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California "Roars" Back

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Is California roaring back? You might think so from the vast \$260 billion state budget for next fiscal year. At least the wealthy are doing well and making piles of money. But there are signs of broader problems on the horizon. For example, a recent jobs report shows that the number of total non-farm jobs in California is down 7% today versus pre-pandemic employment levels. Keep in mind that the "one-percenters" or top earners who live in this state reportedly are paying one half of the state's income tax. If the top earners get fed up with the tax and regulatory burden here and move their operations elsewhere, that could have a profound effect on the State's finances. So, as California becomes more toxic to vital business activity, it seems that California should take a harder look at the question of whether or not we are driving businesses out of the state.

Several months back, it was reported that the billionaire, Elon Musk was relocating his Tesla manufacturing firm from Oakland to Texas. This was after his firm was hit with a pandemic shut down order on top of the many layers of regulatory mandates that make doing business in California tough. This includes the union organizing efforts that are a common experience here in California for companies that have large numbers of non-union employees. The shutdown order was apparently the last straw for Musk, which was followed by a dust up with one of San Diego's well known assembly members on Twitter.

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California policies have created the highest in the nation cost-of-living, and strictest in the nation regulatory costs, which have resulted in key sectors moving jobs to lower cost states, according to the California Center for Jobs and the Economy. Current events, with some of our regulatory agencies, are cause for concern that the trends are going to continue. Several regulatory developments are of importance to the construction industry and are moving quickly.

The State Water Board is now contemplating a new Storm Water Construction General Permit (CGP) which they theoretically do every ten years. Recently, a draft of the new permit was released for public comment. The comment period is set to end on August 13. The draft CGP, at first blush, is a remarkable piece of regulatory overreach. As written, the CGP will drive up the cost of thousands of projects throughout the state, including state and local transportation infrastructure projects, school construction, electric and water utility construction, housing projects, and more.

The main feature of the proposed CGP that is different than present regulations is a requirement to meet new limits for specified pollutants that cannot be eliminated by the use of what are commonly known as best management practices. Because the new limits include not just sediment you can see, but extremely small elements you can't see that require much more extensive treatment to eliminate from storm water; every project would have to install costly water treatment facilities on construction projects to comply with these strict standards.

The burdensome permit proposal would significantly increase costs for all construction. This in the end will hurt taxpayers and consumers without corresponding benefits to water quality. For instance, Caltrans, in a report to the California Transportation Commission, found that complying with this mandate would increase compliance costs four-fold.

The other usual suspect regulatory agency in California is the California Air Resources Board (CARB). CARB continues to target the construction industry while ignoring others. The most recent topic at CARB is to look at the emissions of off-road diesel equipment. This has the potential of significantly impacting construction. CARB's efforts to ramp up regulations are being closely watched by a construction industry coalition for air quality, as costly new requirements are being contemplated for the owners of fleets of off-road diesel equipment.

Finally, there is the affordable housing situation. The lack of same is the main reason poverty is so high, and homelessness is so rampant all over this state. In response, California lawmakers have introduced several bills to allow for new housing development without undergoing lengthy and costly local approvals. But there is a catch.



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The bills that are moving through the legislature have required that the workforce on these housing projects be "skilled and trained." Which means, per the labor code, contractors and subcontractors on these projects would have to hire workers who are graduates of apprenticeship programs for at least 30% of workers in most trades, and 60% in a handful of trades. According to affordable housing developers, this means primarily union workers, and according to them, would drive up prices and make most projects not feasible.

Setting aside the union versus non-union debate, with higher than ever steep prices barring most Californians from buying homes and pushing thousands of people onto the streets each year, is this good policy?

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Becca Schaffer, Education and Safety Training Marketing Manager

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In Case you missed the Big News...AGC San Diego Launched New Website and Member Portal

Kellie Korhonen, Digital Communications and Technology Manager


You might have noticed a new look on agcsd.org as AGC San Diego launched its new website. The streamlined and responsive website works on both the computer and mobile phones, features a new event and class registration system, and Member Portal. If you haven't visited agcsd.org lately - check it out today!

The website is part of a new backend digital infrastructure that provides the staff more tools to help manage the membership, and provides new features for our members when accessing our new Member Portal.

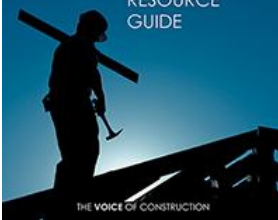
One of the new features is a robust online Member Directory, which includes a variety of search and listing features for members as a part of our new Member Portal. The online Member Directory includes listings for Certified Business, CSI Codes, and our directory of Service Providers. You can find the Member Directory on the website top menu under *Member Services*. The [Member Directory](#) is a membership benefit, so in order to view search results, members will need to login into the new Member Portal.

Another feature is our updated [Event and Class Registration calendar](#) and registration system. The event calendar features three views: a monthly calendar, a weekly calendar, and a list by month view. The calendar can be searched by date, or you can choose the event type under the "Filter by Event Type" to see just AGC Events or our Safety Training classes. To receive member pricing on our

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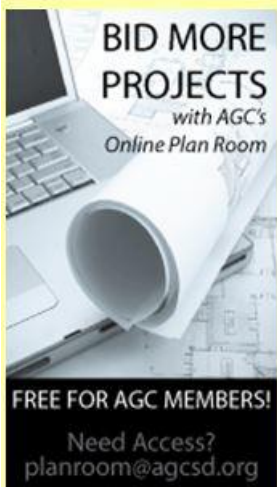
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How do I get access to the Member Portal?

Over the next two weeks, we will be emailing out members' access to the Member Portal and providing all main company contacts information about how to add employees, or request access for employees not already registered in the system.

Would you like to join now? Visit the [Member Portal login](#) page and select "*forgot your password?*" and fill out the information to receive the password reset to login into your account. We might not have you already set up in our system, so if you receive this error "*A user with that email was not found,*" you will need to fill out the [Member Portal Login Form](#) to request a login be created in our system. If you have any additional questions about the Member Portal, you can email the staff at memberportal@agcsd.org.

Over the next few months, we will be rolling out self-service features to the membership including:

- Online Member Directory listing updates
- Updating listings under "Certified Business"
- News and information tailored to your membership

If you have additional questions or looking for something on the website you cannot locate, please email Kellie Korhonen at kellie@agcsd.org.



30 tickets left for AGC Day at the Races event, July 23 at the Del Mar Racetrack!

Rae Krushensky, Director of Membership Services, Meetings & Events

It's confirmed! The Annual AGC Day at the Races event is back, and is scheduled for **Friday, July 23**, at the Del Mar Racetrack.

There are now only 30 tickets left for this event!

Reserved tables are available for those who register for **8 guests or more**, otherwise this event is "**Open Seating.**"

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The AGC Meetings & Events Committee Announces the 82nd Annual Affiliate Day Golf Tournament at the Sycuan Singing Hills Golf Resort on Friday, August 6, 2021

This is AGC's premier event supporting the AGC / SDSU Construction Engineering & Management Program.

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The Golf Committee is also thrilled to inform our members that we are back to the pre-COVID, shotgun start format, with an earlier start time of 10:30 a.m. Registration will be at 8:00 a.m.

Golf spots for this tournament go quickly, so if you want to participate, get your registration forms in now. Names for your golfers can be given to us later.

Once we fill up, a waiting list will be started!

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Thursday, July 15

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July 13 - **Stormwater Forum** (Virtual)

July 15 - **Excel - Intermediate**
July 15 - **Scaffold CPT**
July 15 - **Fall Protection Refresher/Update Training for Competent Person**
July 19 - **Qualified Rigger & Signal Person**
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Jul. 9 - **Technology Committee Meeting** - Noon [@ Lakeside](#)
Jul. 12 - **EGCC** - 1:00 p.m. - [GoToMeeting](#)
Jul. 15 - **Government Relations Committee Meeting** - 10:00 a.m. [@ Lakeside](#)
Jul. 20 - **Meetings & Events** - Noon [@ Lakeside](#)
Jul. 21 - **Build & Serve Committee Happy Hour Meeting** - 3:30 p.m. [Location TBA](#)
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Jul. 22 - **City of SD Liaison** - 1:00 p.m. - [GoToMeeting](#)
Jul. 22 - **CLC** - 4:00 p.m. [@ Lakeside](#)
Jul. 27 - **County** - 1:00 p.m. - [Go-To-Meeting](#)
Jul. 28 - **Public Building Liaison** - 7:00 a.m. [@ Lakeside](#)

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Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

According to recent research, the U.S. construction industry will need to add **430,000 new workers** to keep up with the **increased demand for construction** services in 2021. The research projects overall construction spending will increase by 1.3 percent in 2021 to \$1.45 trillion. Many industry experts say that for every \$1 billion in additional construction spending, it creates an average of 5,700 jobs in the industry. That means that an impressive 430,000 more construction workers still need to be hired in 2021 to meet the demand, and it is also evidence that the construction industry is powering America's recovery and economic engine.

But the U.S. construction industry has struggled with a skilled labor shortage for much of the last decade as its workforce has gradually aged out, and interest in careers in the skilled trades has fallen. Though unemployment rose during the pandemic, it has not sent waves of job seekers into the construction industry.

Construction's labor shortage problem threatens to worsen as homebuilding continues to boom, and infrastructure projects are set to increase over the next few years. To support this level of growth, trade associations and industry advocates will need to invest even more time and resources into recruiting the industry's future workforce

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Businesses nearly everywhere in America say they are desperate for workers. The latest statistical evidence of this is in a recent Labor Department report of a record 9.3 million job openings in April. Employers are filling about one of every fifteen new positions.

The mismatch between labor supply and demand is especially acute in construction, where hires declined by 107,000 even as job openings increased by 23,000. Manufacturing job openings increased by 102,000 while hires fell 38,000. Worker shortages are contributing to supply-chain bottlenecks and higher prices for businesses and consumers. As America's job market rebounds this summer, and the need for workers intensifies, employers will not likely have a chance to relax anytime soon. Worker shortages will likely persist for years after the fast-reopening economy shakes off its growing pains.

One fact not widely reported is that the number of working aged people did something last year that had never done in the nation's history: It shrank. Estimates from the Census Bureau showed that the U.S. population ages 16 through 64 fell 0.1% in 2020 - a scant drop, but the first decline of any kind after decades of steady increases. It reflected a sharp fall in immigration, the retirements of the vast baby boom generation, and a slowing birth rate. The size of the 16-64 age group was also diminished last year by thousands of deaths from the coronavirus.

It is not entirely clear how population patterns will unfold once the pandemic fully fades. But even if the working age population resumes growing, it will almost certainly do so at an anemic pace. A continuing drop in that population, or even a tepid increase, would pose a problem for the economy. A healthy economic expansion has always depended on robust population growth to fuel consumer spending, justify business expansion, and drive corporate earnings. Without a sizable influx of new workers, growth could stagnate.

With population growth sluggish, economic expansion would hinge on whether companies could make their workers more productive. An increase in productivity, often made through investments in labor-saving technology, could further raise pay. Living standards would rise even if the economy struggled to grow at what is normally considered a healthy pace.

A fundamental long-term drag on the working-age population is the exit of the enormous baby boom generation from the labor force. The number of people ages 65 and over will likely jump 30% over the next decade. We have never really been in this type of situation before... there is just not enough (young adults) to replace people who are leaving.

Gad Levanon, an economist at the Conference Board, said the drop in the working age population will be particularly evident among Americans without college degrees. As aging baby boomers retire, they are being replaced by younger workers who are likelier to be



college graduates. Blue-collar workers - anyone without a four-year degree - will become scarcer. That trend will likely exacerbate labor shortages in such industries as manufacturing, construction, retail, restaurants, and hotels.

So, what is being done in the construction industry to attack this immediate shortage of skilled workers? Several efforts are underway which we would like to highlight in future articles in the coming weeks.

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Dustin Steiner, VP Government and Industry Relations



In the classic novel, *Lord of the Flies*, a group of boys is stranded on a deserted island and must find a way to get along to survive. In an effort to create some order, the protagonist, Ralph, finds a conch shell and uses it to assemble the boys and establish his role as leader. Ralph decides that whoever is holding the conch is allowed to

speak, and it becomes the symbol of power.

Every two years in this system of ours, we hold an election. As the party in power embarks on its agenda, we often hear the refrain "*elections have consequences.*" In 2020, we saw a change in D.C. as Democrats captured the White House and the Senate. Locally, the balance of power shifted left at both the Board of Supervisors and in the Mayor's office, and the majority at the City Council moved from 6-3 to 8-1. Now, about those consequences...


On February 6, 2009, just 17 days after taking the Oath of Office, President Obama signed [Executive Order \(EO\) 13502](#) which established "...the policy of the Federal Government to encourage executive agencies to consider requiring the use of project labor agreements in connection with large-scale construction projects in order to promote economy and efficiency in Federal procurement." Fast forward to 2021, and his Vice President, Joe Biden, is sitting in the chair and we have it on good authority that he is planning to take this EO a step further and mandate it, rather than encouraging it on federal projects \$25 million and up.



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Locally, the Board of Supervisors will consider an [item \(21\)](#) tomorrow to draft a so-called "Working Families Ordinance" to "*set baseline employment standards for County construction projects*" and "*require the prequalification of prospective bidders and proposers on County public works projects.*"

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In the Business Impact Statement of the Board Letter, it says quite bluntly "Implementing the Working Families Ordinance will likely have a business impact for construction firms, potentially increasing overhead costs and reducing competition in procurement."

Meanwhile, over at the City, the Rules Committee will be considering a [ballot measure](#) to overturn 2012's Proposition A, which put in place a ban on Project Labor Agreements (PLAs). Prop A was supported by 58% of the voters and the *San Diego Union-Tribune (UT)*. In 2011, the Legislature passed SB 922 to prevent cities from passing PLA bans by threatening to withhold state funding for construction projects. The same SB 922 which is being used as the justification for putting this back on the ballot, despite no evidence that any money has been withheld or restricted by the State.

Next week, the SANDAG Board of Directors will consider a "Workforce Development Program" to "enter into a community benefits and local hire agreement (READ: PLA), including whether to direct staff to negotiate such an agreement with the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council."

PLAs are not merely a policy preference as the *UT* has described in the past, but come at the expense of better school facilities, local inclusion, diversity, environmental goals, and affordable housing. These conflicts have been laid bare in Sacramento (see recent Politico article [HERE](#)) and still exist in San Diego. **PLAs are inherently costly and exclusionary, and their impacts to other local priorities should be debated instead of just granting the wishes of whoever is holding the conch...**

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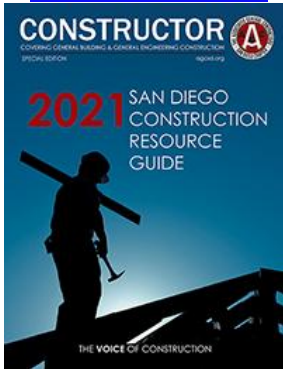
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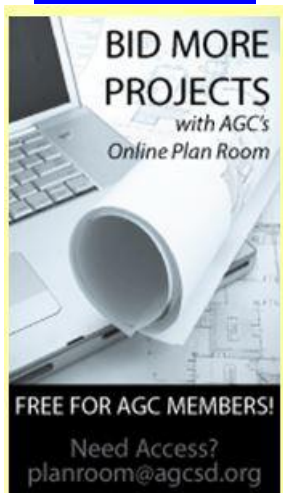


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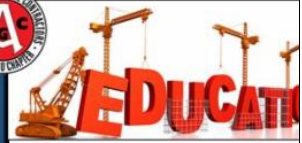
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More than Where the Turf Meets the Surf

Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Fancy hats and seersucker lined the stands as nearly 16,000 race fans descended upon the Del Mar Racetrack for the 82nd summer season Friday evening. While the crowd was limited by health officials, it was yet another sign of "normalcy" as this San Diego tradition returned with actual spectators following a year long hiatus. With infrastructure talks heating up in Washington D.C., and campaigns getting under way here locally, there are more races to watch beyond where the turf meets the surf...

Senators are racing against a Wednesday deadline set by Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer. Last week, Democratic Senators reached a deal on a \$3.5 trillion "human infrastructure" bill that includes such priorities as child care, healthcare, education and climate-change. Progressives like Sen. Bernie Sanders had favored a higher price tag of \$6 trillion, but seem appeased by this "compromise." Meanwhile, the bipartisan deal negotiated by ten Senators a few weeks ago, with traditional infrastructure, like roads and bridges, and the more modest price tag of \$579 billion is set to be considered as early as Wednesday. Beyond Schumer's deadline, Senators are also racing to get out of the hot, muggy, D.C. summer for the August recess. You can bet, given the high stakes, that there will be much more jockeying among Senators before they leave town.

SANDAG is gearing up to run a race for a sales tax increase to pay for the so-called "5 Big Moves." The SANDAG Board will be considering



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drafting a Project Labor Agreement on Friday that could decide who they want as running mates in this campaign. With the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council mentioned specifically in the item, we know who at least one of the partners is on the roughly \$166 billion ballot measure.

At the County, incumbent Supervisor Jim Desmond officially has a race on his hands. Retired Marine Corps Colonel Doug Applegate has announced his intention to run for the seat. Applegate, you may recall, surprised political observers in 2016 when he came within 1,621 votes of unseating long-time incumbent Congressman Darrell Issa. Local officials have their own take on Bing Crosby's famous jingle, and often say with pride that they work "where the rubber meets the road" as they are tasked with implementing policies, and spending measures set forth by federal and state governments. Supervisor Desmond has done a commendable job of this during his first term and that is why your AGC endorsed him earlier this year.

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What's Next for Infrastructure Funding in Washington?
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since colonial times and the creation of the bicameral U.S. Congress. Sometimes it is hard to understand what these people are doing inside the Capital. Here is a summary of what we think is going on related to infrastructure funding in D.C. as of this morning.

On June 24th, a bipartisan group of senators who have been working on an infrastructure plan reached a deal with President Biden who announced the \$1.2 trillion plan would move forward. The White House's long sought-after bipartisan infrastructure deal could hit the Senate floor as early as this week, but nothing is certain.

The bipartisan deal is a \$1.2 trillion framework to fund roads, electric vehicle charging stations, broadband, and other physical infrastructure. The pared-down plan calls for \$579 billion in new spending over five years, which includes \$110 billion invested in roads, bridges, and other major projects.

The lawmakers are still trying to figure out how exactly to fund these goodies, which include no new taxes, yet cover nearly \$600 billion in new spending. Before breaking for July 4, senators settled on using infrastructure privatization and unused coronavirus aid, and unspent unemployment benefits to help pay for the legislation. The plan is expected to encourage widespread economic recovery through 2026 and create 775,000 new jobs.

Congress must now finish the job and pass legislation to make the critical investments contained in the bipartisan framework a reality. To be clear, the infrastructure plan is merely a down payment on the country's overwhelming infrastructure needs. From deficient roads, obsolete bridges, crumbling dams and levees, and inadequate airports, storm drainage, pipes, and broadband, Congress must do more, including the completion of the surface transportation reauthorization process before the FAST Act expires at the end of summer, less than three months from today.

The Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act signed in 2015, was the first federal law, in over a decade, to provide long-term funding certainty for surface transportation infrastructure planning and investment. With its expiration looming over the industry for years, funding certainty has been a struggle causing many projects to be delayed or even cancelled.

Recently, the House advanced H.R. 3684, the INVEST in America Act, a partisan infrastructure bill that barely passed on partisan lines. H.R. 3684 is a \$715 billion surface transportation reauthorization and water infrastructure bill that is intended to help shape the larger infrastructure package and would reauthorize surface transportation programs that are set to expire this year. Meanwhile, the September 30 deadline looms.

The Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act of 2021 (STRA) bill was unanimously passed by the Senate Environment and Public Works



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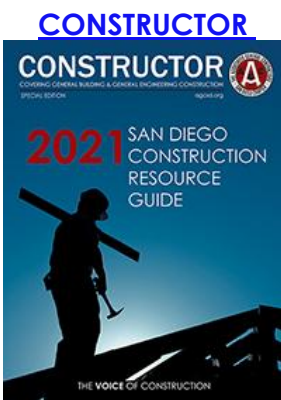
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(EPW) Committee last month, but progress has stalled. The EPW surface reauthorization bill would increase federal highway investment by 34%, while pursuing important environmental review and approval process reforms. The bill would also protect infrastructure assets from future natural disasters, preserve state flexibility, and improve the safety of the country's transportation assets.

The industry is urging a long-term reauthorization well before September, and hopeful there will not be another one-year extension as was passed in 2020. Short-term extensions generate significant disruptions and uncertainty for state transportation programs and the people and businesses relying on infrastructure development. The industry will continue to push for progress to be made on the STRA with a full surface transportation reauthorization bill ready for floor consideration before the August work period ends.

While an immediate boost from an infrastructure deal would feel great this summer, any infrastructure package, if passed, will not really begin boosting economic growth for several years, as it takes time for major building and repair projects to get under way. But in future years, a large infusion of money into infrastructure projects will be a major catalyst to the economy's growth rate if history is our guide.

The construction industry outside of Washington D.C. is also applauding the bipartisan deal as it would not raise taxes on corporations. Instead, it is proposed to be paid for with unused COVID-19 relief money, user fees, increased tax compliance and other measures.

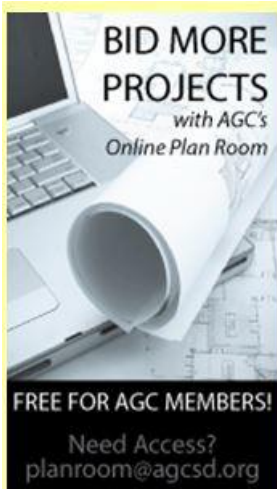
While bipartisan agreement is a significant step forward, Congress has a long summer ahead of them sorting out the details.

Public Comment Period is Open on Revised Storm Water Permit

Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The State Water Quality Control Board has released a "Draft" Construction Storm Water General Permit (CGP) for public review and comment. This process is referred to by the Water Board as the "reissuance" of the CGP, which is done roughly every ten years.

Several construction industry coalitions have started the process of developing comments on new requirements in the permit involving new types of testing, additional frequency of testing along with significant increase in reporting and uploading of information to a public database. AGC San Diego is actively participating in this process, along with Stormwater Compliance Specialists from member construction companies.



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The new costs of compliance are still being analyzed by industry, but are expected to be significant. A report by Caltrans to the California Transportation Commission recently pegged the additional costs of compliance, if this permit goes into effect, at about a fourfold increase.

The process is expected to play out over the coming months, but what is publicly released for now is the following:

- August 4 Public Hearing
- August 13 Written Comment Letters must be received before noon.

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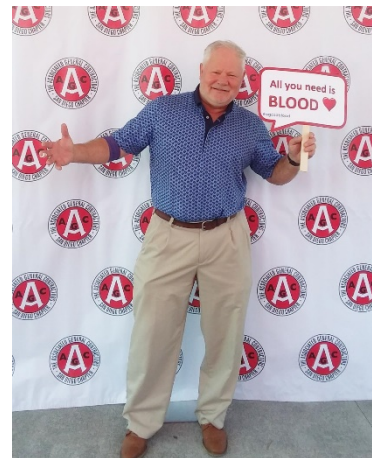
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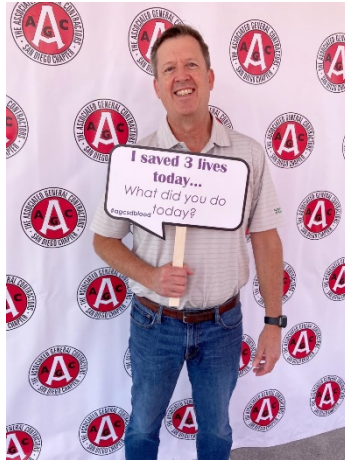


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SANDAG Board Votes to "Negotiate" a Union-Only Project Labor Agreement

Eddie Sprecco, CEO

On Friday, the SANDAG board of directors voted to "negotiate" exclusively with the San Diego Building Trades Council for a union-only Project Labor Agreement (PLA), despite earlier commitments from the same board to allow for apprentices from the National Black Contractors Association and other state or federally approved Apprenticeship programs, such as AGC San Diego Apprenticeship.

This latest move is disappointing, but not surprising. PLAs of this type are not actually "negotiated" in any real sense. There is a standard set by the [National Building Trades Unions](#) and rigorously enforced. These standards use exclusion as a feature, not as a bug. They are intended to exclude non-union workers and force benefit payments to subsidize underfunded union plans at the benefit of their union members, and at the expense of the non-union workers who earned the benefits but won't receive them.

It is lucrative business for the San Diego Building Trades Council to pass PLAs, which is why they have invested over \$10 million in the past decade to legislate unionization where traditional organizing efforts have failed. The long term, multi-front effort includes changing election laws and state legislation that restructures local government, and threatens to cut off state funding unless PLAs are adopted over the will of the local voters. The unrealized threat of losing state funding, which the Building Trades Council themselves created, is



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intended to make the costs of PLAs seem reasonable to the uninformed.

Those PLA costs are HIGH. In practice, PLAs in San Diego have a history of increasing project costs by 15-25%, lowering workers' average pay, undermining collective bargaining, [hurting local hire efforts](#), and [discriminating against minority craft workers](#).

For these reasons, AGC has traditionally opposed blanket PLAs like currently proposed at SANDAG. It's not just that blanket PLAs will harm some of our members and be hugely disruptive to the construction industry - it's that those impacts will be felt mostly by the very SANDAG board that is authorizing them. At the end of the day, AGC members will build the infrastructure of the region - it will just be delivered at a much higher cost to SANDAG's budget and its other priorities if under a PLA.

In Sacramento, elected officials in the state legislature have come slowly to the realization what a [corrosive force the Building Trades Unions](#) can be. Per Politico, said one understandably anonymous Democratic lawmaker of the State Building Trades, *"To not be able to make progress on housing and climate is totally unacceptable, and they're a huge part of the reason we're not making progress."* The failure to address housing - a top issue for California voters - has also [given life to the recall campaign against California Governor Gavin Newsom](#), which was once considered far-fetched.

The political ramifications of the Building Trades Councils actions in San Diego will likely be more direct. By attempting to pass a PLA that excludes 80% of contractors, craft workers and voters in San Diego County, SANDAG will doom its hopes in 2022 of passing a 30-year, \$160 billion transportation funding initiative to build out its already ambitious 2021 Regional Plan. Unfortunately, the 2022 ballot is likely the only chance to pass such an initiative with a bare 50% plus one vote; the court decision that allows less than a 2/3rds majority for citizens initiatives to increase taxes is widely expected to be tossed out.

AGC wants the SANDAG Board to be successful in implementing its ambitious goals while juggling its many competing priorities. We will continue to point out the problems with PLAs and suggest solutions to mitigate the downside - such as limiting PLAs to large, complex projects. This would mostly erase the negative effects of blanket PLAs while allowing small, local contractors, and local workers to participate and be fully compensated. That is the role of the AGC when working with local governments - pointing out to the decision makers the potential benefit or harm of a policy that will impact the construction industry.



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In the public building world, those benefits and harms are borne almost entirely by the taxpayers and voters of San Diego. Like in Sacramento, affordable housing proponents, social justice, environmentalists, supporters of transit advocates, and taxpayers associations - those not funded by the Building Trades Council - will need to have a louder voice to protect their priorities from the destructive and self-perpetuating nature of blanket PLAs.

Hopefully, the SANDAG board will listen to the concerns of these many stakeholders and present a solution later this year that balances priorities. Otherwise, SANDAG risks being a regional planning organization in name only, with future construction funding and decisions going directly to local governments that will argue to their constituents, "you are better off keeping your tax dollars here than sending them to downtown San Diego."

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Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

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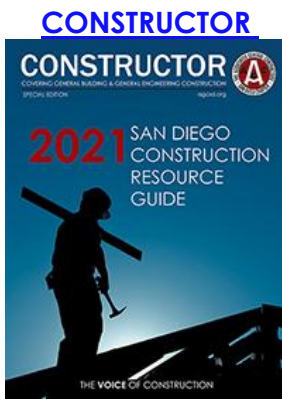


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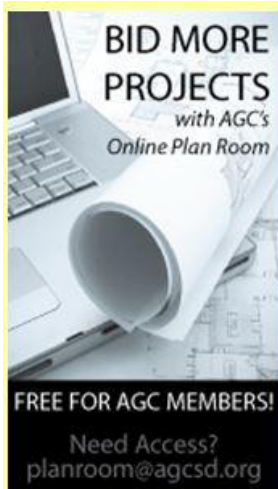
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JULY MEETINGS

- Jul. 27 - **County** - 1:00 p.m. *via Go-To-Meeting*
- Jul. 27 - **Meetings & Events** - Noon @ **Lakeside**
- Jul. 28 - **Public Building Liaison** - 8:00 a.m. @ **Lakeside**
- Jul. 28 - **CLC** - 4:00 p.m. @ **Lakeside**

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- Aug. 4 - **Safety Committee** - 7:00 a.m. *via Go to Meeting*
- Aug. 11 - **Education Committee** - 11:30 a.m. @ **Lakeside**
- Aug. 13 - **Technology Committee** - 12:00 p.m. @ **Lakeside**
- Aug. 19 - **Affiliate Council** - 11:30 a.m. @ **Lakeside**
- Aug. 26 - **Port Liaison** - 11:45 a.m. - TBA

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