Woodland Hills Recreation Center Grand Opening
BOE Designed & Managed Construction of Gold LEED Certified Project

On August 26, 2017 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield led the grand opening ceremony for the Woodland Hills Recreation Center, 5858 N. Shoup Avenue, Woodland Hills, CA 91367. He was joined by former Councilmember Dennis Zine, Recreation & Parks Commission President Sylvia Patsaouras, Recreation & Parks Department Executive Officer A. P. Diaz, former Clipper player Lamond Murray, former Laker player Derek Fisher, and Mahmod Karimzadeh, representing the Bureau of Engineering.

The project included construction of a new 12,300 sq ft recreation building that includes a gymnasium, multipurpose rooms, offices, kitchen, restrooms, and support facilities. Outdoor spaces include entry plaza, courtyards, outdoor classroom/amphitheater, picnic areas, and play areas. Outdoor lighting, landscaping, hardscaping, and irrigation are also included.

The building is designed to celebrate the specific topography of the site by creating a floor plan that follows the natural shape of the hillside. The building form embraces a central courtyard and the new pool. The side facing the hillside has been activated with activity nodes such as an amphitheater, an exterior courtyard, a playground and picnic areas.

The building circulation is all exterior, allowing all spaces to benefit from natural light and cross ventilation.

The multipurpose rooms have ample amount of natural lighting and cross ventilation via solar tubes and a Kalwall system that reduces heat gain into the building while providing diffused lighting. Each multipurpose room has foldable doors to divide the space if necessary for programmatic functions.

The gymnasium’s west and east facing façades are comprised of Kalwall. Solar tubes are also included in the gymnasium, allowing the space to be fully functional without turning on the lights for most of the day.

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The Woodland Hills Recreation Center is set to be LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) Gold certified, due to a large amount of credits from sustainable sites and atmosphere.

The site landscaping features permeable pavers and a bio-swale as the center piece of the development area; it treats run-off water from the roof top.

The rooftop is a single ply membrane which reduces the heat island effect. The site has also renewable energy via a photovoltaic farm of about 3,000 sq ft that will generate 35% of the buildings annual energy needs.

On July 15, 2017, the grand opening was held for the new 6,800-sq ft (90’x75’) pool that meets RAP and High School standard lengths for competition, 2,500-sq ft bathhouse, 900-sq ft equipment/auxiliary building, and 1,500 sq ft shade structure for the pool spectators is part of the renewable energy photovoltaic farm; In addition, LED light in the pool and stadium light for night swim.

The Architectural Division of the Bureau of Engineering was the Project Architect and designed this facility. However, a project of this complexity requires team work and collaboration with consulting engineers: Gruen and Associates, and other consulting engineers from: VCA Engineer (Civil); Englekirk, (Structural Engineer); Terracon, (Pool Consultant); IEG, (Elec. Engineer/LEED Commissioning Agent); and Verde Concepts, Inc., (LEED Consultant). Royal Construction Corp., was the contractor on this project.

Congratulations go to Mahmood Karimzadeh, Program Manager/Principal Architect, and his staff from the Architectural Division, Reza Bagherzadeh, Robert Lomelin, Alex Ngo, and in particular, the designers Marina Quinonez, Jane Adrian, Erik Villenueve, Saro Dersaroian, Shawn Farzan and Raymond Huang; Patrick Schmidt and Suta Hsu, Geotechnical; Maria Martin, Environmental; Jim Lantry, Survey Division; as well as Jose Fuentes, Iftekar Ahmed, Kevin Huynh and Hoi Luc of the Construction Management Division; from Bureau of Contract Administration: Inspector of Public Works John Reamer, Jr., Tony Barranti, Jeff Joel, and everyone who contributed to this project.
ASCE MLAB 2017 Project Awards Go to Four BOE Projects

The following Bureau of Engineering projects received 2017 American Society of Civil Engineers Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch (ASCE MLAB) awards at the ceremony held on August 4, 2017 at the Los Angeles Music Center Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. These Awards are selected from nominations made by the Younger Member Forum, Life Member Forum, Technical Groups, Committees, and individual members. All Award winners will be forwarded to the ASCE LA Section for consideration of an LA Section Award.

**Outstanding Architectural Engineering Project** - Northeast Police Station Phase 1B Project.

**Outstanding Water/Wastewater Treatment Project** - Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant Digester Gas Utilization Project.

**Outstanding Environmental Engineering Project** - Machado Lake Ecosystem Rehabilitation Project.

**Outstanding Community Improvement Project** - Soto Street Near Mission Road and Huntington Drive Project.

Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents more than 145,000 members of the civil engineering profession worldwide and is America’s oldest national engineering society. The Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch (MLAB) is dedicated to serving its more than 3,000 members locally. MLAB’s membership is the largest is the country and its breadth of engineering experience is demonstrated in the many volunteers who give their time and efforts to the betterment of the profession and the society.

Congratulations go to all the hardworking teams of people who made these projects possible.
On August 29, 2017; there was a double reason to celebrate at the Robertson Recreation Center, 1641 Preuss Rd., L.A. 90035. NBA Star, Nick Young held his annual “Back to School Giveaway” coinciding with the Ceremonial Groundbreaking event for the new Robertson Recreation Center.

Councilmember Paul Koretz, CD-5 joined Nick Young, Recreation & Parks Department Executive Officer A.P. Diaz, Mahmood Karimzadeh, Principal of the Architectural Division, and other City officials to celebrate the kick-off of the Robertson Recreation Center project. The event marked the beginning of construction for a new, “State of the Art” gymnasium and community center to serve the South Robertson neighborhood. The project is made possible in part with Prop K funds, an assessment passed by Los Angeles voters to enhance the City’s infrastructure of youth-oriented athletic and activity centers, as well as funding from our partner, the Department of Recreation and Parks.

Councilmember Paul Koretz expressed his enthusiasm about how the project design was achieving the objectives set in what is considered a small site. Nick Young, who grew up in this neighborhood and played as a youth, at the Robertson Recreation Center said: “It’s been a long time coming, but we are grateful it’s finally happening.”

Principal Architect, Mahmood Karimzadeh described how the design seeks to provide a new 11,750 square feet building that will gracefully transition from the commercial thoroughfare of Robertson Boulevard to the quiet, low-rise residential streets of Preuss and Airdrome, and create an oasis of green space and recreational amenities.

The design has taken the existing trees as inspiration and formed the building around them, using the language of a serpentine masonry wall. Not only is this an innovative design solution, but this will help provide interest and scale for the larger volume of the gymnasium, and give structural stability to the new perimeter walls.

The goal of the design team was to create an elegant structure that will also be environmentally sensitive. The building will pursue LEED Silver Level Certification and was designed to optimize energy performance, to use low water consuming fixtures and landscape irrigation, and to incorporate environmentally friendly materials.

The exterior walls will be clad in a corrugated, vertical metal paneling. This paneling may be perforated and run across glazed areas, admitting light while protecting the glass from vandalism; as well as allow for screening of mechanical units on the roof. These are just some of the many features. We hope that this gives the community a beautiful, secure and useful facility that will meet their needs for many years to come.

Ford EC, Inc will perform construction for an award amount of $10,785,000. Kevin Daly Architects completed the design under the direction of the Architectural Division. Kudos to Mahmood Karimzadeh, AIA, Principal and his staff from the Architectural Division, Neil Drucker, Proposition K Program Manager and Jaime Contreras, Project Manager. From the Geotechnical Engineering Group: Easton Forcier, Jose Beristain, and Karynna Carlos: From the Project Award and Control Division: Rey Sison, Jonathan Carroll, and Armand Pascua.

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The department of Recreation and Parks, Councilmember Paul Koretz, Fifth District, and Bureau of Engineering invite you to join us for the Robertson Recreation Center Groundbreaking Ceremony

Tuesday, August 29, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

The groundbreaking ceremony will be followed by NBA Star Nick Young’s Annual Back-to-School Giveaway Event!

1641 Preuss Road, Los Angeles, CA 90035

Councilmember Paul Koretz and NBA star Nick Young led the groundbreaking. Photos by Juan Carlos Chang, Rec & Parks Dept.
Councilmember Paul Koretz presented certificates of appreciation to the people who contributed to the South Robertson community. Included in the recognition were Jaime Contreras, Neil Drucker and Kevin Daly Architects.

Certificate of Appreciation

The City of Los Angeles salutes and applauds your hard work, dedication, and civic involvement to the South Robertson community. We thank you for your profound leadership and support in helping make such a significant impact to the Fifth Council District. Through steadfast ways and caring deeds, you are helping make the City of Los Angeles a better place in which to live, work and play!

August 2017
PAUL KORETZ
Councilmember 5th District

Councilmember Paul Koretz presented a certificate to Kevin Daly Architects.

Aerial view of the proposed new Robertson Recreation Center.
The grand reopening ceremony for the long awaited Chatsworth Park South Rehabilitation and Park Improvements was held on August 31, 2017 at 22360 Devonshire St., Chatsworth, CA 91311. Local residents have looked forward to the day when the park would reopen, after being closed since 2008. Councilmember Mitchell Englander, Recreation & Parks Department General Manager Michael Shull, Recreation & Parks Commission President Sylvia Patsaouras, Acting Branch Chief, California Department of Toxic Substances Control Javier Hinojosa, and BOE Recreational & Cultural Facilities Program Manager Neil Drucker spoke at the event.

The rocky Santa Susana Mountains form a scenic backdrop to the 81-acre Chatsworth Park South. Historically, a skeet shooting and trap range existed on the property prior to a portion of the park being developed with a recreation center, parking lots, and other outdoor recreational features in 1978. Contamination from lead bullets used in the 1950s and ‘60s prompted the closure. Investigators discovered toxic soil contamination left over from shotgun pellets and clay pigeons used on its 12-acre skeet-shooting range and that one-fifth of soil samples collected within the park exceeded federal limits for residential and children’s play areas. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) also conducted a Human Health Risk Assessment which was followed by an Ecological Risk Assessment. The DTSC approved a cleanup plan called a Remedial Action Plan for this project in 2013.

Englander said cleaning up and reopening the park has been a priority of his since he first received a complaint about lead back on Valentine’s Day, 2008 when he was chief of staff for then Councilmember Greig Smith.

“This was one of the toughest calls I had to make then, and as a Councilmember today, closing a park,” Englander noted, “But with that, 2008 was also difficult because there was a deep financial recession.”

“The process to making this park beautiful and healthy again was extensive, it was so much work. We removed 6,000 tons of contaminated soil. The ground had to be capped to ensure that contamination was contained and the cap was made out of crushed rock, soil and natural vegetation. And on top of the cap we preserved natural features or we engineered new amenities to build the park that you see today. Bioswales, natural stream beds, that will attract the animal life that is natural to this area. As well as we upgraded all the recreational amenities, new playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, equestrian trails, and most importantly, lots of open space for all of us to enjoy. And with that we’ll be adding new benches and picnic tables coming very soon throughout.

“This park is a place for Chatsworth and the community to be really proud of. I mean it’s incredible. I can just picture the birthday parties, the picnics and the families, not only the families but we welcome the businesses to come out and celebrate and enjoy the space as well.

“But this would not have been possible continued on page 7
without so many people that were on this Rec & Parks, the Bureau of Engineering, the Bureau of Contract Administration, the California Department of Toxic Substance Control, and certainly my office.”

The surface cap had to be installed over areas within 21 acres of the park. Some trees will be removed although the heritage oak trees were protected.

The remediated park preserves the natural feel of the park. The park improvements included 6 acres of new park construction, including the construction and installation of landscaping, irrigation, ADA-compliant walking paths and equestrian paths, detention basins and parking lot improvements. It preserves an existing streambed and incorporates bioswales engineered to attract fauna to the site.

Funding for this project comes from Recreation & Parks and Proposition K LA for Kids. The design was by URS Corporation. The Contractor was American Integrated SVCS, Inc.

Drucker said, “Like many of you this is my park. You hear the words partnership and team a number of times and this truly was a matter of teamwork and partnership at every level... We had a partnering agreement at the start of construction of this project. We all came together and met, we agreed we really want to get this park done, done right, done in a cost effective manner, and we want to get it open for the people as quickly as possible.”

Congratulations go to Recreational & Cultural Facilities Program Manager Neil Drucker, Program Manager, Project Manager Meghan Aldrich, head of the Construction Management Division Jose Fuentes, Construction Manager Mariet Ohanian, and to everyone who has been involved in this project.

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2017 Bureau of Engineering Division Photos

**LARiver Works Group**
The LARiverWorks group is housed in the Mayor’s Office of City Services and is the City’s central coordination office for implementation of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and related project delivery, including consultant management, coordination of City departments and external partners, policy development, and project inception. LARiverWorks advances project designs, funding, engagement, and partnerships in coordination with the City Council, LA River stakeholders, and regional, State and Federal agencies.

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**Metro Transit Division**
The Metro Transit Division (MTD) performs expedited review and approval of design and construction in City streets associated with major transit projects by the LA County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metro).

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Project Award and Control Division

Performs a quality assurance review for all bid packages to advertise construction contracts, and prepares construction contract award reports to the Board of Public works. Serves as the Bureau’s expert in MBE/WBE/OBE/BIP requirements and the Mandatory Subcontracting Minimums for construction contracts. Maintains the Bureau’s standard contracts for construction projects and personal services, and is the custodian of record for all Bureau technical audits. Maintains a public counter for distribution of bid documents, plan holder lists, lists of projects out to bid, and BOE plans. Serves as the Bureau’s utility coordination expert and is responsible for coordination of utility work for construction projects. Maintains the Uniform Project Reporting System (UPRS), which reports and updates the scope, budget and schedule for the design and construction of all BOE projects. Maintains the Personal Services Contracting System Contracting System (PSCS), which reports and updates the current status of all BOE consultant contracts.


Proposition O Clean Water Division

In 2004, City of Los Angeles voters approved Proposition O and authorized $500 million in bonds to implement projects to protect public health by cleaning up pollution in the City’s River, watercourses, lakes, and beaches, and to meet Federal Clean Water Act goals. The BOE Proposition O Clean Water Division performs project management for project phases of pre-design, design, bid & award, and construction. As of 2017, the Proposition O Clean Water Division has implemented 44 clean water projects, of which 27 projects have completed construction. Proposition O Clean Water Division highlights include completion of the award-winning Echo Park Rehabilitation project in 2013, and construction of the Machado Lake Rehabilitation project in 2017.

1st Row, l to r: John Saldin, Katie Doherty, Andy Flores, Chris Johnson, Naushin Kamal, Michael VanWagoner. 2nd Row: Garland Jamison, Rene Carillo, Eunice Lee, Lyndsay Naish.
Real Estate Division

Provides all necessary real property acquisition services for all Public Works infrastructure projects. The Division has a Caltrans Level-3 pre-qualification making it the only real property group in the City that can certify federally funded right-of-way projects. Services provided include pre-design consultation, right-of-way project management, appraisal, negotiation, acquisition, relocation assistance, property management, title examination, consultant oversight, escrow and right-of-way instruction; processes dedications, vacations, quitclaims, and irrevocable offers to dedicate property to the City.

1st Row, l to r: Melvin Agagas, Shirish Mistry, Ghazal Babapirzadeh, Shailesh "Sunny" Patel, Yan Dai-Core, Keiji Okimoto, Karen Keal.

2nd Row: Jesus Fontamillas, Arezoo Rahimi, Banafsheh Barati, Keisha Rudolph, Yoobin Kim, Justin Ramirez.


4th Row: Manan Bhalja, Steve Martinez, Andrew Lam, Ronald Lau, Bryan Powell, August Schmid, Tony Lim.

Structural Engineering Division

Provides design and construction support services for the various programs in the Bureau. Prepares structural plans and specifications for wastewater conveyance and treatment facilities, municipal buildings, railroad and vehicular grade separations, pumping plants, pedestrian and vehicular bridges, tunnels, retaining structures, and various subterranean structures. This Division is involved in reviewing Overload Permits and Private Development B-Permit plans for structures adjacent to and in the Public Right-of-Way. SED is also the first responder during emergencies that affect our City bridges.
Mayor Garcetti on the Earthquake in Mexico

September 8, 2017 - "Friendship means standing together in good times and bad, and the thoughts of all Angelenos are with the people of southern Mexico who are recovering today following last night's powerful earthquake. Our prayers are with those who lost loved ones in this tragedy, and our hopes are with all survivors - for their strength and safety in this moment of recovery and rebuilding."

Californians are well-acquainted with the devastating potential of seismic activity, and the City of Los Angeles is proactively preparing for a disaster that is widely understood to be a matter of “when” and not “if.”

Angelenos should be informed about what the City is doing to preserve life and property in the event of a major earthquake. Everyone in Los Angeles is encouraged to review the preparedness tips compiled by the Red Cross, and take the necessary steps to prepare their own families and communities - such as storing food and water, and developing readiness plans.

Lui & Reguindin Thanked

This e-mail was sent to numerous people in the Bureaus of Engineering and Sanitation regarding the proposed sewer in North Marquette Street:

Re: North Marquette Street – Sewer Extension Project
We have Good News to report.
First, I would like to thank the Department of Public Works, Bureaus of Sanitation and Engineering for all their assistance in the proposed development of a gravity sewer, and potential pumping plant and force main sewer on North Marquette Street. Both teams where helpful in providing requirements for the potential pumping plant and force main sewer.

I would like to extend a special thank you to Vivian Lui P.E., and Andrew Reguindin P.E. of the Bureau of Engineering’s Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division, for their independent preliminary engineering calculations for a gravity line solution, as they presented in our last meeting. This solution, could potentially eliminate the pumping plant and force main sewers on North Marquette Street.

We have expanded our street survey and our engineering team has confirmed a gravity line will meet the City’s standards from North Marquette Street to a maintenance hole on Las Casas Avenue as noted by Vivian and Andrew. Good Work Team !!

This is a wonderful example of the Public and Private sectors working together to solve a public health issue for the people of the City of Los Angeles. I am proud to be part of this team and have the opportunity to make a difference in my community.

Thank You,
Cosimo Pizzulli
Pizzulli Associates, Inc.

Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) International Public Works Conference 2017 was held August 20 - 23, 2017 in Perth, Western Australia. It occurs every two years and is the largest public works conference held in Australia.

Joanne Zhang Executive Division, gave a presentation on Fostering innovation and creativity in Public Works on August 22, 2017, to a packed audience. The following description is from the program website:

Attracting Millennials and Fostering Creative Thinking Begins with a New Logo

This case study describes the iterative approach the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) at the City of Los Angeles used to meet the workforce gap and the Mayor’s call to increase diversity and gender equity after the Great Recession.

With 40% of employees eligible to retire soon and years of limited hiring, BOE had to quickly rethink the future of their workplace and welcomed input from 900 employees and from partners in academia and the private industry. Some of the actions taken included updating the marketing strategy and testing initiatives that could make the organization more attractive to new graduates while trying to engage existing staff in the change.

BOE started with hosting an employee design competition for a new logo to kick-start the conversation about the future of the organization. Other actions included designing a recruitment program to streamline on-campus recruiting, engaging on social media for the first time and featuring recent hires and women engineers in recruitment videos. In the video, employees talked about what they valued most about their job and provided unexpected insight.

For the first time, all levels of staff were invited to volunteer for strategic planning which advanced the organization in the areas of mentorship, sustainability policy, and technology. Experiences such as strategic planning, recruiting, mentoring, STEM outreach and social activities that brought together different levels of the organization across multiple disciplines, continue to create opportunities for knowledge sharing and encourage new ways of thinking. New employees now have access to executive levels of management through the mentorship program. The exchange has challenged management to give resources to new ideas, to implement new technology, and to create an environment that encourages staff to innovate and think creatively.
CMAA Project Awards Nominations

Southern California Chapter 2018 Project Achievement Awards

Construction Management Association of America Southern California Chapter is pleased to announce its 16th Annual Awards Program to recognize outstanding achievement in the practice of construction management. Award winners will serve as examples for CMAA to promote professionalism and excellence in the management of the construction process. The application form is available at: http://cmaasc.org/pdfs/2018_achievementapplication.pdf

Purpose

The Program is designed to recognize and promote professionalism, innovation and excellence in the management of the construction process. Awards will be given to the projects that best reflect this mission.

Criteria for Project Achievement Awards

- The competition is open to all CMAA Southern California Chapter members. The submitter of the nomination must be a current member of the Chapter or the submission will be disqualified. The award recipient may be a non-member.
- Nominated projects must have been completed between October 1, 2016 and November 1, 2017.
- Projects must be within the Southern California Chapter regional area, which excludes the San Diego region.
- Projects must contain a Construction Management or Program Management role which is performed separately and distinctly from the builder’s role. If the builder also performed the CM or PM services for the same project (e.g. CM at Risk), then these services must be clearly described to explain how they differ from the builder’s role.
- It is recommended that the submitter confirm with the Owner/Client entity that it does not object to the statements made in the submittal. CMAA S. Ca. Chapter is not responsible for verifying the accuracy of the information provided.

CMAA S. Ca. Chapter will recognize the performance of outstanding Construction Management or Program Management services for projects completed in the S. Ca. Chapter regional area in the following major Cost Categories – Public or Private Projects with Constructed Value:
1. Less than $10 million
2. $11 million to $50 million
3. $51 million to $100 million
4. More than $100 million

Awards will be bestowed within the above Cost Categories which may be further broken down under Project Market Sector, Delivery Method, and Type Sub-Categories including but not limited to the following:
- Transportation (includes highways, transit, ports, airports, etc.)
- Public Works (includes water, wastewater, flood control, parks, utilities, etc.)
- Building projects for New Construction
- Building projects for Renovation/Modernization
- Program Management (for delivery of Program Management Services for a multi-project CIP)

The criteria for evaluating Project Achievement Award nominations focus on the following management efforts and project outcomes:
- Overall management
- Quality management
- Cost and schedule management
- Complexity
- Innovation and creativity
- Customer service and satisfaction
- Safety results

Criteria for CM Partner Awards

In addition to the project achievement awards for construction management and program management, we are presenting awards for our high-achieving CM Partners in four categories; Design and Construction Industry Partner Awards where we will recognize projects that exemplify excellent construction management related practices performed by our industry partners in design or construction; Sustainable Construction Awards for projects and programs that exceed the standard approach towards sustainable buildings and spaces; and CODE (Creating Opportunities for Diversity and Equality) Mentorship Awards where we will recognize firms that go above and beyond agency requirements in the support of woman and minority owned businesses.

Two Options for Submitting for a CM Partner Award:
1. CM Partner Awards can be submitted under one of the above Project Achievement Awards Cost Categories (1 through 4). Submissions for this approach will be provided in Optional Tab 5 of the Project Achievement Award submission.
2. A project can be submitted independently for one of the CM Partner Award categories provided the project can be demonstrated to have used a Construction Management or Program Management delivery and the CM Partner Award applicant is a current member of the Chapter. Submissions for this approach will independently respond to the Project Achievement Awards application and will follow the prescribed approach detailed at the end of Nomination Form.

If one of the two above options for submission is not met, the submission will be disqualified. The project should be submitted under one or more of the following optional categories, as applicable. More than one award may be given in each category below:
- Design Quality Industry Partner Awards; for Architects or Engineers that demonstrate excellence in design document quality and/or design team performance during construction (please invite your designer to participate in the development of your submission for this award, we want to engage them in the process and recognize them for their achievement).
- Contractor Quality Industry Partner Awards; for Contractors that demonstrate excellence in construction quality and/or construction team performance during construction (please invite your contractor to participate in the development of your submission for this award, we want to engage them in the process and recognize them for their achievement).
- Sustainable Construction Awards; where the CM’S or PM’S role contributed significantly to the sustainable outcome of the project.
- CODE Mentorship Awards; where CM’S or PM’S have contributed significantly to the mentoring and growth of woman and minority owned firms (please invite your sub-consultant(s) to participate in the development of your submission for this award, we want to engage them in the process and recognize them for your mutual achievement).

Evaluation

- Each nominated project will be evaluated using the listed criteria and entry information should be provided using the Nomination Form format only.
- This is a competitive process. Only the best project in each category and sub-category will be selected. Honorable Mention awards may be presented.
- The Awards Selection Committee will be composed of members of the S. Ca. Chapter of CMAA.

Submission

- Nominations must be received by CMAA no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, November 29, 2017.
- Please enclose your entry fee of $350 per project submitted and an additional $200 for each Optional Award Category submitted or Independent CM Partner Award submission. Make check payable to CMAA S. Ca. Chapter.
- Credit card payments will be accepted for entry fees (contact the Chapter for authorization form).
- Multiple submissions from the same firm are welcome, but each submission requires its own fee.

Presentation

The Awards will be presented at S. Ca. Chapter’s Annual Awards Banquet on Thursday, April 26, 2018, in Downtown Los Angeles. Winners from the S. Ca. Project Achievement Awards competition are encouraged to submit to the CMAA National Project Achievement Awards Program.
Envision is a sustainability rating system and planning guide for infrastructure, similar in purpose and structure to the LEED rating system for buildings. It is a point based rating system that allows projects to receive four levels of certification; Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum. Envision takes a holistic view of infrastructure by focusing on the triple bottom line: the social, environmental and economic impact of projects. These impacts are measured in five broad categories; quality of life, leadership, resource allocation, natural world, climate and risk.

The Environmental Engineering Division (EED) has four projects that are being pursued for Envision verification: the DCTWRP - Blower Air Cleanup System, TIWRP- AWPF Ultimate Expansion, HWRP - Headworks Odor Control Upgrade and the HWRP - Digester Gas Utilization Project totaling over $200 million.

Individuals can receive their Envision Sustainable Professional (ENV SP) certification by taking an online training course and passing an exam. EED has made significant strides at training staff on Envision. At the beginning of the year there were 30 people in EED that were certified ENV SP, and in August 2017, five additional employees received their certification.

Five More Envision Specialists (ENV SP’s) at EED!

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Boo at the L.A. Zoo

September 12, 2017 - This Halloween season, BOO AT THE L.A. ZOO offers goblins and ghouls of all ages a chance to feed their imaginations with fang-tastic fun and spooky-tacular learning throughout the entire month of October, beginning Sunday, October 1, through Tuesday, October 31, 2017, 10 am to 4 pm. BOO AT THE L.A. ZOO 2017 features daily activities such as an all-new “Nocturnal Adventure” maze, where guest can learn about nocturnal creatures, and the opportunity to get up close and personal with some of the Zoo’s tarantulas, scorpions, snakes and more at “Animals and Boo” encounters. Weekends include a “Swazzle’s Monster Menagerie” puppet show, pumpkin carving demonstrations, special animal feedings and other family fun. On Saturday, October 28, and Sunday, October 29, the Halloween bash offers boo-tiful crafts, roaming characters and traditional trick-or-treat stations throughout the grounds. Proudly supported by 99 Cents Only Stores, BOO AT THE L.A. ZOO activities are free with paid Zoo admission. Check lazoo.org/BOO for details and daily schedules.

Daily activities include “Animals and Boo” encounters, which take place 10:45 and 11:45 am weekdays, with an extra show at 12:45 pm on weekends; a “Nocturnal Adventure” maze where guests will find fun facts, surprises, and trivia questions at every turn testing their animal knowledge to avoid ‘dead’ ends; and sweet-and-spooky photo ops.

Special weekend adventures kick off on Sunday, October 1, with some of the Zoo’s animal residents enjoying seasonal delights all their own. Plant eaters will relish “Creature Treats” such as pumpkins, while carnivores will devour their favorite fare - carcasses and bones - during “Fearsome Feedings.” (Parental discretion advised for the latter.) Starting Saturday, October 7, weekend days will also feature “Swazzle’s Monster Menagerie” interactive puppet show at 10:30 am, 1 pm, and 3 pm, where audience members can help select various animal features to create the ideal trick-or-treating companion for a lonely scientist, and Gene Granata of Masterpiece Pumpkins showing off his magical pumpkin-carving skills from 10 am to 4 pm. Sponsor giveaways, games, and more will add to the fun to weekend days throughout the month.

Admission to the Los Angeles Zoo is $21 for general admission (ages 13 to 61), $18 for seniors (ages 62+), and $16 for children (ages 2 to 12). No ticket is required for children under 2. Admission for Greater Los Angeles Zoo Association members is free.

The Los Angeles Zoo is located at 5333 Zoo Drive in Los Angeles’ Griffith Park at the junction of the Ventura (134) and Golden State (5) freeways. Free parking is available. For general information about the Zoo, call (323) 644-4200.
The following information about some of our new employees illustrates that the Bureau of engineering has hired a very diverse group of talented people.

**Chris Adams**

Chris Adams started working in the Environmental Management Group on September 5, 2017 as an Environmental Specialist II. He currently resides in the Los Feliz area. Chris received his Bachelors degree in Environmental Biology from the University of Colorado at Boulder and holds a state certification as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS). Previous work experience includes cancer research and film production work in addition to public health work performed as an REHS.

Chris’s interests include orchestral and electronic music production, commodities markets, and evolutionary theory. For fun he likes to snowboard and surf when he has the chance. Chris greatly admires California’s leading role in the field of environmental policy and is excited to contribute to this cause in any capacity he can.

**Ashley Coakley**

Ashley Coakley has joined the Wastewater Conveyance Construction Division (WCCD) as a Civil Engineering Associate I. She was born and raised in Whittier, CA where she graduated from La Serna High School in 2008. She then went on to earn her Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Irvine in June 2013.

After graduating from UCI, Ashley worked for over a year before going back to school. While working full time as an engineer, Ashley attended California State University, Fullerton from January 2015 to May 2017 to earn her Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering.

Ashley has had the opportunity to gain work experience in civil and structural engineering as well as project management during her 3 and a half years of working before coming to the City of Los Angeles. She has experience with custom home design, cellular site installations, and commercial property design.

During her free time Ashley enjoys snowboarding, hiking, running, playing beach volleyball, and mountain biking.

Ashley’s office is located on the sixth floor of the Public Works Building and she can be reached at (213) 847-0288.

**Matias Farfan IV**

Matias Farfan IV joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCED) on 8/22/17 as an Administrative Intern II. He was born in Pasadena, but he currently resides in Azusa. Mr. Farfan earned his Bachelor of Science degree in General Engineering from Harvey Mudd College which is part of the Claremont Colleges. Prior to joining the Bureau of Engineering (BOE), he was an Administrative Intern I with the Department of Recreation and Parks for over a year.

Mr. Farfan enjoys going to movie theaters and playing board games with friends. He is very happy for the opportunity to work for the Department of Public Works and looks forward to lending his time and skills to both the Bureau and WCED.

**Ohene Ofosu**

Ohene Ofosu joined the Central District as a Civil Engineering Associate I in the Bureau of Engineering. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Howard University in 2015. During his undergraduate tenure, Ohene was a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers as well as T.R.U.S.T.: A Society for Men, which is a support system for men in STEM fields.

Prior to working for the Bureau, Ohene interned at the District Department of Transportation in Washington D.C. where he was a part of the first Residential Parking Permit Data Collection team within the District. Ohene then worked for Gorove/Slade Associates Inc. where he prepared traffic impact reports and studies for projects around Washington D.C.

Ohene was born in Washington D.C. and raised in Greenbelt, Maryland, where he is the youngest of three children. He enjoys playing sports, listening and playing music, and traveling with great friends. Ohene’s office is located on the 7th floor of the Figueroa building and can be reached at (213) 482-7484.

**Shadrach Saydee**

Shadrach Saydee joined the Wastewater Conveyance Engineering Division (WCED) on 7/24/17 as a Civil Engineering Associate I. He was born in Liberia. Mr. Saydee then moved to Minnesota in high school and now he currently resides in Los Angeles. While in Minnesota, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics from St. Olaf College in Northfield. He then followed this up with his Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Cal State Los Angeles.

Mr. Saydee comes from a large family being the third eldest of eight (8) siblings and his parents still reside in Brooklyn Center, MN. Prior to this appointment, he was a Transportation Foundation of Los Angeles (TFLA) Intern. Outside of work, his hobbies include soccer, basketball, and running. Mr. Saydee is excited to use the knowledge and skills he gained as a TFLA intern with this current position.
New Employees continued

Christopher Tan

Christopher Tan joined the Central District as an Office Engineering Technician II in the department of Public Works. He graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in 2014.

Before he started at the Bureau of Engineering, Christopher worked at Fundament & Associates, Inc., an MEP firm in Irvine, California that specialized in educational and health-care facility projects. His role as Project Manager ranged from designing and revising plans to attending on-site meetings and answering RFIs. Regardless of what he was asked to do, Christopher saw everything he did as a way to give back to the community.

Christopher enjoys eating good food, reading books, going for walks, and spending time with his family and friends. His primary hobby is singing, and he lends his voice to the Pacific Chorale in August every year. Christopher tries to learn something new every day and looks forward to helping the City in any way possible at his new position. Christopher’s office is located on the 7th floor of the Figueroa building and can be reached at (213) 482-7480.

What Can Go in the Recycling Bin?

You can recycle the following:
- Plastic drinking straws
- Plastic grocery bags
- Plastic food containers
- Water bottles
- Plastic film containers
- Plastic utensils
- Plastic packaging
- Plastic drink cups/covers
- Aluminum cans
- Coffee cans
- Soup cans
- Plastic yogurt containers
- Cottage cheese containers
- Glass bottles/containers

Please empty and rinse out all food/beverage containers and flatten containers to conserve space.

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.

Notice No. 19 Emergency Appt Systems Analyst


Application Deadline: August 30, 2017, by 10:00 AM

Minimum Requirements:
The position is open to any BOE employee meeting the following minimum requirements: Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university with a major in Computer Science, Information Systems, or Geographical Information Systems; or, Graduation from an accredited four-year college or university and two years of full-time paid experience in a class at the level of Management Assistant with experience supporting the design and development of websites in the Drupal content management system or similar content management system. The emergency appointment to Systems Analyst is subject to the approval of the Personnel Department.

Candidates must meet the minimum eligibility requirements at the time of the emergency appointment.

Summary of Duties:
The Systems Analyst position is an active member of the BOE Systems Division, Applications Development Section and reports directly to a Database Architect. Duties include creating new functions and applications, maintaining existing Internet web applications, and administering web content in the Drupal content management system. The position serves as the BOE Internet Webmaster and is routinely responsible for designing and developing BOE’s Internet presence, and working as the technical liaison between the Systems Division and BOE’s Director of Communications. Routine maintenance and enhancements to the BOE Internet pages is a critical responsibility for this position. Additionally, this position participates as the liaison between the Systems Division and the Information Technology Agency’s Technology Services Bureau. This position assists in the creation, augmentation, maintenance, and administration of citywide application development standards and any public facing Internet page. Also, this position assists in the documentation of cloud database technologies and their implementations. At a minimum, the Systems Analyst position must have experience in:
(a) web applications development experience in the Drupal content management system;
or,
(b) creating and maintaining complex BOE websites and applications; and,
(c) providing project status updates, adhering to applications development methodologies and goals, and have excellent technical and administrative skills necessary to gather functional requirements.

The BOE seeks candidates who have demonstrated profound experience in the field of applications development, specifically maintaining web applications, and content using the Drupal content management system.

Skills, Knowledge, and Abilities Required:
The BOE seeks candidates who possess the following skills, knowledge, and abilities including, but not limited to:

SKILLS IN: Drupal, PHP, Adobe ColdFusion, SQL, and JavaScript, problem-solving, gathering and writing functional requirements, creating test plans, providing excellent customer service, querying data, developing web applications, troubleshooting general technology problems, and creating workflow diagrams. Implementing and complying with application development standards and methodologies. Exemplary interpersonal skills to work with business clients and systems staff.

KNOWLEDGE OF: Cascading Style Sheets, use of stored procedures, City enterprise applications (e.g., PaySR, FMS, Cityfone), applications development methodologies, operating system software, application development softwares, and staff development opportunities (e.g., types of formal training, vendor workshops, seminars).

ABILITIES: Review, analyze, and write web application code, document and clarify functional software requirements, create SQL queries, and actively communicate with management personnel. Identify components of an application development strategy, identify potential problems and/or issues that might impact the proper operation of a computer application, and communicate effectively with team members from other Systems Division sections.

Method of Evaluating Candidates:
2. Interview by the BOE management staff from Systems Division.
3. Review of Personnel File. If available, at least six of the most qualified candidates will be scheduled for an interview. Applicants being considered for this position will be notified upon being scheduled for an interview. Candidates interested in applying for this position should contact Angela Brown at (213) 485-5140. Please submit your resume and Departmental Application (via PDF) by the application deadline to Angela.Brown@lacity.org.

(Note: Should you be granted an interview and require special accommodation for the interview, please so indicate when you respond to this Notice.)

Note that the due date has passed.

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.
Mayor's press release
LOS ANGELES (August 4, 2017) - Mayor Eric Garcetti today announced the appointment of Ambassador Nina Hachigian as Deputy Mayor for International Affairs.

Hachigian, an L.A. resident who served as U.S. Ambassador to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in the Obama Administration, will lead the newly-created Mayor’s Office of International Affairs. The office will work to broaden the city’s global engagement on matters ranging from trade, investment, culture, and tourism to preparations for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

“Los Angeles is a leader on the world stage - we’re bringing the Olympics back to America, and Angelenos deserve the wealth of jobs and other new opportunities that come with increased international trade, more foreign investment, and heightened cultural exchange,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Nina will be an outstanding leader for my Office of International Affairs - an Angeleno with the right experience, and who understands how deeper engagement with the world can lift up all of our communities.”

The office headed by Hachigian will oversee and coordinate all of the city’s international affairs - including advising the Mayor on trade policy and opportunities, attracting global investment, assisting the Host Committee with preparations for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and managing relationships with global leaders. She will assume the post on Sept. 6.

“I am deeply honored and grateful for the opportunity Mayor Garcetti has given me to serve the people of our city,” said Hachigian. “Los Angeles is already a worldwide beacon of hope, opportunity, diversity and innovation - and the Mayor’s Office of International Affairs will work tirelessly to build on that standing in a way that results in new opportunities for all Angelenos.”

Hachigian was appointed U.S. Ambassador to ASEAN by former President Obama, and served in the post from 1998 to 1999.

A founder of Women Ambassadors Serving America (WASA), Ambassador Hachigian holds a B.S. from Yale University and is a graduate of Stanford Law School. She is the editor of “Debating China: The U.S. – China Relationship in Ten Conversations” (Oxford University Press, 2014), and co-author of “The Next American Century: How the U.S. Can Thrive as Other Powers Rise” (Simon & Schuster, 2008).

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New Dept of Cannabis Regulation Director

Mayor’s press release:
LOS ANGELES (August 9, 2017) - Mayor Eric Garcetti has appointed Cat Packer as Executive Director of the newly-established Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation.

Packer will be the first Executive Director for the department, which was created in June after Los Angeles voters approved the local regulation and taxation of cannabis earlier this year.

In her new role, Packer will launch the department and lead implementation of the new cannabis regulations being developed by the City Council, City Attorney and Department of City Planning. Her appointment is subject to City Council confirmation.

“Taxing and regulating legal cannabis in Los Angeles will be a complex process - we need someone leading the effort who understands and can navigate those nuances,” said Mayor Garcetti. “Cat’s experience makes her an excellent fit for this new role. I am confident that her work will help us implement new regulations in a way that is fair and equitable for all of our communities, respects our neighborhoods and raises valuable new revenue for City services.”

Packer has spent much of her career working on issues of cannabis reform. Prior to joining the City, she worked as a policy coordinator for the Drug Policy Alliance, where she advocated for responsible cannabis policy across California.

“I look forward to serving the City of Los Angeles as we lead the development and implementation of responsible, equitable cannabis policies that will serve as a model for the rest of America,” said Packer. “I can’t wait to get started, and I’m grateful to Mayor Garcetti for this amazing, pioneering opportunity.”

The City’s Department of Cannabis Regulation was established as the result of several voter-approved initiatives over the last year, here in Los Angeles and statewide. Last November, California voters approved Prop. 64, which paved the way for the legalization of recreational cannabis across the state. In March, L.A. voters approved Prop. M - which approved local regulation, taxation and enforcement of cannabis policy. The Department of Cannabis Regulation will be governed by a five-member Cannabis Regulation Commission.

“Cat is a trailblazer with deep policy knowledge and enthusiasm who brings a refreshing energy to the City of Los Angeles,” said City Council President Herb Wesson. “I am confident that the Department of Cannabis Regulation, under her leadership, will ensure Los Angeles continues to be a model for the nation in reasonably regulating this emerging industry.”

The revenue raised by the local taxation of cannabis has the potential to raise millions of dollars in new general fund revenue, which can be used to expand and improve basic City services.

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Tabirara and Wu Commended

This e-mail was sent to Deputy City Engineer Alfred Mata regarding Vernon Tabirara, Street Improvement and Stormwater Division, and Jim Wu, West Los Angeles District Office:
Date: Thu, Jul 13, 2017 at 5:19 PM
Subject: Engineering Visit

Dear Alfred,

I want to thank you very much for sending out Vernon and Jim. These 2 gentlemen were very polite, cordial and professional. They listened to everything and the neighbors that lived on the street. They heard it from both sides and were very busy taking notes and more notes. This was a great help and very kind of you to send 2 men who were great. The city should note that they have some really great people working for them.

Sincerely,
Rick in the marina

Newsletter Submissions

We are always pleased to receive submissions for the Newsletter. There are a few tips that we’d like to be kept in mind. Please do not submit articles using the “table” or “column” feature of MS Word. It will not translate correctly. Instead, just use tabs. If you have photos, please send them in their native format, i.e., jpg or tif. Do not place photos in a word processing document. Also, please run your article through spell check and make sure all names are spelled correctly before submitting it. Again, thanks to all for their contributions.
Notice No. 16

Notice No. 16 dated August 1, 2017 titled Mentorship Program states that the application period for the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Mentorship Program is now open in accordance with Special Order No. 04-0616 which was attached to the Notice. Employees interested in participating in the Mentorship Program, as either a mentor or protégé, should fill out the appropriate Participation Form located in the BOE Forms Library, under the category “Training” at: http://boe.ci.la.ca.us/eforms/, and send it electronically to the Mentorship Coordination Committee, via Sharon McDonald at Sharon.McDonald@lacity.org no later than August 23, 2017.

Applicants should obtain approval from their supervisor and Division/District/Group Manager before submitting the application. If you have any questions, please contact the Mentorship Coordination Committee Liaison, Shirley Lau at Shirley.Lau@lacity.org. Note that the due date has passed.

How to Dispose of Unwanted Furniture

The General Services Department (GSD) requests that departments remind employees not to dump any unwanted furniture on any loading dock, or elsewhere, as it can present both a safety and a fire hazard.

The disposal of any unwanted furniture should be directed to GSD Moving Services, e-mail gsd.movingsvs@lacity.org attention: Noel Cabrera, or call 213-978-7694. This service is free of charge.

Mayor Announces New Public Portal to Maximize Value of City Property

Mayor’s press release:

LOS ANGELES (August 4, 2017) - Mayor Eric Garcetti has launched a new online portal that will help the City maximize the value of its property, and more efficiently provide options for affordable housing, homeless service facilities and other priorities.

The comprehensive, searchable property database will enable staff to manage City property more effectively, and allow the public to track the development of community assets like police and fire stations, libraries and public parks. The portal is available at lacity.org/property.

“City-owned property is one of our most valuable assets, and we must maximize its value to advance critical priorities like building affordable housing and expanding homeless services,” said Mayor Garcetti. “This innovative new portal will streamline our property management, and help us put more of our land to work serving our communities’ needs.”

The project is being led by Mayor Garcetti’s Operations Innovation Team (O-Team) and the Department of General Services, and is a part of a larger movement to improve efficiency and transparency in the City’s real estate management operations. Over the last 18 months, the O-team has collaborated with public and private stakeholders to update and improve data related to City-owned property.

“I’m delighted that we now have a thorough, accurate and publicly available database listing all City-owned properties,” said Councilmember Paul Krekorian, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Job Creation, who worked closely with Mayor Garcetti to bring this database to fruition. “It is a fantastic tool that will enable the City and others to evaluate the full range of assets the City owns and get inventive about ways to use them for economic development and job creation throughout Los Angeles.”

The portal will be used to maximize the value of underutilized or vacant properties. With departments such as the Department of Transportation, the Economic and Workforce Development Department, and Los Angeles Public Library now utilizing the system, the unused spaces could potentially turn into a vast array of public amenities.

“The LA Coalition applauds the Mayor’s leadership on this initiative. We were pleased to work with him and with the City Council on what has proven to be a very effective public/private partnership,” said Russell Goldsmith, Chairman of the Coalition, which was instrumental in the development of the portal. “This will optimize the real estate assets of the City to help foster jobs and the economy and better address the housing and economic development needs of L.A.”

The City will continue to build upon the database in an ongoing effort to increase transparency and enhance management and strategic decisions regarding real estate assets.

In 2015, Mayor Garcetti established the Operations Innovation Team to use technology and data to engage City stakeholders in the public and private sectors to drive operational efficiency and transform inefficient systems in City government. The O-Team is a product of the partnership between the Mayor’s Fund for Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Coalition for the Economy and Jobs, and several private funders.

Notice No. 17 Ergonomic Workstation Evaluations

Notice No. 17 dated August 7, 2017 titled Guidelines Pursuant to Bureau of Engineering (BOE) Ergonomic Workstation Evaluations states that the Bureau of Engineering has experienced an increase in Ergonomic Evaluation requests. The Personnel Department has established procedures for requesting an evaluation. The procedures for requesting an ergonomic evaluation (Attachment) can be located in the Personnel Departments Intranet at: http://per.ci.la.ca.us/Safety/Safety_Ergo.htm.

In accordance with existing City and Personnel Department guidelines, BOE Managers and supervisors will be required to:

1. Review and approve an Employee’s completed Ergonomic Evaluation Questionnaire which is located on the City of Los Angeles Personnel Department website. Subsequently, an Ergonomic Specialist from the Personnel Department may complete a worksite evaluation and generate a report with the findings and recommendations.

2. Submit a signed memo to their respective Deputy City Engineer requesting a review of the completed Ergonomic Evaluation Report and confirmation that the recommendations provided to the employee with respect to the findings have been implemented.

3. The Deputy City Engineer will forward reports recommended for approval to the Administration Division Manager for further processing.

Notice No. 18 SSPWC Greenbook & Brown Book


All contracts for projects designed and advertised for bids for which the Bureau of Engineering (BOE) provides Construction Management Services shall use the BOE Master Specifications, General Conditions, and General Requirements, in lieu of Part One - General Provisions of the “Greenbook/Brownbook.” Parts Two through Six of the “Greenbook/Brownbook” still apply to those projects. All parts of the “Greenbook/Brownbook” shall be used for all permit and special assessment financed projects.

Copies of the 2012 Edition of the “Greenbook” and the 2014 Cumulative Supplement are ordered by individual Bureaus. The BOE Division, District, and Group Managers, please contact Nancy Giron at (213) 847-0295 or at Nancy.Giron@lacity.org to make arrangements for pickup.
Seminars offered by the Construction Management Association of America, Southern California Chapter. For additional information on these seminars please go to www.cmaasc.org.

**Breakfast of Champions – Transportation Corridor Agencies Capital Program Update** on Friday, September 15, 2017, at the Long Beach Airport Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Guest speaker is Mike Chesney, P.E., Chief Strategy officer, Transportation Corridor Agencies.

**The Ports of Long Beach & Los Angeles Capital Program Updates** on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at the Long Beach Airport Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 5:30 pm Registration, 6:30 am Seminar. Learn about upcoming construction and consultant contracting opportunities. Guest speakers: Darrin Lambriger, Acting Director of Construction Management, Port of Long Beach; Mark Rose, Assistant Chief Harbor Engineer, Port of Los Angeles.

**Small Project Alternative Delivery Methods – Progressive Design Build, Job Order Contracting, Task Order Construction Agreements, and more** on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, at the Long Beach Airport Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. DGS, LAWA, LADWP and CSU all have billions of dollars of construction projects coming down the pike very soon (with some already started), many of which are small projects using alternative delivery methods such as Job Order Contracting, Task Order Construction Agreements, progressive design build, and CM® Risk. Learn more about these various delivery methods and how to do business with these large public agencies all of which encourage small business development in contracting and procurement. Learn about:

- LADWP's 10 year $1.58 program
- DGS's SB/DVBE program for Goods, Services, and Public Works
- CSU's multi-year capital program which includes small projects under the Task Order-Construction Agreement (TOCA) Delivery method
- LAWA's multi-billion dollar construction program which includes small businesses.


Cost: register by Friday, Sept. 15, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Sept. 15, $85/member, $170/non-member.

**The False Claims Act – Be Careful What You Ask For** on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. The federal FCA and various state counterparts remain the most widely used prosecutorial tools for combating fraud. With the number of FCA cases continuing to rise and prosecutorial agencies touting year-over-year record-breaking recoveries, contractors need to understand the mechanics and scope of the FCA is as strong as ever.

- Recent developments in FCA law
- The ongoing attack on the attorney-client privilege in FCA qui tam suits
- The growing use of Civil Investigative Demands and how to survive CID audits and investigations
- Workforce training and FCA claim mitigation techniques

Seminar leaders: J. Andrew Howard and Jessica L. Sharron, Alston & Bird LLP.

Cost: register by Friday, Sept. 15, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Sept. 15, $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Breakfast of Champions - Los Angeles Department of Water & Power** on Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the City Club Los Angeles, City National Tower, 555 S. Flower, 51st Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90071, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Guest speakers: William T. Van Wagoner, P.E., Manager of Planning Water Engineering and Technical Services, DWP and Sungly Chiu, Manager of Power Systems, Major Projects, DWP.

**Dinner LA Metro – Measure M Update** on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at the LA Hotel Downtown, 333 S. Figueroa, Downtown Los Angeles, 5:30 pm Registration, 6:30 am Presentation. Discussion Topics:

- Final list of projects
- Completing the base guidelines
- Estimate of revenues
- Expenditure plan/Delivery schedule
- Contract opportunities

Guest speakers: Abolshah Ansari, Sr. Executive Officer – Highway Program; Rick Meade, Executive Officer – Transit; Jeanet Owens, Sr. Executive Officer – Regional Rail; Tim Lidholm, Executive Officer – Capital Projects.

Cost: Before Friday, Sept. 22 $70/member, $140/non-member; after Sept. 22 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Best Practices in Managing Change Requests, Change Orders, Claims** on Thursday, September 28, 2017, at the Long Beach Airport Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Drive, Long Beach 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Changes happen. Changes are an inevitable part of the construction process. This seminar provides the Construction Manager with practical techniques and tips to best manage the evaluation and resolution of change requests, change orders, and claims.

Includes case studies and examples of changes, disputes, and their resolution. Learn about:

- Knowing What Your Contract Requires (Handout includes the “Contract Review Checklist”)
- Timely Notice and Response
- Determining Causation and Entitlement
- Evaluating Direct and Unit Costs
- Writing the Change Order
- Full and Final Considerations
- Evaluating Claimed Overhead
- Valuation of Claimed Inefficiencies
- Total Cost and Measured Mile Calculations
- Characteristics of Mediation, Arbitration, and Litigation

Seminar Leader: Chip Ossman, President, Ossman Project Management Consulting, Inc.

Cost: Register by Friday, Sept. 22 $70/member, $140/non-member. After Sept. 22 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Progressive Design-Build, The Owner’s Perspective** on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at the Long Beach Airport Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Progressive design-build (PDB), is becoming increasingly more popular among owners. There are many attractive benefits to PDB for both owners and practitioners. In this seminar we will discuss the various nuances of PDB, and how it can be applied to a capital program to achieve more predictable results. Learning objectives:

- What is progressive design-build? How does it work?
- Investment in projects, not procurements
- Schedule advantages
- Managing project risk as a team
- Success strategies
- Better opportunities for local subcontracting
- CM’s role in a Progressive Design-Build
- Capital budget management

Seminar leader: Brandon Dekker, Principal, gkkworks.

Presenters: Praful Kulkarni, AIA, CEO, gkkworks; Jacob Williams, Assistant Director, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Cost: Before Friday, Oct. 13 $70/member, $140/non-member; after Oct. 13 $85/member, $170/non-member.

**Breakfast of Champions - LAUSD** on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at The LA Hotel, 333 South Figueroa, Downtown LA, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Presentation. Speaker: Kristzina Tokes, Deputy Chief Facilities Executive, Los Angeles Unified School District.

**Alternate Project Delivery Under California Law – Where Are We Headed?** on Thursday, October 19, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. This seminar will review and explore the latest legal trends in California concerning alternate project delivery methods.
CMAA Seminars continued from page 14 and the current legal landscape addressing the authority to use these various methods in public works construction and the risks to the various project participants when they commit to use an alternate delivery method that they may not be familiar with given past experience. The seminar will cover the legality and contract risks of certain delivery methods, requirements, restrictions, selection of the entity to design, build and construct the project and the current landscape and direction the construction industry is taking particularly as it concerns all manner of public works construction. Key topics will include:

- Design Build Delivery
- Job Order Contracting
- Master Agreements/Task Order Contracts
- Construction Manager At Risk
- Alternate Delivery Methods Allowed for Public Works
- Best Value Selection
- Rights, Remedies Regarding Best Value Selection
- Risk Overview and Risk Shifting Regarding Design and Construction
- Limitations of Alternate Delivery Methods

Seminar instructors: Michael J. Baker, Esq. and Jamie N. Forst, Esq., Snell & Wilmer LLP.

Cost: register by Friday, Oct. 13, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Oct. 13, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Adopting LEAN Construction Principles on Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 8:00 am Registration, 8:30 am Seminar. Learn about LEAN Construction and how the 4-Ps of the Toyota Way Process (Problem solving, People, Process and Philosophy) relate and are joined. Learn how the LEAN techniques can be deployed by CQI firms, AE firms and Owners, it’s not just for contractors!

Takeaway Toolbox
- Learn how Owners can determine if CM, AE and GCs current practices are LEAN
- Learn how Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) is the heart of LEAN
- Learn how a company made LEAN a part of their culture
- Learn how a team of 2 people can start the LEAN journey for CM, AE and GCs

Seminar leader: Michael Vega, P.E., LAUSD, will present the background and current status of LEAN Construction and project future use of LEAN Construction to facilitate an open discussion.

Panel members
Alix Walsh O’Brien, AIA, Facilities Asset Development Director, LAUSD, will discuss her observations on the benefits of LEAN Construction from eyes of an Owner/CM.

William Lee, VP and General Manager, Irvine, The Austin Company, will discuss how Austin Company in the decade of the 1920s was a pioneer in the Quality movement, leading up to LEAN Construction.

Ken Stone, VP and Project Executive, Irvine, The Austin Company, will discuss how Austin Company in the decade of the 2010s was an early user of LEAN Construction on Austin Company construction projects.

Cost: register by Friday, Oct. 20, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Oct. 20, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Keys of Negotiation - Sharpen Your Soft Skills on Thursday, October 26, 2017, at the Long Beach Marriott, 4700 Airport Plaza Dr., Long Beach, CA 90815, 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 ability to express our wills and understanding the others’ wills effectively. This is not possible unless we make ourselves capable to negotiate efficiently. 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 anybody who is involved in the negotiation processes and interacts with clients and other project team members. More specifically, it could be helpful for junior project team members, and emerging leaders or project managers.

Seminar instructor: Amin Safari, CCM, PMP, LEED AP, Principal/Project Director, ARCADIS.

Cost: register by Friday, Oct. 20, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Oct. 20, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Best Practices in Managing Change Requests, Change Orders, Claims on Thursday, November 9, 2017, at the Riverside Marriott, 3400 Market St., Riverside, CA 92501. Change requests, change orders and claims are an inevitable part of the construction process. This seminar provides the Construction Manager with practical techniques and tips to best manage the evaluation and resolution of change requests, change orders and claims. Includes case studies and examples of changes, disputes, and their resolution.

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- Full and Final Considerations
- Evaluating Claimed Overhead
- Valuation of Claimed Inefficiencies
- Total Cost and Measured Mile Calculations
- Characteristics of Mediation, Arbitration, and Litigation

Seminar leader: Chip Ossman, President, Ossman Project Management Consulting, Inc.

Cost: register by Friday, Nov. 10, $70/member, $140/non-member; after Nov. 10, $85/member, $170/non-member.

Water Reduction Ideas
What does a 20% reduction in water use look like? The average Californian uses 196 gallons of water per day. Find the right combination for you to reduce by 20%, or 39 gallons a day, here are some ideas:

- Turn off water when brushing teeth or shaving can save 10 gallons per person/day.
- Take 5 minute showers instead of 10 minute showers saves 12.5 gallons (with a water efficient shower-head)
- Install a high-efficiency toilet (1.28 gallon flush) saves 19 gallons per person/day

For more tips on reducing water use, visit saveourwater.com.

Current Letterhead
The latest version of the Bureau of Engineering letterhead template is always available from the Engineering Forms Library under the category Correspondence on the BOE intranet.
Arrivals
Elaine Lei, CE Associate I, GEO; Matias Farfan, Admin Intern II, WCE; Steve Melgar, CE Associate I, CEN.

Promotions
Mircea Pop and Dominick Esposito, CE Associate III, MTD; Paul Tseng, Contract Administrator, ARC; Adrian Hwang, CE Associate II, SSD; Adrian Sanchez, Structural Engineer IV, CEN; Andrew Asfour, Structural Engineering Associate III, BID; Melvin Agagas, Sr Structural Engineer,ced; Chinh Dinh, CE Associate III, HAR; Richard Louie, Sr Environmental Engineer, WCC; Christopher Tsangaris, Sr Systems Analyst II, SYS; Katrina Forbes and Ibrahim Haifeez, CE Associate III, EED; Samuel Ahn, Structural Engineering Associate III, EED; Danny Tang, Structural Engineering Associate III, EED.

Departures
Myrna Braithwaite, Secretary, retired, ADM; Silas Minor, CE Associate III, promoted to LAWA, EED; Juan Acosta-Gomez, Field Engineering Aide, promoted to Housing Dept, SUR; Kelton Kirby, CE Associate III, retired, WLA.

Internal Transfers
David Perez, Civil Engineering Associate III, from CEN to HAR; Ioana June, Civil Engineer, from BPD to ARC.

Professional License
Gregory Moeser, Landscape Architect Associate I, ARC.

Columbus Day Holiday
Monday, October 9, 2017, is a City holiday. Remember to mark your timesheet for that day as HO 8.0. Since the holiday is only for eight hours, those of you on the 9/80 schedule must adjust your hours accordingly within the same pay period. (Non-FLSA exempt employees can only adjust their hours within their defined work week.) Check with your division timekeeper if you have any questions.

LA vs SF Softball Game
Come support our team! The Bureau of Engineering will be playing San Francisco engineers in our annual softball game on Saturday, October 7, 2017. The game will be start at 10:00 am at the Sepulveda Basin Sports Complex, 6201 Balboa Blvd, Van Nuys, CA 91406.

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 5, 2017.

Nominations Open for PW Outstanding Employee, Outstanding Team & Outstanding Supervisor
Message from Public Works Commissioner Joel Jacinto:
I am pleased to announce that the Public Works Task Force (Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale--TEAM) is ready to continue the formal nomination process for Outstanding Employee, Outstanding Team, and/or Outstanding Supervisor.

Since this is the first call for nominations in some time, I am requesting your assistance in disseminating nomination forms to ensure that staff of all levels have an opportunity to participate. The first round of nomination forms should be submitted to your Bureau TASK Force representative on or before Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

Thank you all for your leadership and for participating in this important process that celebrates and reinforces the positive contributions of individuals and teams in our great department!

Background
The Public Works Task Force for Employee Achievement and Morale (TEAM) believes that excellence in the workplace should be recognized. Comprised of employees from all bureaus of the Department of Public Works, the Task Force acts as an advisory body to the Board in seeking ways to improve employee morale. The purposes of the Task Force are to focus on stimulating team building efforts throughout the Department, to encourage a management philosophy which endorses a concern for people desiring productivity, and to recognize effective and outstanding performance by Public Works’ employees, supervisors or teams. To help fulfill our mission, we offer the opportunity for our employees to recognize fellow employees, supervisors or teams by completing a nomination form for one of the Task Force Awards.

Criteria for Outstanding Employee
The Outstanding Employee award recognizes the employee who displays an exceptional job-related service. This individual should be highly motivated, highly dedicated, demonstrate good work ethics, maintain a positive viewpoint and utilize effective communication skills to inspire his/her fellow employees. It is important that he/she continuously show courtesy toward others in his/her daily interactions in public service.

Criteria for Outstanding Team
The Outstanding Team award recognizes an accomplishment with a clear-cut goal that benefits or will benefit the City, its employees or the public at large (i.e., savings for the City monetarily, either in time or in effort). To qualify for this award, a team must show harmony and team work in the pursuit of accomplishing this worthwhile goal.

Nomination Process for Outstanding Employee
• The Supervisor or co-worker(s) of the employee generates the nomination for this award. They must complete the nomination form and be as specific as possible. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.
• The Task Force will review and verify all information on the candidate.
• The candidate selected for the “Outstanding Employee” award will be recognized at a presentation given by the Board of Public Works.
• Questions regarding the status of the nomination should be directed to the designated bureau representative on the Task Force or Raoul Mendoza at (213) 978-0256.
• All completed nomination forms should be submitted to the Bureau representative on the Task Force.

Criteria for Outstanding Supervisor
The Outstanding Supervisor award recognizes the employee who displays exceptional leadership skill, manages and motivates employees, and sets a good example by demonstrating good work ethics and dedication. This individual exercises excellent judgment and ability, as well as encouraging employees to promote by offering training. An Outstanding Supervisor also provides a positive atmosphere for his or her staff to accomplish work goals. It is important that he/she continuously show courtesy toward others in his/her daily interactions in public service.

Nomination Process for Outstanding Supervisor
• The Employee or co-worker(s) of the Supervisor generates the nomination for this award. They must complete the nomination form and be as specific as possible. Additional sheets may be used if necessary.
• The Task Force will review and verify all information on the candidate.
• The candidate selected for the “Outstanding Supervisor” award will be recognized at a presentation given by the Board of Public Works.
• Questions regarding the status of the nomination should be directed to the designated bureau representative on the Task Force or Raoul Mendoza at (213) 978-0256.
• All completed nomination forms should be submitted to the Bureau representative on the Task Force.

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