questions on every aspect of a project. After I answered each of his questions satisfactorily, he would fold his hands and conclude, “Yes, it appears you are ready for Board.” Even though Eddie and I didn’t get to work together for very long I would still go through this mental exercise in my Board preparations.

“I’m grateful to the engineers in both the Bureau of Engineering and Sanitation who I get to work with everyday. Some of them are here today and the rest are back in the office. They help me prepare for challenging Board items. I ask them tough, probing questions, we review technical information together and we challenge each other to do our best and investigate all the options in the process of making our recommendations. My colleagues in both the Bureau of Engineering and Sanitation have come to me to ask how I prepare for Board and I teach them the basic formula that Eddie taught me. Most importantly I share with them that to prepare you need to over prepare. It’s been rewarding for me to guide this next generation of engineers in finding their voices.

“And lastly, I’m grateful to our Board of Public Works. Your thought provoking and challenging questions advocate for the public’s best interest and ensure that the Bureau of Engineering exercises diligence and care in providing the best technical solutions for our public works projects.

“Thank you again President James for this beautiful and fancy microphone trophy and I plan to bring it with me to my next karaoke night.”

After Amy concluded her speech to enthusiastic applause, President James ended the presentation by simply saying, “I rest my case.”

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Valley District Commended

This e-mail was sent to Deputy City Engineer Ted Allen regarding Mary Marcus, Rose “Dee Dee” Smith, and Wesley Tanijiri of the Valley District Office:

Date: July 18, 2019
Subject: RE: Ashton Clearances

Good Afternoon Ted,

I would like to let you know how helpful your Van Nuys Public Works Department was this past week. I have been working in the City of LA for over 5 years, so I know how difficult it is to get anything done in the City of LA. I would like to personally thank Mary, Rose, and Wesley for their help getting Lot 72 cleared for occupancy. Because of their understanding of the process they didn’t let paperwork stand in the way of helping out our homeowner James Shanks. Your team listened to the issue, spoke to the inspector who cleared the home for occupancy and cleared lot 72 so we could fund the loan. James Shanks would have literally been homeless had we not been able to provide his lender with a building final yesterday. His loan program was expiring, he didn’t qualify for a new one, and he was living in a hotel with all his belongings in storage.

Your team was able to think outside the box and look at the bigger picture! Your help was GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!

Thank you,

Patric Lynam
Forward Planning Manager
Southern California Division

Lee Joins City Council

Councilmember John Lee was sworn into office on August 30, 2019. He won the August 13, 2019 runoff election to fill the Council District 12 vacancy created when Mitchell Englander resigned last year. He will fill out the rest of Englander’s unexpired term which ends in December 2020.

BOE Projects Receive Four Awards from ENR

Each year, ENR California (Engineering News Record) names Best Project winners for the region. The Bureau of Engineering projects have received the following awards:

- Highway/Bridge - Award of Merit Southern CA: Century Boulevard Extension from Grape Street to Alameda Street
- Landscape/Urban Development - Best Project Southern CA: Albion Riverside Park
- Residential/Hospitality - Best Project Southern CA: A Bridge Home Shelter at Schrader
- Water/Environment - Award of Merit Southern CA: Digester Gas Utilization Project

The award ceremony will be held on October 10, 2019 at the Omni Hotel.

LA Zoo Book Signing

L.A. Zoo announcement

Come meet renowned evolutionary biologist, Nobel keynote speaker and author of Zoobiography, Dr. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, as she discusses revolutionary findings in her latest book, Wildhood: The Epic Journey from Adolescence to Adulthood in Humans and Other Animals.

UCLA Professor of Medicine, Dr. Barbara Natterson-Horowitz and award-winning science writer Kathryn Bowers have created an entirely new way of thinking about the crucial, vulnerable, and exhilarating phase of life between childhood and adulthood across the animal kingdom.

Join us at 11:00 am on Sunday, September 15, 2019 when Dr. Natterson-Horowitz and Ms. Bowers will present their findings in a guest lecture, followed by a book-signing in the Witherbee Auditorium at the Los Angeles Zoo.

Tickets are $21 and include admission to the Zoo. Copies of Wildhood are available for pre-order when you purchase tickets at the link below.

More information can be found at LAZoo.org/Wildhood

Seating is general admission, not assigned. Pre-ordered books must be picked-up at the event.
Mayor Appoints Chief Procurement Officer

Mayor’s press release:

LOS ANGELES (August 30, 2019) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today announced the appointment of Shannon Hoppes as the City’s Chief Procurement Officer (CPO), a post created to maximize the value of City resources, protect taxpayer funds, and ensure small and minority-owned businesses are met with opportunities and not obstacles.

“My administration is focused on improving City services and spurring economic prosperity - and the Chief Procurement Officer is an important leader in meeting these essential goals,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Shannon’s proven track record of driving operational excellence, increasing transparency, and embracing innovative solutions make her the ideal Chief Procurement Officer.”

In this role, Hoppes will streamline the City’s process for engaging vendors and build a more efficient contracting system. The Chief Procurement Officer will also ensure there’s a level playing field for small, women-led, and minority-owned businesses. Hoppes will begin her new position on September 3.

“Under Mayor Garcetti’s leadership, Los Angeles has reached new heights - and strategic updates to our procurement processes can carry the city even higher,” said Hoppes. “I am honored to serve as Chief Procurement Officer and look forward to building on the Mayor’s successes harnessing innovation and expanding opportunities for all Angelenos.”

Most recently, Hoppes served as Executive Officer in the Office of the City Clerk. Hoppes began her City career with the Recreation and Parks department, and later worked at Los Angeles World Airports and the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment. Hoppes also served on the Operations Innovation Team - a collaboration between the Mayor’s Office of Budget and Innovation and the Los Angeles Coalition for the Economy and Jobs looking to reform procurement and other critical business practices in the City.

“Mayor Garcetti continues to show strong leadership in fostering initiatives that drive local economic growth and the creation of jobs,” said Michael Kelly, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Coalition for the Economy and Jobs. “The Mayor’s decision to make the City’s procurement process more transparent and accessible to the small business community has made a difference - and the appointment of Shannon Hoppes is the latest milestone in this work.”

Public Works Commissioners Tour L.A. River Bridge Projects

On August 8, 2019, Chief Deputy City Engineer Deborah Weintraub, with Bridge Improvement Division Manager Shirley Lau and Proposition O Division Manager Chris Johnson, provided a half-day tour for Board of Public Works Commissioners Cecilia Cabello, Jessica Caloza, and Aura Garcia of three active pedestrian bridge projects. They viewed the North Atwater Bridge, the Red Car Pedestrian Bridge, which is expected to be completed this year, and the Taylor Yard G2 Pedestrian Bridge, which will be done in 2020.

ReadyLA - Be Prepared

The Emergency Preparedness Department’s website readyla.org has tips and detailed advice on how to prepare for many types of emergencies: earthquake, fire, floods, extreme heat, extreme cold, landslide, power blackout, tornado, hurricane, cyber security, terrorism, public health, hazardous materials, etc. Does your family have an emergency plan? Check out the information on how to create one, before there’s an emergency.

Newsletter Deadline

This is a reminder that the deadline for entries for the Newsletter is the Thursday before the first payday Wednesday of the month. The due date for submittals is always listed on the back page of the Newsletter. Please e-mail all articles, photos, etc., to BOEnewsletter@gmail.com. Submittals run on a space available basis, with priority to stories that are the most time-sensitive.
Mayor Names Beltrán as DONE General Manager

Mayor’s press release:
LOS ANGELES (August 16, 2019) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today nominat-ed Raquel Beltrán as the next General Manager of the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (DONE). Beltrán is a longtime community leader who has served as the Associate Director for the Pat Brown Institute for Public Affairs at California State University L.A. since 2014. She brings more than three decades of experience in community organizing, executive management, and public policy to her new role.

“Our city is stronger when we empower and engage Angelenos, and give everyone a voice in our local government,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Raquel’s experience will ensure that all of our communities’ ideas and aspirations stand front and center in our decision-making at City Hall - and that our services and programs match up with the best interests and highest ideals of our fellow Angelenos.”

As the General Manager of DONE, Beltrán will oversee critical department operations and functions such as management of the Neighborhood Council system, development of the department’s budget, and all personnel, constituent, and government relations.

“The City of Los Angeles’ Neighborhood Council system is a unique and important part of the City’s democratic process,” said Beltrán. “Serving the City’s Neighborhood Councils is a noble responsibility. I have worked with these committed community leaders for many years and admire their determination to strengthening L.A.’s distinct communities. I look forward to collaborating with their dedicated leaders to advance a cooperative vision for the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.”

As the Associate Director of the Pat Brown Institute, Beltrán has managed the Institute’s operations, community engagement efforts, and leadership programs - including Civic University, an initiative founded in partnership with Mayor Garcetti that gives Angelenos the tools they need to understand City government and influence policy at City Hall.

From 2006 to 2014, Beltrán served as the Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles. She’s also worked in government for the City of San Diego; as a Program Manager for the American Red Cross in San Francisco; and as the co-founder of the United Domestic Workers Union of America.

Beltrán’s nomination is subject to City Council confirmation. She would replace outgoing General Manager Grayce Liu, who stepped down after seven years to accept a position with the City’s Personnel Department as City Engagement Officer.

BOE Summer Interns Tour AECOM Regional Connector Transit Project

On August 28, 2019, several BOE summer interns went on a tour of the AECOM Regional Connector Transit Project with Supervisor Vernon Tabirara (pictured on the right). Before embarking on the tour, a 15 minute safety orientation was held at the field office to discuss the hazards and safety of underground tunneling.

During the safety orientation, a briefing on the scope of the Regional Connector Transit Project was given by guides Seth Teora and Johnny Truong. Receiving partial funding from Measure R, the Regional Connector Project consists of a $1.756 billion dollar budget. This underground light-rail system spans 1.9 miles and will serve as a “direct connection between Azusa and Long Beach and between East Los Angeles and Santa Monica” (LA Metro). Set to open in 2022, this alternative transportation method is built with the intention and goal of helping the economy and reducing traffic and congestion on roadways and highways within the Los Angeles County.

The tour was a valuable educational opportunity due to the friendly and passionate guides who were proactive in engaging with the touring group by explaining the various methods and components that go into underground tunneling. The group first traveled several stories beneath the surface level of Alameda Street and headed towards the direction of Little Tokyo. While underground, the group learned about the importance of shoring for the excavation process of the tunnels, the different types of conduits that ran along the ceiling of the tunnel (such as utility lines, sewer lines and even oil lines), and dampeners at the entrances between the station and the platform. The group also learned about the importance of the design process; since the tunnels were designed not only for the subway, but also to allow passengers to exit the tunnels in case of an emergency. All in all, the group learned of the many considerations that the design team had to implement to create such a large scale project for the city of Los Angeles.

Thank you to Vernon Tabirara and AECOM for this extraordinary opportunity.
Construction Management Association of America, So Cal Chapter Seminars

The Construction Management Association of America Southern California Chapter is offering the following seminars. For additional information please go to www.cmaasc.org.

**What Owners Want from CMs on September 12, 2019** at the Riverside Marriott, 3400 Market St., Riverside, CA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. A distinguished panel of owners will share their experiences and discuss their expectations when using CM consultants. Topics to be covered will include:
- Learn how CM’s are expected to assist Owners in the delivery of capital programs
- Learn what roles the CM play on alternative delivery projects
- Learn what is expected from CM’s in regards to claims management.
- Learn what behaviors Owner’s expect from their CM’s

Moderator: Joe Seibold, PE, FCMAA, ARCADIS
Panel speakers: Christy Connors, Deputy District Director Construction, District 08, California Department of Transportation; Chad Costello, Project Manager, SBCTA; Dennis Mejia, Director of Engineering, City of Ontario; John Scherck, Senior Project Manager, Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

Cost: Register by Sept. 5 $70/member, $140/non-member; after Sept. 5 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**CSU Northridge Master Plan - Breakfast of Champions on September 19, 2019** at the L.A. Hotel Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa St., L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. California State University, Northridge is a vibrant, diverse university community of 38,310 students and more than 4,000 faculty and staff, sited on a 356-acre campus in the heart of Los Angeles’ San Fernando Valley.

Speaker Catherine Kniazewycz, Campus Architect and Director of Design and Construction of the Facilities Planning, Design & Construction Division is responsible for the planning, development, design, construction, and inspection of Campus Facilities. She will discuss the District’s 2035 Master plan and Mission.

Cost: Register by Sept. 12 $70/member, $140/non-member; after Sept. 12 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Social Networking for A/E/C Professionals on Thursday, September 26, 2019** at Kues Modern Asian Restaurant, 800 W. 6th St., L.A.
Register by Sept. 1, 2019: $45/member, $65/non-member.

**The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles - Capital Program Updates on October 8, 2019,** at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 5:30 pm Registration, 6:30 pm Presentation.

Guest speakers: Darrin Lambrigger, PE, CCM, Director of Construction Management, Port of Long Beach; Charles H. Adams, PE, Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer, Construction Division, Port of Los Angeles.

Registration, 8:30 Seminar. A distinguished panel of owners will share their experiences and discuss their expectations when using CM consultants. Topics to be covered will include:
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Moderator: Dianne Lee, Programs Chair, CMAA Southern California
Speakers: Hussain Agah, Associate Vice Chancellor, Facilities Planning and Development, Riverside Community College District; Farrah Farzaneh, Director, Facilities Planning and Construction, San Bernardino Community College District; Mac McGinnis, Program Manager MAAS, College of the Desert

Register by October 3 $70/member, $140/non-member. After October 3 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Construction Materials Testing Laboratory Tour for Emerging Leaders on Wednesday, October 16, 2019** at Twining, Inc., 3310 Airport Way, Long Beach, CA 90806, 10:30 am Laboratory Tour, 11:30 am Lunch. Take a tour of one of Southern California’s largest construction engineering laboratories. This construction laboratory actively performs testing research and has unique testing capabilities. Engineers will explain and demonstrate the many tests we use to evaluate construction material quality. This event is intended for Emerging Leaders with 0-4 years of industry experience. 40 people maximum.

Register by October 9, 2019. Event is free, but registration is mandatory.

**Keys of Negotiation - Sharpen Your Soft Skills on Thursday, October 24, 2019** at the L.A. Downtown Hotel, 333 S. Figueroa St., L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. There is no doubt that one of the most initial keys to achieve a successful business is the ability to express our wills and understand the wills of other effectively. This is not possible unless we make ourselves capable to negotiate effectively. Negotiating is a trading game. There is only one way to play the game; that is to trade what we want from somebody else for what they want from us. This session will address the definition of the negotiation with emphasis on the “Principled Negotiation” or “Interest Based Negotiation.” The workshop can be useful for anyone who is involved in the negotiation processes and interacts with clients and other project team members. More specifically, it could be helpful for junior team members, and emerging leaders or project managers.

Seminar instructor: Amin Salari, CCM, CCPM, LEEP AP, Kitchell


**Prefabrication Construction - How Prefabrication Will Change Our Industry on October 30, 2019,** at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar.

Like many other industries of 21st century, construction is being impacted by technology and innovation. The combination of the innovation, changes in technology and end users expectations makes modular construction a more viable option.

Public and private entities are utilizing modular and mass production techniques more often these days which yields a high quality product and cost savings opportunities. Saving time, cost and risk reduction are some of the main factors for this popularity.

Moderator: Kevin Pokrywa, Regional Executive, Kitchell
Panel Speakers: Alex Contreras, Twining, Inc./Radco; Jason Haim, Perkins Eastman; Andy Moey, Project Management, Los Angeles County Public Works; Scott Root, Director of Visual Construction, Kitchell

Register by October 23 $70/member, $140/non-member. After October 23 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Prevailing Wage Law - Compliance and Critical Updates on Thursday, November 7, 2019,** at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. A must for owners, estimators, project managers and office administrators. Discussion topics will include:
- Critical updates and hot topics
- Compliance 101
- Projects covered by state and/or federal prevailing wages
- Apprentice requirements
- Determining the correct rate/classification
- Record keeping requirements
- Enforcement
- Skilled and Trained Workforce
- Coverage and Enforcement


Register by Oct. 31, 2019: $70/member, $140/non-member. After Oct. 31: $85/member, $170/non-member.

**County of Los Angeles Hospital Bond Program Update on Wednesday, November 6, 2019** at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker: Andrew Moey, Capital Projects Program Manager.

Cost: $89/person until 10/14/19, $129/person until 11/1/19, registration at door $149.

**LA Area COG Program Updates on Wednesday, November 13, 2019,** at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Learn about size and scope of their programs and when/where they will need consultants/contractors. In addition to transportation projects, continued on page 9
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some will have environmental, facilities, and other types of work.

Guest speakers: Jacki Bacharach, CEO and Steve Lantz, Transportation Director; Dan Mitchell, LADOT Assistant General Manager of Project Delivery; Mark Christoffels, Chief Engineer and Marisa Creter, Executive Director, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. Moderator: Isidro Panuco, Sub-regional Highway Program manager, LA Metro.

Cost: $89/person until 10/21/19, $129/person until 11/1/19, registration at door $149.

OCSD, OCPW, and OCTA on Thursday, November 14, 2019 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Anaheim-Orange County, 400 N. State College Blvd., Orange, CA 92868, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Orange County is the home to more than 3 million residents and provides excellent professional sports, a wide range of tourist attractions, and quality venues for visual and performing arts. Hear from Orange County Sanitation district, Orange County Public Works, and Orange County Transportation Authority on how the three public agencies are implementing its goals, structuring its projects, and developing coordinated strategies to meet the county’s population growth.

Moderator: Brandon Dekker, CANNON Design

Speakers: Rob Thompson, Assistant General Manager and Director, Orange County Sanitation District; Shane Silsby, Director, Orange County Public Works; Jim Bell, Executive Director Capital Programs, Orange County Transportation Authority.

Register by Nov. 7, 2019: $70/member, $140/non-member. After Nov. 7: $85/member, $170/non-member.

Roaring Nights at the Zoo
Nightlife meets wildlife at the L.A. Zoo Roaring Nights summer music series. Enjoy live music, DJs, a silent disco experience, L.A.’s best food trucks, and full bars, plus animal close-ups and pop-up zoo talks. Must be 21+ to attend. Tickets are just $21 each.

Music highlights:
September 27 - DJ Richard Blade, DJ Severe, and live sets from The Detroit Nights and Flashback Heart Attack
Roaring Nights, like all the Zoo’s nighttime events, supports the L.A. Zoo and its global conservation efforts.

Approval for Submittal of Papers
This is a reminder that employees must get the approval of their group manager and deputy/senior manager prior to submitting any abstract or paper for presentation at a professional conference.

The Construction Network - Connecting Owners to AEC and CFM Industries. To RSVP: www.construction-network.net

Regional Transit Projects on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Guest speakers: Noopur Jain, Regional Delivery Manager, CHSRA; Justin Fornelli, P.E., Director of Engineering & Construction, Metrolink; James Campbell, Deputy Managing Director, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency; Brian Balderrama, P.E., Senior Director, Program Management, Regional Rail, L.A. Metro.

Moderator: Ali Altaha, InfraWest.

Cost: $89 until 8/20/19, $129 until 9/6/19, $149 at the door.

LA Metro Link Union Station Update (LinkUS) on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A., 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speaker Jeanet Owens, Senior Executive Officer, Program Management & Regional Rail.

Cost: $89 until 8/26/19, $129 until 9/13/19, $149 at the door.

Inland Empire Transportation Project Updates on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at the Riverside Marriott, 3400 Market Street, Riverside 92501, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Guest speakers: Patricia Romo, Director of Transportation, County of Riverside Transportation Department; Paula Beauchamp, Director of Project Delivery, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority; Carrie Schindler, Director Transit & Rail, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority; Chris Gray, Transportation Director, Western Riverside COG; Bryce Johnston, Capital Projects Manager, Riverside County Transportation Commission; Michael Beauchamp, Director, Caltrans District 8.

Moderator: Michael Tahan, Vice President, PPM Group.

Cost: $89 until 8/26/19, $129 until 9/13/19, $149 at the door.

How to Review a Construction Contract - Legal Seminar on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am, 8:30 am Seminar.

Almost every contract dispute looks to the terms of the contract for resolution. Understand your contractual rights and obligations. Discussion topics:
- What is part of the contract?
- Contracts v. Purchase Orders
- Basic rules of contract interpretation
- What are the high-risk terms and conditions
- Incorporation by reference
- Written v. oral understandings - integration clauses
- A few sample problem clauses and how to fix them

Instructor: Larry Lubka, Esq., Lubka & White LLP

Cost: $89 until 8/27/19, $129 until 9/13/19, $149 at the door.

Technology Trends in Transportation on Wednesday, October 2, 2019 at the City Club, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Panel: Phil Washington, CEO, LA Metro; Stephanie Wiggins, CEO, Metrolink; John Bulinski, Director, Caltrans D7.

 Moderator: Gene Bougdanos, P.E., Area Program Manager for LA - HDR Inc.

Cost: $89 until 9/9/19; $120 until 9/27/19; $149 at the door.

Port of Long Beach Project Updates on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Hear about the Pier B. Railyard, Gerald Desmond Bridge demolition project and Clean Air Action Plan infrastructure.

Guest speaker: Duane Kenagy, P.E., Capital Programs Executive.

Cost: $89 until 9/24/19; $120 until 10/11/19; $149 at the door.

Transportation Corridor Agency Project Updates on Thursday, October 17, 2019, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation.

Guest speaker: Dave Speirs, Chief Engineer.

Cost: $89 until 9/24/19; $120 until 10/11/19; $149 at the door.

Los Angeles Streetcar Project Update on Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at The Westin Bonaventure, 404 S. Flower, L.A. 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. LA Streetcar is envisioned as a state-of-the-art application of clean mobility technology that is a flagship for a broader zero-emissions electrification strategy in Los Angeles, and the cornerstone of a more livable, connected downtown for residents, commuters, and visitors. The 3.8-mile circulator knits together the Financial District, Civic Center, and Grand Park with Historic Broadway, the Fashion District, South Park, Convention Center, Staples Center, and LA Live. The project leverages the region’s rail and bus system, bridging the gaps in downtown’s existing public transportation system and driving investments in both public infrastructure and private development along the corridor.

Guest speaker: Derek Benedict, P.E., Project Director| EXP

Cost: $89 until 10/14/19; $120 until 11/1/19; $149 at the door.

Remember - The latest letterhead is always available on the Engineering Forms Library under the category “Correspondence” on the Bureau of Engineering intranet.
This list includes the names that did not appear in the August 2019 BOE Newsletter.

**Arrivals**
Janelle Adeloga Parra, Sr. Real Estate Officer, RED;  
Quinn Underdine, Project Assistant, ADM;  
Megan Lim, Administrative Intern I, ADM;  
Lauren Perry, Management Assistant, ADM;  
Nan Wang, Structural Engineer, SED;  
Dinah Garin, Office Engineering Technician, WLA;  
Ulysses Aparicio, SEA I, SED;  
Emmanuel Solis, Project Assistant, ADM;  
Sharon Deleon, Geographic Information System Specialist, LGD;  
Daniel Botton, Field Engineering Aide, SUR;  
Jared Lopez, Field Engineering Aide, SUR;  
Aram Khodabakhshian, SEA I, SED;  
Edward A. Belden, Environmental Specialist II, EMG;  
Somayeh Abbasi, EEA, ARC;  
Jorge Areoola, SEA I, SED;  
Cheyenne Coleman-Lyons, Admin. Intern II, ADM;  
Marisa Garcia, Sr. Admin. Clerk, ARC;  
Dinah Garin, Office Engineering Tech, WLA;  
Bryan Gathuka, CEA I, SWD;  
Miriya Gutierrez, Administrative Intern II, ADM;  
Omar Haikal, Database Architect, SYS;  
Joe Kyaw Linn, EEA III, WCC;  
Anthony Mainez, EEA III, WCC;  
Dinah Garin, Office Trainee, PAC.

**Departures**
Thomas Lang, CEA II, from WCE to WLA to CMD;  
Emil Kyupelyan, CEA II, from WCC to CEN;  
Fatima Guerra, CEA I, from WCE to SSD;  
Sherron Gutierrez, CEA II, from MTD to WCE;  
Kamal Jimenez, CEA I, from POB to VAL;  
Steven Jin, CEA I, from WLA to CMD;  
Emil Kyupelyan, CEA I, from POB to CEN;  
Thomas Lang, CEA I, from WCE to CMD;  
Christopher Law, CEA II, from WLA to GEO;  
Cindy Mejia, CEA I, from SSD to CMD;  
Alina Miller, CEA II, from HAR to EED;  
Zubaid (Sean) Mizan, CEA II, from HAR to EED;  
Karan Patel, CEA II, from CEN to CEN to PC-M;  
Adrian Sanchez, CEA I, from CEN to WCC;  
Jackie Tran, CEA II, from CEN to SSD;  
Kayla Truong, CEA I, from WCE to MTD;  
Roshanak Varjavan, Civil Engineer, from SSD to SED;  
Jun Floresto Villanueva, CEA I, from WCE to WCC;  
Wirkit Wichianchan, CEA I, from WCE to POB;  
Hao Jen Wu, Structural Engineer, from EED to WLA;  
Patrick Yuan, CEA II, from SSD to CMD.

**Professional Registration**
Deysi Alvarado Perez, CEA II;  
Ghazal Babapirzadeh, SEA III.

**Promotions**
Cairo Hunter, Secretary, WCC;  
Chen Min George Huang, Sr. Civil Engineer, WCC;  
Scott Gibson, Sr. Civil Engineer, BID;  
Cyrus Gass, Geographic Information System Specialist, LGD;  
Lauren Rhodes, Environmental Specialist I, Emergency Appointment, EMG;  
Llanet Gomez, CEA II, SSD;  
Elena Lopez, CEA II, CEN;  
Andres Acosta, CEA III, CMD;  
Andrew Lam, CEA III, CMD;  
Andrew Lelea, CEA III, EED;  
Carolina Hare, CEA III, VAL;  
Armen Dermanien, CEA III, WCC;  
Benet Gardner, SEA III, WCC;  
Christopher Tomes, CEA III, WCE;  
Andrew Kin, CEA III, EED;  
Javier Gonzalez, CEA III, CMD;  
Sekav Ikashanayan, CEA III, EED;  
Kristen Ly, CEA III, GEO;  
Fadi Bader, CEA III, SSD;  
Nadiza Noorfar, CEA III, WCE;  
Wai Yip, CEA III, WCE;  
Ghazal Babapirzadeh, SEA III, CMD;  
Timothy Bellay, CEA IV, LMP;  
Jonathan Carroll, Sr. Management Analyst II, PAC;  
Mary Juliet Gagar-Richards, Executive Administrative Assistant II, EXE;  
Madeline Griego, Secretary, PAC;  
Stachana Harris, Senior Administrative Clerk, BID;  
Billy Ho, Environmental Supervisor, EMG;  
Cairo Hunter, Principal Clerk, WCC;  
Axel Jauregui, Engineering Designer, LGD;  
Winnie Lam, Civil Engineer PM I, SSD;  
Angela Torres, Sr. Admin Clerk, Personnel Dept.;  
Monica Tucker, Executive Administrative Assistant II, EXE.

**Internal Transfers**
Wallie Jong, CEA II, from VAL to CEN;  
Maryam Azarbayjani, CEA IV, from HAR to LMP;  
Jim Burman, Senior Civil Engineer, from HAR to LMP;  
Michael Castillo, CEA II, from CEN to WCC;  
Adrian Castro, CEA I, from SSD to VAL;  
Carlos Chaidez, Civil Engineer from HAR to VAL;  
John Crossen, CEA II, from PCM to WCC;  
Carlos Cueva, CEA IV, from SSD to SSD;  
Sylvia Dhimdis, CEA II, from SSD to BID;  
Yesenia Diaz, CEDT, from WCE to GED;  
Shawuye Doong, Senior Civil Engineer, from WCC to SIX;  
John Fabuc, Admin. Intern II, from PAC to ADM;  
Anthony Felipe, Civil Engineer, from SIX to SSD;  
Atousa Ghonchek, CEA I, from WCE to POB;  
Mina Grais, CEA II, from CMD to CEN;  
Fatima Guerra, CEA I, from WCE to SSD;  
Sherron Gutierrez, CEA II, from MTD to WCC;  
Kamal Jimenez, CEA I, from POB to VAL;  
Steven Jin, CEA I, from WLA to CMD;  
Emil Kyupelyan, CEA I, from POB to CEN;  
Thomas Lang, CEA I, from WCE to CEN;  
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Hao Jen Wu, Structural Engineer, from EED to WLA;  
Patrick Yuan, CEA II, from SSD to CMD.

**LA vs SF Softball Game**
The Bureau of Engineering will be playing San Francisco engineers in the 19th annual softball game on Saturday, October 12, 2019. The teams are preparing for the big game, which will start at 10:00 am at the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex, 6201 Balboa Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406. Come out and support our BOE team!

**Notice No. 21 PA Form**
Notice No. 21 dated August 22, 2019, titled Personnel Action Form (PA) states that effective immediately, all Bureau of Engineering employees must use the revised PA attached to the Notice for employee change requests. The form will be uploaded in the Forms Library under the Personnel tab for easy access. If employees have only a work schedule change, the Employee Workweek Form need only to be completed per Notice No. 20.

Please have the requesting division liaison fill out the appropriate form(s) and have it signed by the supervisor, current division/group manager, and or new division/group manager prior to submission to the BOE Personnel Liaisons, 1149 S. Broadway, Suite 700, Mail Stop No. 311.

All employees are reminded to always go to the Forms Library to download any needed form to obtain the most current form.

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**We’d Like to Hear from You**
If you have any articles for the Newsletter, please e-mail them to BOEnewsletter@gmail.com. Deadline for the next issue is Thursday, October 3, 2019.