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(Special) Election Day

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

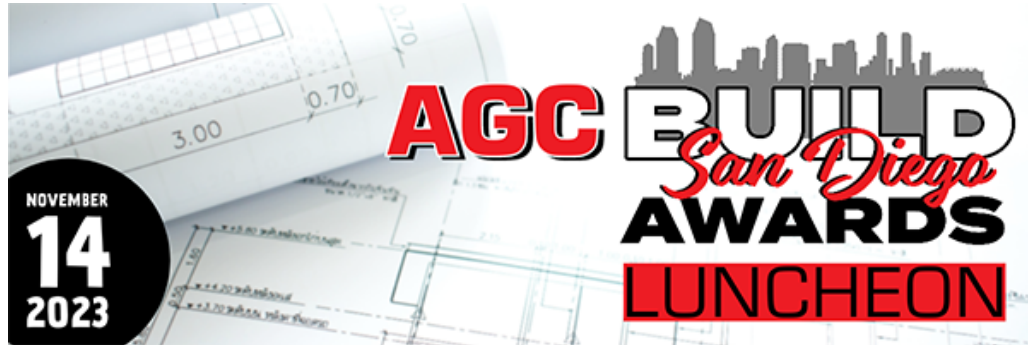
Tomorrow is Election Day! Don't panic (yet), it is *Special* Election Day, so there are only a handful of races happening in San Diego County, but they are all rather important races. One determines the balance of power on the County Board of Supervisors for the next year, one the City Attorney for the second biggest city in the county, and one culminates years of fighting between two North County water districts and the water giant San Diego County Water Authority.

In the first race, two candidates who emerged from the August special election face off to fill the seat vacated by former Supervisor Nathan Fletcher. This has been a fast-paced election cycle that kicked off in May when the Board of Supervisors announced the vacancy would be filled via election as opposed to appointment. Current San Diego City Councilmember **Monica Montgomery Steppe** finished first in round 1 by a rather significant margin topping 40% of the vote in the four-way race. In second place with almost 29% was **Amy Reichert** who unsuccessfully challenged Mr. Fletcher a year ago. These two square off again tomorrow to determine who will serve the remainder of the term (until 2026). While the Board of Supervisors is technically non-partisan, Montgomery Steppe is a Democrat and Reichert is a Republican. This particular seat is deeply blue with a whopping 29% Democrat to Republican registration advantage. Should Montgomery Steppe be successful in her bid for the Board of Supervisors, it will trigger a special election in her council district (also the fourth district, also deeply blue).

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Build San Diego Awards Luncheon

AGC's 2023 Build San Diego Awards luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, November 14** at the Marriott Marquis & Marina. Many special guests are expected, including key public officials and owners.

We are proud to acknowledge our **returning "Title Sponsors,"** whose support is vital to the success of this program:



This event gives AGC an opportunity to showcase the industry and feature the amazing construction projects our members complete. Public and private owners, elected officials, and the media recognize the importance of receiving one of these prestigious awards.

AGC members are encouraged to attend and support this awards ceremony, which reflects the industry's pride in building San Diego.

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AGC of America and Sage Begin Surveying Members for Annual Outlook

Help Us Generate a Comprehensive Outlook for 2024 by Taking the Survey Today

Each year around this time, AGC asks you – our members – to predict what next year will be like for your business. AGC has partnered with [Sage](#) to prepare questions that focus on expectations for market performance, hiring, labor market conditions, etc.

AGC of America will use the survey results to help make the case with elected and appointed officials in support of key member priorities. The more people who complete the [survey](#) by Thursday, December 7, the more effective the results will be in supporting our work on your behalf.



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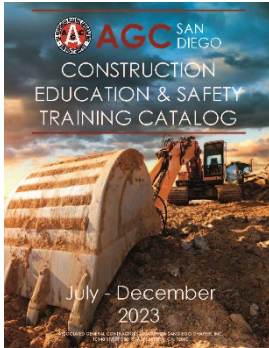
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- Nov. 13 - Ferris - **Fall Protection/Refresher for EM 385 1-1**
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Election Wrap-up

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Last Tuesday was Election Day. Most states hold elections in even number years, but there are a handful who do them in odd number years. Generally, these off-year elections show signs of momentum or spell trouble. Tough to say there was much of either. In *red* Kentucky, current Governor and political legacy, **Andy Beshear** coasted to re-election and held his ground as one of only three Democrats to serve as Governor of Republican-leaning states. In Mississippi, incumbent Governor **Tate Reeves** held off a challenge from Brandon Presley, who is a distant relative of one Elvis Presley. In Virginia, the popularity of Governor **Glenn Youngkin**, who won a surprising victory just two years ago, wasn't enough to win over the legislature in what has been a deeply red, deeply blue, and lately deeply purple state.

In San Diego, it was special election day as we only had races in three parts of the County. The biggest was at the County Board of Supervisors where **Monica Montgomery Steppe** prevailed with over 60% of the vote, fending off Amy Reichert in the run-off. Supervisor Montgomery Steppe shifts the balance of power left, in what has been a 2-2 Board since Nathan Fletcher's resignation last Spring. In what may be her first chance to *politic* at the County level, the next Chair of the Board will be chosen in just a few weeks. Current Chair **Nora Vargas** likely wants another shot at it since her year was largely mired by the Fletcher scandal and then a deadlocked Board. The other Democrat, Supervisor **Lawson-Remer** is likely also angling for the seat of power as she faces a tough re-election battle in 2024 against former San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer. Will Supervisor Montgomery Steppe throw her support behind one of them? Or will she, fresh off the momentum of winning a special election, throw her own proverbial hat in the ring? And, where do the two Republicans on the Board go? Will Supervisors **Desmond** or **Anderson** cut a deal and support one of the Democrats? The Chair of the Board is largely a ceremonial role but gone are the days when this vote was simply a formality.

In Chula Vista, they selected a new City Attorney for the second time in a year. In November 2022, voters elected Simon Silva who unexpectedly passed away during the campaign. This race featured three candidates including the 2022 runner-up, **Dan Smith Diaz**, former

City Attorney **Bart Miesfeld**, and private attorney **Marco Verdugo**. As of press time, it appears very likely that Verdugo will claim victory as he held a nearly 300-vote advantage and things have been trending his way since Tuesday. Chula Vista is the second largest city in the county.

Up north, following years of jostling with the **San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)**, the **Fallbrook Public Utilities District** and **Rainbow Municipal Water District** took their cases to the voters and asked them to formally separate from SDCWA in an effort to save \$7.7 million a year (according to a LAFCO analysis) by switching to Riverside's **Eastern Municipal Water District**. While perhaps not surprising, it was certainly overwhelming as almost 95% of voters in each district voted to secede. Is this a harbinger of things to come for the SDCWA? The geographical location certainly helped in this case, but there is more here than meets the eye.

Lastly, in what may be the biggest story of last week, Senator **Joe Manchin** (D-WV) announced he would not seek re-election. Senator Manchin is a legend in West Virginia. A former governor who has bucked the political trend and continued to be elected as a Democrat in the deeply red state, Manchin also leaves a legacy of compromise and bipartisanship that is becoming far too uncommon in today's political climate. His retirement almost assuredly means a Rep pick-up in WV and recalibrates the national scales for the respective parties as they try to gain control of the evenly divided body. Is this the end of the road for the 76-year-old Senator or might he launch a longshot bid for the White House in 2024?

Inquiring minds want to know.

County Unveils Construction Program

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The County is in the process of developing two multi-year capital plans. The first is the 5-year Public Works Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which focuses primarily on civil infrastructure. The second is called the County Capital Plan which covers improvements to county buildings and facilities including county parks.

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is responsible for developing the Public Works Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which includes improvements to roads, bridges, sewer systems, stormwater and flood control systems, airports, and other infrastructure that serves the public good. Each year, DPW reviews and revises its forecast of planned and potential public infrastructure capital projects and updates the CIP. In October and November, DPW staff has been hosting a series of community workshops to inform the public of the plan and get community input.

The 5-year CIP 2025-2029 includes 196 projects, many of which are in the works right now. During the 5-year period of the plan, we expect about \$1 billion to go out to bid. Many of the projects are under \$1 million and present a great opportunity for small businesses in this region to participate in building and rebuilding our civil infrastructure.

The County of San Diego is also in the process of developing a multi-year County Capital Plan. The plan includes improvements and new construction of county office buildings, fire stations, sheriff stations, live-well centers, and parks. The public has been invited to review

and comment on the plan. The staff is scheduled to present the Capital Plan to the Board of Supervisors in March 2024.

The total program of construction projects in the County Capital Plan is expected to be over \$1.2 billion over the 6-year period of the plan. There are 44 major projects that are in planning or design phase and headed for construction. The building projects will be developed for advertising by the Department of General Services and the parks by the Department of Parks and Recreation. Additionally, the Department of Public Works is slated to put out about \$250 million in projects over the plan period, designed to help the County meet the state's stormwater mandates.

Surprisingly, the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has a large slate of projects included in the Capital Plan. DPR has 27 projects in planning or design, that are estimated to be over \$300 million in construction work. Some of the highlights are the \$65 million San Luis Rey Park and the Otay Valley Park estimated to be a \$60 million construction project.

The Department of General Services (DGS) is responsible for the planning, design, and construction of county buildings and facilities. DGS is planning to deliver 16 major projects over the 6-year period of the Plan. Over \$650 million in vertical construction work. Some of the highlight projects are:

Ramona Sheriff Station	\$35 million
Conversion of Psych Hosp.	\$60 million
New Vista Jail	\$250 million
Bonsall Sheriff Station	\$70 million
Behavioral Health Center	\$55 million

There is a large County of San Diego construction program, over \$2 billion, coming in the next few years. Building and engineering contractors should take a look at the construction opportunities at the County.

To see the complete list of upcoming projects [click here](#).

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome New Members

The AGC Board of Directors and AGC staff would like to welcome the following new members to AGC San Diego Chapter.

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[Conterra, Inc.](#)

[Hal Hays Construction, Inc.](#)

Level Up Doors and Woodwork

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Procopio's 3rd Annual VIRTUAL Construction Law Forum

Please join industry speakers for a complimentary half-day virtual event on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. The forum will focus on the most pressing California construction law issues facing contractors, developers, and owners today.

<https://www.procopio.com/procopios-annual-construction-forum/>

Horizon Hills Materials Makes It BIG

Word is out that Rosemary's Mountain Quarry is back in business and making it big. Fallbrook, California based Horizon Hill Materials is taking a visionary approach to aggregates production, and the company's Rosemary's Mountain Quarry was specifically planned to address the needs of a California geography that is now being impacted by an increase in adverse weather conditions.

<https://rockproducts.com/2023/10/30/horizon-hill-materials-makes-it-big/>



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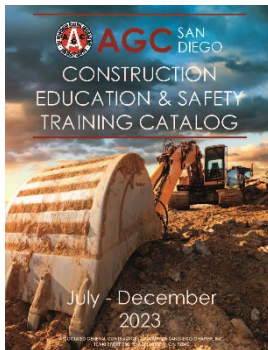
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Build San Diego Award Winners - 2023

Every two years, AGC recognizes the contractors that build outstanding buildings and supporting infrastructure that help make San Diego County such a beautiful region. On November 14, 2023, AGC honored the "best of the best" at AGC's 2023 Build San Diego Awards luncheon. Over 200 guests enjoyed the afternoon's festivities, including a number of elected officials, government and educational leaders, owners, developers, architects, and engineers.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view all the winners and outstanding projects!

Mark Your Calendars!

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

In 2023, the California State Legislature introduced over 2,600 bills – a new record. They passed more than 900 and the Governor signed hundreds of those into law. For better or worse, California is a bill factory. In 2024, expect these numbers to rise as lawmakers make their cases to the voters in an election year. It is critically important that our industry is seen and heard in the halls of Sacramento. In that spirit, I invite you to our biannual

Joint AGC Legislative Committee, which returns *in-person* on **March 15 at Unger Construction in Sacramento**. Lunch will be provided, and the midday meeting allows members the opportunity to fly in and out on the same day.

As a bit of a refresher, the Joint Legislative Committee is a shared body with members of AGC California and AGC San Diego. Our two AGC chapters support the same voice in the capital with the APEX Group, Felipe Fuentes and Paul Gladfelty, as our Legislative Advocates. We typically come together in early March to review legislation and take formal positions on bills as they begin to accelerate through the legislative process.

Please register here: [Joint Legislative Committee Meeting 3.15.24 \(agc-ca.org\)](http://agc-ca.org)

Additionally, if there is legislation that you have been tracking or have an idea for a bill, please let me know so I can share it with the Sacramento team. Due to the breakout sessions and other constraints, there will not be a virtual option. I hope to see you there!

We at AGC are thankful for *you* – our members! Happy Thanksgiving!

Public Opinion versus Public Policy

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Some of this state's policies directly contradict the desires of many of its voters. The most glaring contradiction lies in the state's housing policies. Our state housing policy is not easy to describe because there have been multiple laws passed by the legislature and signed into law in the past few years. The centerpiece of the housing policy is SB 743 (Steinberg), which was signed into law in 2013. It called for a little-known office called the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to establish new standards for evaluating the transportation impacts of new developments or road widening under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Here is what the OPR says about SB 743. *"SB 743 (Steinberg, 2013) updates the way transportation impacts are measured in California for new development projects, making sure they are built in a way that allows Californians more options to drive less. This change will help us achieve our climate commitments, preserve our environment, improve our health and safety--particularly for our most vulnerable residents--and boost our economy by prioritizing co-located jobs, services, and housing. It will also reduce the time we need to spend in our cars to get places and provide more choices for how we travel, which will help to promote business, provide access to opportunity, and improve the quality of life across our state."*

The practical effect of this bureaucrat-generated regulation and subsequent state housing laws is that it has imposed a de-facto moratorium on development on open land outside the center of urban areas. This type of development was the driving force behind the building of California's urban centers since World War II. After the war started, large war industry factories sprouted across California which drove large interstate migration into the state. Soon housing developments sprouted on what were orchards or farms and the boom was on.

SB 743 and the resultant OPR regulations require new developments to demonstrate that the new housing would result in a reduction in system-wide vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The regulations are designed to stop sprawl development and encourage high-

rise development near transit stops. If you own land outside the urban core, that land is worth little if you intend to build houses on it. Also, congested freeway corridors are now nearly impossible to widen and add capacity because to do so would increase the VMT in the region's transportation system and, therefore, not allowable under SB 743.

SANDAG's latest regional transportation plan called for building high-speed rail lines across the region, as well as expanding trolley lines. The plan envisions high-rise development with no parking, built in crowded urban neighborhoods close to bus stops or train stations. The plan is not likely to be funded by voters who will receive no benefit from it. That is to ignore the fact that attempting to build high-speed rail lines across an urban area is likely to be so politically toxic for the elected officials involved that they will eventually have to retreat from the idea.

So, what do the citizens of this state say? Recent surveys of Californians by the Public Policy Institute highlight some evidence of the contradiction between what Californians want and what they are getting. For example, 55% of Californians want to ease the restrictions in CEQA and allow more housing to be built and affordable for workers in the region. But the vision of our elected and appointed leaders does not lead to that result. High-rise developments are the most expensive construction for housing. Low-rise detached single-family homes or townhomes are the least expensive construction.

However, the most striking contradiction between public opinion and public policy is how Californians want to live. In the same Public Policy Institute survey, 71 percent of all people surveyed want to live in a detached single-family home. People prefer single-family homes over condos or townhomes by an overwhelming majority—even if they need to drive a car to commute and get around locally. Just 29 percent would choose a condo or townhome that is convenient to public transit. Regardless of political affiliation or where in California they live, adults maintain a preference for the single-family home.

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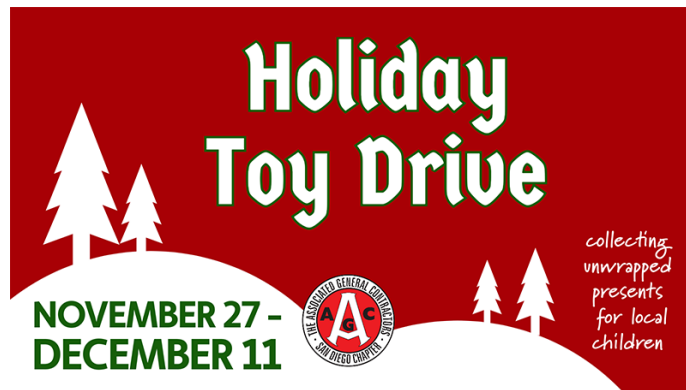
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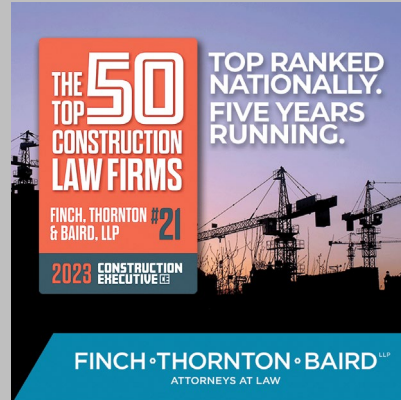
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Help us carry on the tradition of giving established more than forty years ago. Donated items for **Rady Children's Hospital** are given to children throughout the year. In addition, at the **Polinsky Center**, children of all ages need everyday items to call their

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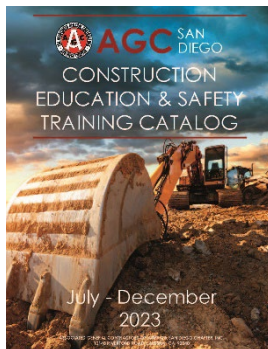
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INDUSTRY NEWS

Two Years Later

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

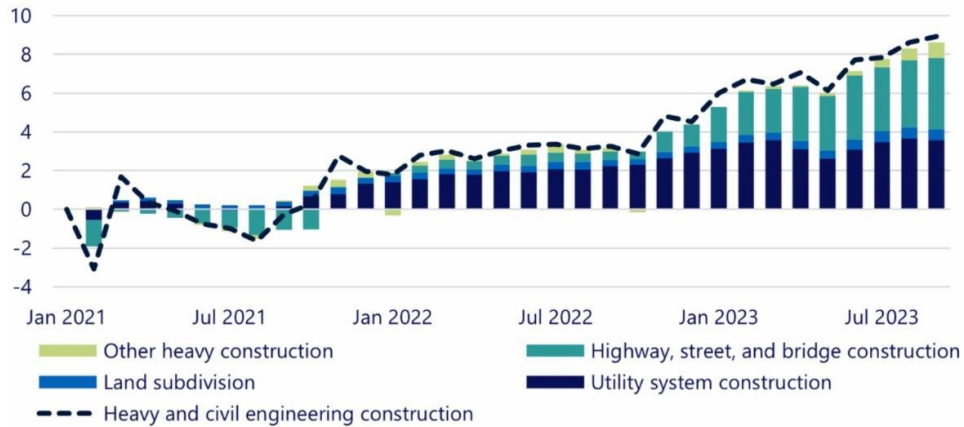
Two years ago, President Biden signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which is also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The IIJA represented the culmination of months of wrangling in Congress led by moderates like **Senator Joe Manchin** (D-WV) and **Senator Kyrsten Sinema** (now I-AZ). The IIJA is also billed as one of the largest investments in infrastructure since the 1950s. Topping out at nearly \$1.2 trillion, it has been one of the more significant accomplishments of the Biden White House. Last week, **Heather Boushey**, Biden's Chief Economist, Investing in America Cabinet, released a report detailing some of the successes and trends as a result of this historic investment. Below are some of the highlights, while also noting that "the construction sector is highly cyclical."

According to Boushey, "the economy has added 670,000 jobs in construction since President Biden took office in January 2021—an average of 20,000 jobs per month," which is a "slightly faster pace" than pre-pandemic. She also notes that construction jobs are "relatively high paying" and touts the "use of project labor agreements for large-scale federal construction projects and updating the [Davis Bacon Prevailing Wage Rule](#) for the first time in nearly 40 years" as major regulatory accomplishments.

The report goes on to examine two sub-industries of the construction field: heavy and civil engineering and building construction. Boushey claims that "since the start of the Administration, the sector has added 92,400 jobs, with much of the recent growth coming from employment in highway, street, and bridge construction (Figure 1)."

Figure 1. Heavy and civil engineering construction employment, by sub-industry

Percent change since January 2021



Source: BLS, CEA calculations

In building construction, Boushey says that “since January 2021, the industry has added 187,000 jobs, with job gains roughly evenly split between residential building construction (93,000) and nonresidential building construction (94,000). Whereas initial employment gains in building construction were driven by residential building, gains since mid-2022 have been driven by increases in nonresidential construction (Figure 3).”

Figure 3. Building construction employment, by sub-industry

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The report concludes with “Strong employment growth in two critical sub-industries of construction indicate that the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is already taking effect by

stimulating demand for high-paying construction jobs that are rebuilding our nation's roads, bridges, pipes, and more."

While Boushey is a political appointee of the President and has an obvious bias toward championing the President's economic policy, this report certainly shows there are some positive trends. To read the full report, click the link below.

[Job Gains in Construction After Two Years of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law | The White House](#)

Are We Ready for the Rain?

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The National Weather Service Climate Prediction Center is not always exactly right about predicting what the winter holds for us. But it is the best information available. At this point, the prediction by the experts says that California is in for a wetter than seasonal winter. They peg the probability of that at 50% to 60%. In fact, the Climate Prediction Center is forecasting a greater than 95% chance of El Niño conditions continuing through March 2024 and a 71% chance of conditions being "strong."

Are we ready in San Diego? A recent report by the City of San Diego's Stormwater Department (SWD) shows the strain the city's storm drain system is under. Clearly, the more intense and unpredictable rainfall associated with El Niño conditions has the potential to put the City's aging infrastructure in more than the usual jeopardy. Our city contractors have been involved in a lot of emergency contracts due to storm drain failures on a regular basis. Expect more this year.

As has been well-documented, the SWD continues to be underfunded, which means only the most urgent needs are being addressed. This fiscal year, the SWD has an operating budget of \$67.6 million and a Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget of \$41.1 million. This represents only 30% of the average annual funding need of \$314 million, and it does not account for emergencies, such as sinkholes, that continue to occur on a frequent basis due to aging and failed infrastructure. As stormwater needs continue to be underfunded, the viability of basic infrastructure like roads and underground drainpipes is likely going to be addressed only after there has been an emergency failure. Not a good situation for city residents.

The system that SWD manages is huge. Some of it is over a century old. The SWD manages a stormwater system comprising the following:

- More than 1,000 miles of storm drainpipes,
- More than 46,000 inlets and associated drain structures,
- 69 miles of channels,
- 12 miles of levees,
- 15 pump stations, and
- 79 diversion structures.

There is no dedicated funding stream to deal with the aging system, which is becoming an eight-thousand-pound elephant in the room.

According to the city staff report, there are still thousands of vulnerable locations throughout the city in need of repair and replacement to lower the risk of failures and more costly

emergency fixes in the future. Seventeen (17) emergency CIP projects were initiated during and after last year's rainy season, with a total cost of \$46.5 million to date. The cost of these emergency repairs consumed any funding for proactive planning and design of repairs and replacements identified in the SWD's FY23 CIP budget, except for a few in-house repairs and projects in or near construction. In other words, the SWD's CIP is largely only funding emergencies.

The good news for the city and city contractors is that the City is securing funds for dealing with the massive gap in stormwater needs versus projects hitting the street for construction. For FY24, the total SWD budget is \$108.7 million (\$67.6 million for operations and maintenance activities and \$41.1 million for CIP). This is supplemented by the first installment of an EPA-approved Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan (\$225 million), which must be spent by FY27. Last year, the City secured a \$733 million loan from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for high-risk pipe replacements, green infrastructure projects, revitalization and restoration of natural waterways, and pump station upgrades.

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If we believe the National Weather Service, this rainy season will likely generate another round of emergency sinkhole projects, as the City must play catchup on the stormwater system for years to come.

Community Engagement Survey

SANDAG, the region's transportation planning agency, is conducting a community engagement survey to assist with drafting the new Chief Executive Officer position description. Current CEO Hasan Ikhata has announced his retirement at the end of the year. The Board of Directors is expected to appoint an Interim CEO on December 8 and go out for a national search in early 2024.

To complete the position survey (by December 1), click the link: [SANDAG CEO Community Engagement Survey 2023 \(cpshr.us\)](https://cpshr.us).

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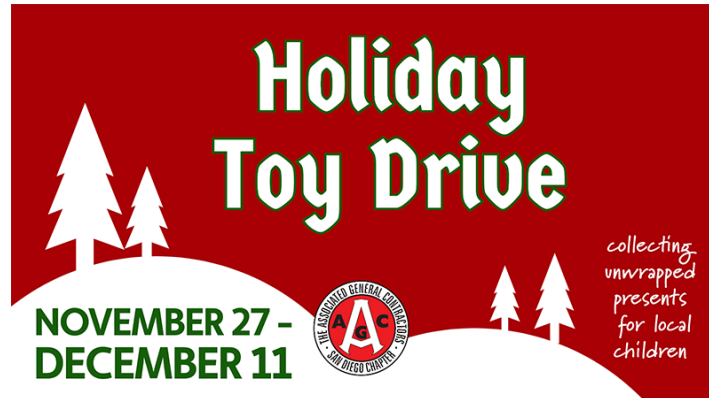
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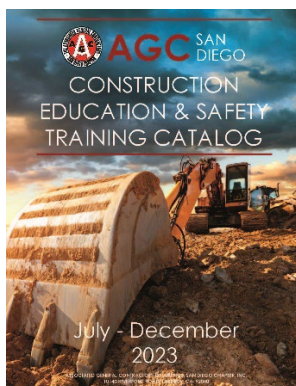
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- Dec. 5 **Stormwater Webinar** - online
- Dec. 7 **Trenching & Excavating CPT** - Lakeside
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- Dec. 11 - 15 **EM 385-1-1 40-Hour revised Edition November 2023** - Lakeside
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