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## INDUSTRY NEWS



### End of the AGC Year – Finish Strong With 2022 Annual Meeting

*By Eddie Sprecco, Chief Executive Officer*

This year was yet another challenging year for the construction industry as remnants of 2020 have seemed to linger into 2021, and 2022.... Despite

the hurdles, there are many accomplishments to highlight and things to be thankful for.

Most importantly, the construction market remains strong with a lot of work hitting the street in 2022 and scheduled for the out years. At AGC, we had a busy calendar dominated by the negotiation of eight Master Labor Agreements and raising (then spending) \$2,000,000 on local elections that impact the industry – with a great majority of our preferred candidates and initiatives being successful.

On Saturday, the Annual AGC Holiday Dinner Dance at the Hotel Del Coronado was a packed house - a great indicator of an industry celebrating a successful year and looking forward to the challenges of 2023. And now the work goes on....

Next Thursday at the AGC San Diego's 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, we will recap 2022 for AGC San Diego, and look to the future of the Chapter and the industry: Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton San Diego on Mission Bay (**1775 East Mission Bay Drive, San Diego, CA 92109**).

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In the words of President Kennedy "Things do not happen. Things are made to happen." I encourage all AGC member firms to actively participate on December 15 and help make 2023 another great year for the industry. See you there!



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## California Mandates a Carbon-Free Future

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

While California baked under record-high temperatures last September and the state's residents turned up their air conditioners to cope, electricity consumption hit an all-time peak. Governor Newsom pleaded with Californians to minimize consumption in the all-important late afternoon and evening hours, thus averting rolling blackouts that grid managers had feared would be needed to avoid systemic collapse. Luck also played a role – no major power plant shutdowns. The last governor to have rolling blackouts was Governor Davis who was removed by recall.

It just so happens that the September test of the power grid's resilience came just a few days after the Legislature passed legislation to speed up California's conversion to a carbon-free electrical grid by 2045. That day's experience provides us with a snapshot of what must happen for that conversion to occur. The picture is not pretty.

The legislation, [Senate Bill 1020](#), requires that California get 90% of its power from renewable sources by 2035 – the same year the state is now scheduled to end sales of

gasoline-powered cars – and 95% by 2040 while retaining the 2045 deadline for converting to a carbon-free electrical grid.

Most of the taxpayers in this state have little idea that the legislature and governor are passing legislation into law that will give state bureaucracies broad power to upend our economy and the lives of our citizens. Since, the transition is somewhat slow, most folks will not notice that it is happening, which is clever. If folks really had knowledge of what is happening in this state, would they throw the bums out?

During the September heat wave, when power consumption peaked in the late afternoon, the experts tell us that renewable sources, principally solar panels, supplied just over a quarter of our electric grid juice, while plants powered by natural gas and coal, many of which are in other states, were producing and supplying most of it. Later, as the sun began to set, solar arrays generated steadily less power, finally tapering off to zero, while the gas and coal plants' share of the load increased rapidly. This happens in California every day.

The experts on climate crisis now tell us that the heat wave in September will become more common. Meanwhile, California theoretically will, in just 13 years, more than triple its proportion of renewable power production. But there's more. Power demand will not only increase due to climate change, but because California will be shifting everything it can from being now powered by gasoline, propane, or diesel to electricity.

In previous legislation the legislature and governor have quietly put in motion future bans on selling cars, and trucks and buses that have internal combustion engines. Meeting ambitious goals for zero-emission cars, delivery, and big rig trucks – the vast majority of them powered by batteries – will require much more power to recharge them so that Californians can continue to drive almost a billion miles a day.

The state now has a few battery banks to preserve solar power but scaling up will be enormously difficult and expensive. And then there is the electric grid itself. Which is a massive complex of high-voltage lines linking generators and importing power from other states. This will need upgrading, not only to handle the conversion of natural gas and coal power sources, to renewable energy sources, but also to meet rising demands.

So, who believes that this state is really up to the task that the new legislative mandates call for? Which is in a nutshell going to be the most ambitious and enormous set of projects ever undertaken in California. Imagine small city sized properties packed with multi-story banks of batteries. Imagine the vast solar arrays on environmentally sensitive lands. And then there will be a very expensive, relatively rapid conversion and expansion of this immensely complicated and vital thing we call the grid. Who knows how much it is going to cost? Who is going to plan this massive project? How many years will it take to complete the environmental studies and purchase property rights?

Keep in mind that this is a state government that took a quarter-century to replace one third of the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge after the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. This is a state that has been clumsily futzing around with a bullet train project for 14 years with little progress. This is a state that has a record of dozens of state agency, bungled and botched, information technology projects. The picture is not pretty.

Transforming this state to renewable power generation, battery powered in the evening and a massively expanded state power grid is a giant project that nobody knows about

yet and it will dwarf the projects just mentioned. We have thirteen years to do it, good luck people.

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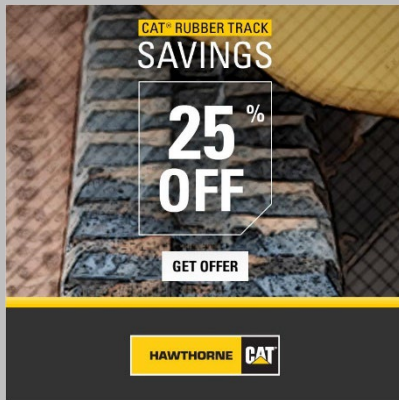
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Please collect unwrapped toys at your offices, and drop off at either of AGC San Diego offices **by Tuesday, December 13**.

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San Diego, CA 92121  
(858) 558-7444  
Contact: [Robin Scott](mailto:Robin.Scott@agc-sd.org)

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Dec. 7 - 4:00 p.m. - **Construction Leadership Council** @ BNBuilders  
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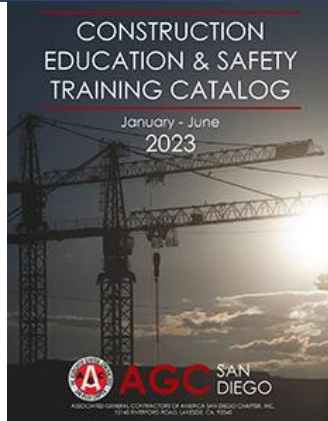
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Dec. 8 - **Microsoft Excel Intermediate**  
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### AGC of America 2023 Convention in Las Vegas

*By Eddie Sprecco, CEO AGC San Diego*

Last time AGC took over Las Vegas we literally shut the joint down! Well, COVID-19 precautions did - but that is ancient history from 2020...

Back together every three years in Las Vegas, the 2023 AGC of America Convention is held jointly with CONEXPO as the largest construction trade show in North America – all AGC attendees get a CONEXPO pass as part of the registration.

So next year, in place of AGC San Diego's spring conference, we are encouraging all AGC members to participate in the National Convention. There are lots of valuable resources to tap into, and with just a short hop from San Diego, it's a great opportunity to attend.

**Alongside incredible keynote speakers, the AGC Annual Convention will feature a host of impactful education breakout sessions covering a variety of key topics to help your company succeed in the year ahead.**

In addition, San Diego Chapter members will be competing for Safety awards, Build America project awards, and other recognitions alongside AGC members from across the country.

AGC San Diego members will be invited to a **Chapter specific dinner on March 15<sup>th</sup>** and chapter staff will be available throughout the week to help navigate attendees through the jam-packed agenda to get the most out of their time: <https://convention.agc.org/agenda/>

In particular, the Divisional meetings are helpful to learn about resources available year-round to contractors in Building, Utility, Federal and Heavy, and Highway and Transportation Segments of the industry. AGC San Diego contractors have leadership roles on several of these Divisions that drive the priorities for AGCA and staff.

If we have learned anything from the nearly three years since COVID upended the construction industry (and the world), it is that having tools to adapt and thrive in a rapidly changing environment is critical for contractors. Working with its 89 affiliated chapters, AGC of America proved to have national clout that helped shape public policy and provide resources that were modified and adopted at the state and local level. AGC of America, in a bitterly divided congress, shepherded through a massive infrastructure investment package while keeping construction essential and safely working.

As we (slowly) put COVID behind us, the next set of challenges is already on the horizon. Staying engaged with AGC is THE way to have the resources to succeed.

**Take advantage of early bird pricing.....Registration is Now Open:**

<https://convention.agc.org/registration-information/>

**Members save \$150 when they register by January 6.**

See you there!

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### **...And Then There Were 50**

*By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations*

Fresh off a sweep of contested Senate races, Democrats were flying high with another win in Georgia as 1/3 term incumbent Senator Raphael Warnock held off a challenge by Georgia football legend Herschel Walker. It was the Senator's second win in as many years as he also won a special election in 2020. He will now serve a full 6-year term before facing another re-election. The win gave Senate Democrats a little breathing room with their 51<sup>st</sup> seat. And, then, just as quickly as they had it, they lost it.

On Friday, Arizona Senator Kyrsten Sinema defected and became an Independent. Students of history may recall a similar move by Senator Jim Jeffords (Vermont) who in 2001, in response to disagreements with the Bush White House, flipped from Republican to Independent handing what had been a 50-50 Senate (with then VP Cheney serving as the tiebreaker), to the Democrats as Jeffords chose to caucus with the Dems, giving them that valuable 51<sup>st</sup> vote. Unlike Jeffords, Sinema is widely expected to continue to caucus with the Democrats (Maine Senator Angus King is also an Independent and caucuses with the Dems). Either way it is a blow to the majority party as Senator Sinema has already proven to be a bit of a maverick when it comes to voting...not unlike another Senator from the Grand Canyon State, John McCain. Sinema's move is interesting as she likely faces a challenge from her own party in what will almost assuredly be a tough re-election in the battleground state. It also puts the spotlight back on West Virginia Senator Joe Manchin, who has wielded great power being a conservative Democrat in a 50-50 Senate. Manchin, too, is facing a tough re-election in 2024 in West Virginia, which has become a reliably red state during his time in office.

On the other side of the Capitol, Californian and current House Minority Leader, Kevin McCarthy is facing some uncertainty of his own. As Republicans prepare to take over

the House majority on January 3, 2023, there is dissension in the ranks. As mentioned in a previous article, the Speaker of the House is actually voted on by the entire House. With 222 Republican seats and 218 votes needed to be elected Speaker, McCarthy can scarcely afford to lose a single vote. Unfortunately for him, there are currently four Republicans who have publicly declared their intention to vote no. McCarthy is a savvy politician and has responded in kind by basically daring them to do it. He has also used the power afforded to him as Minority Leader to postpone committee chair selections until after January 3, giving him a few “carrots” to offer to solidify his base. There is also the real possibility that Florida Rep. Vern Buchanan will retire if he does not get the powerful Ways and Means Committee gavel, which could potentially shrink McCarthy’s margin of error to 3. There has not been a second ballot for Speaker in a century. McCarthy is hoping to not repeat history on that one.

So, why does all of this matter? Well, we have a divided government, but just barely. The White House and Senate remain in Democrat hands, by 1-2 votes, while the House is moving from blue to red by 3-4 votes. One thing is abundantly clear, there will need to be some level of compromise in the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress given the slim margins, or we are in for 2 long years of gridlock leading up to the Presidential election of 2024

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## **Show Me The Money**

*By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations*

Contractors have been asking lately, “Where are all the new infrastructure projects that have been touted by the Biden White House over the last year?” We have been expecting an uptick in construction opportunities any day now, and to this point we haven’t seen much of an increase, except for Caltrans broadband projects that are being fast-tracked to construction.

So, what’s going on? The short answer is that the funding has been allocated, some projects have been identified, but most are still in the project development process somewhere and likely won’t hit the streets for bidding for a year or two.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) includes funding for multiple Federal Departments such as the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Defense. Total IIJA funding so far allocated to California is \$16.24 billion of which \$14.04 billion is dedicated to transportation projects. So, we investigated the numbers for the California transportation projects to get a sense of what the status is of implementing this major infrastructure funding program.

Through the IIJA, California will receive federal infrastructure funding based on formula and competitive grants. Formula is guaranteed funding based on statutory formulas, whereas competitive grants are awarded to states or projects through a competitive selection process.

Based on formula funding alone, the IIJA will bring California an estimated \$41.9 billion over 5 years from Federal Fiscal Year 2022 through Federal Fiscal Year 2026. Most of the bidding and awarding of projects, though, we expect to happen from 2024 to 2026.

As of October 2022, the total transportation funding announced for California that includes formula, grants and competitive funding is \$14.04 billion. Of which the larger pieces are:

Highways - \$11.1 billion

Transit - \$2.2 billion

Airports - \$400 million

The IIJA provides significant funding under the Federal Department of Transportation to improve roadways and bridges, freight projects, public transportation, safety, and address climate change. The formula funds so far distributed to California to date, beginning in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 are as follows:

Roads, Bridges and Freight - \$4.9 billion

Pedestrian and public transportation - \$2.0 billion

Safety - \$330 million

Climate and environment - \$230 million

But, if we look at what is available publicly about IIJA projects in some state of development, the numbers are surprisingly few which tells us that the agencies across the state who are tasked with developing and advertising projects for bidding or proposing, are not yet ramped up to meet the funding levels we now have. Projects in some state of development:

Planning or design - 274 projects - \$1.03 billion

Construction - 41 projects - \$330 million

So far, we believe there are a little over 300 projects in some state of development that have IIJA funding, and those projects are valued at a little over \$1.3 billion.

Of the projects identified and that are at some point of development, only about one-third of those have made it to construction, which fits what the construction industry is so far experiencing. Of the announced funding for California transportation of \$14.04 billion, only about 10% of the funding is in construction or a planning phase. Time to be patient. It takes a few years from identifying funding to start of construction, in a best-case scenario.

This is only the transportation piece of the IIJA but we assume that the other areas of infrastructure are in the same boat and are slowly ramping up.



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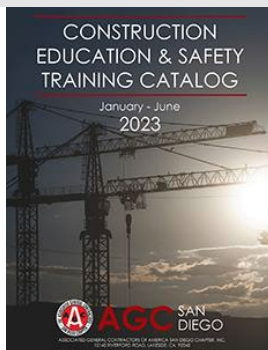
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*By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations*

As John Lennon sang “Another year older...and a new one just begun,” here we are again the week before Christmas and again with apologies to Clement C. Moore, I give you...

#### **Twas the Week Before Christmas - AGC style:**

'Twas the week before Christmas and all through the land  
We wait for Fed dollars to soon be in hand  
A tree full of goodies, from bridges to freeways  
Navigating inflation and the supply chain maze

Our endorsed candidates were nestled all snug in their beds  
While visions of infrastructure danced in their heads  
The red wave was a ripple with margins so tight  
The once and future Speaker is having to fight

When just to our East there arose such a clatter  
I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter  
“I’m done with the party at least for awhile”

Senator Sinema said with a smile

The gridlock is real if we don't figure it out  
That working together is what we're about  
We bargained with Labor to find the right balance  
For work and retention; highlighting talents

On Desmond, on Jones, on Moreno, and Lee  
Now McCann, now Franklin, now vote Yes on C  
Our candidates did well and we won lots of races  
Republicans and Democrats keeping their paces

On Measure D, we fought the good fight  
Supporting our people, shining the light  
This shuts out our workers, it's simply not fair  
But out of town money brought it to bear

Five Big Moves that didn't quite make it  
Onto the ballot, so next chance we take it  
We have five new mayors and next year will bring  
Opportunity together to pass the damn thing

Our message is simple; we just want to work  
With owners or cities wherever they lurk  
We've built San Diego; the roads and the towers  
Every detail in tune, from asphalt to flowers

2023 will arrive with a ring  
As we look to the future to see what it may bring  
It's time to work together and not continue to fight  
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

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## **Region Needs Local Infrastructure Funding**

*By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations*

The San Diego Union Tribune was pretty hard on SANDAG last weekend with the editorial entitled “*Adrift SANDAG Board Needs a Reckoning.*” It is important, though, to the construction industry that this agency regains its footing, because it is the place where decisions to build big new infrastructure projects are made. The editorial may be a good start though on the road to recovery. This construction industry loves big new infrastructure projects, which have been in short supply lately. That needs to change.

SANDAG was not always well known in this region. The agency was once known as the Comprehensive Planning Organization (CPO). The creation of CPO followed the realization by local elected officials in the early 1960's that the rapidly growing San Diego area needed an “association of governments” to provide regional cooperation and coordination in solving such area-wide problems as transportation, land use, air pollution, economic development, and waste disposal. It was at that time a voluntary organization, for the region's cities, with a paid professional staff.

In the early 1970's, CPO was designated by the federal government as the official “metropolitan clearing house” for all federal and state financial programs within the

County that may have a regional impact. CPO was recognized by the U.S. Department of Transportation and Caltrans as the primary transportation planning agency in San Diego. CPO had little clout, no money for projects, and was seen primarily as a place where urban planners debated how to get San Diegans to do the right thing and form a carpool or ride the bus to reduce air pollution.

In 1980, CPO changed its name to SANDAG. Nobody paid much attention to them because the population was exploding, due to housing construction and job creation. The region needed road expansions which is what they got.

Over the decades, the Legislature, federal agencies, and local residents have given SANDAG additional responsibility and authority, and recently altered its underlying governance structure by instituting a population weighted vote instead of one vote, one agency. That has had a major impact.

In 1987 things changed in San Diego. SANDAG became important because of “the golden rule” which is, “he who has the gold makes the rules” and SANDAG now had the gold.

Recognizing the importance of keeping residents, visitors, and commerce on the move, San Diego County voters first approved *TransNet* in November 1987. Collection of the sales tax began the following April and continued for 20 years until 2008. Prior to expiration, voters in 2004 overwhelmingly extended the sales tax for 40 years. The original *TransNet* raised more than \$3.3 billion.

Until recently, the agency oversaw the funding for major new transit and freeway projects that transformed this region. Now the agency is overseeing the paying off of debt and is closer to the old SANDAG which had little money for new projects and was a place where planners debated how to get people out of their cars. The difference now is that the missteps of the last few years, outlined in the Union-Tribunes editorial, are combining to put SANDAG in a position of needing to restore confidence first and then restore the kind of funding that brings new roads and bridges construction back to San Diego. And yes, we understand that present state law seems to preclude that, and that needs to change.

The challenge that SANDAG faces today is that obscure (to most voters) state law has really precluded what most voters will vote for. Relatively new state law requires regions to reduce vehicle miles travelled and sets goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. That means, in shorthand, that projects to reduce congestion are a thing of the past because state law is such that those projects would likely be tied up in court and never happen. Which is why SANDAG came up with the “Five Big Moves,” it would survive legal challenges, but would never happen because voters won’t vote for it, if they must pay for it.

For this region to build the big political tent, like we had in 1987 and 2004, required to pass the *son of Transnet*, we need to have north county, east county, and south county on board as well as environmental advocacy groups, labor and business; much of which is uneasy about labor’s political posture. Without a road congestion relief component as part of a new transportation plan, the only big tents we are going to see are the burgeoning homeless encampments despoiling the region.

I think most people in San Diego believe they will be driving their car, to work and shopping and dropping kids off at school, for the foreseeable future, not riding the bus or a train. Americans also don’t like to be told what to do. SANDAG’s \$160 billion high speed rail and taxing road users plan is the equivalent of trying to sell “ice cubes to

(Eskimos) the peoples native to the arctic region". That plan is not going to happen. We do need a plan that the voters will vote for.

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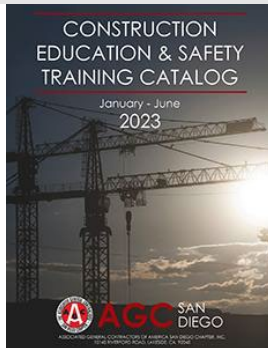
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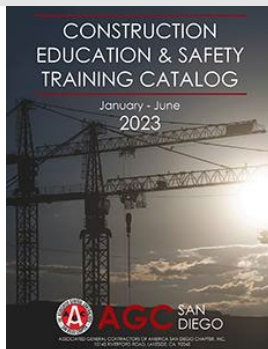
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