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**YOU ARE INVITED...**

**Ribbon Cutting of New AGC Headquarters and Training Center - Friday, September 10 - 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

*by Eddie Sprecco, CEO*

On Friday, September 10, starting at 2:30 p.m., we welcome you to the new 44,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility located at 10140 Riverford Road in Lakeside. We will have a brief program to thank all of those who had a hand in making this dream a reality, followed by a ribbon cutting and open house. AGC event staff will comply with COVID protocols (masks required inside building).

Event includes:

- **Self-Guided Tours**
- **Refreshments/Beverages**
- **Free Food (pizza, tacos, ice cream, popcorn, and candy bar)**
- **Music**
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Please [REGISTER](#) no later than September 9, 2021!

**DATE:** September 10, 2021

**TIME:** 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM (3:00 PM - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony)

**LOCATION:** [10140 Riverford Rd, Lakeside, CA 92040](#)

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## Labor Day

*Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations*

Fall is in the air! As the dog days of summer slowly wined down Monday, one could hear children laughing, smell barbecues blazing, and watch as the beaches and pool sides bustled. It is the unofficial end of summer (when I was a kid it was the official end of summer as school started the following day, but my kids have been back for weeks). In places that actually have winters, pools are literally boarded up until Memorial Day. Yes, the somewhat ironically named Labor Day, is a day to celebrate the year's worth of labor by doing, well, nothing.

According to the last bastion of journalistic integrity - Wikipedia - two men deserve at least some credit for coming up with the idea for Labor Day. In the late 1800s, as the labor movement grew in the United States, Matthew Maguire, who was Secretary of the Central Labor Union of New York at the time, proposed a holiday as a celebration of a public parade of labor organizations. Alternatively, Peter J. McGuire, who was VP of the American Federation of Labor, had allegedly seen parades in Canada in celebration of the labor movement, and made a similar proposal to the same Central Labor Union of New York for a "general holiday for the laboring classes" that would fall between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving. Either way, this action in 1882 gained so much popularity that in 1894, President Grover Cleveland adopted Labor Day as a federal holiday.

The California State Legislature continues work on several items that will affect labor as the legislative session comes to an official close on Friday. This is the week of "gut and amend" where Sacramento feverishly takes bills introduced months ago, strips their language, and replaces it with completely new text, in hopes of the Governor's signature.

While just about anything can happen over the next four days, here is what we are hearing at this moment: There will be an extension of Supplemental Paid Sick Leave (SPSL). In workplaces with 25 or more employees, fully vaccinated workers would be entitled to 40 hours of employer-paid leave and 40 additional hours of unpaid, job-protected, leave after using the first 40. Workers who have used leave under the existing SPSL would be entitled to new leave under this plan. There will also likely be some guidance on vaccine mandates such as employers who mandate vaccination must reasonably accommodate employees with a religious or medical need for exemption, and give unvaccinated workers a reasonable amount of time to come into compliance with an employer's mandate. It also may codify existing guidance that an employer must pay for the cost of the test if an employer requires regular COVID testing. As always, AGC's Legislative Advocate in Sacramento, Felipe Fuentes, is on the front lines.

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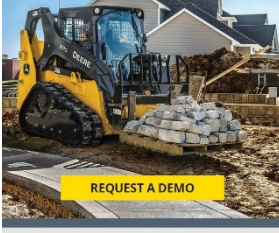
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In Washington D.C., the House remains in recess, but continues to labor with intra- and interparty disputes, as Congress works to deliver on the President's promised infrastructure package(s). At issue, is the \$3.5 trillion dollar budget reconciliation *human* infrastructure bill that has been linked to the \$1 trillion *traditional* infrastructure bill. Progressives on the left have said they won't support the latter without the prior and moderates on the left saying just the opposite. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) have both signaled publicly that they won't support a \$3.5 trillion dollar price tag regardless. In a nod to the moderate wing, Speaker Pelosi (D-CA) has set a deadline of September 27 for a vote on the \$1 trillion package. As Speaker, she can push this date if she chooses, but may find trouble with her razor thin majority, if she does. The construction industry watches eagerly to see what fruits this labor will bear in the end.

Indeed, while Labor Day has come and gone, there is clearly a lot of work to be done. And, hey, this is San Diego - where the sights and sounds of Labor Day happen year-round, we can continue to wear white...and, starting Thursday, football is back!

## Last Chance AGC Public Agencies Survey Extended to Friday, Sept. 10!

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

In 2019, AGC San Diego launched an initiative to recognize the best public agencies to work with. **The survey for 2021 has been extended until Friday, September 10.**

We are interested in hearing from superintendents, project managers, project executives to company owners and principals who work on public works projects.

### PUBLIC AGENCIES SURVEY HERE

The top public agencies will be recognized at the 2021 Build San Diego Awards this November. Evaluate the public agencies you work with today!

The survey is anonymous and takes about 5 minutes to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact AGC San Diego staff members [Mike McManus](#) or [Kellie Korhonen](#).

## Is Government Driving Business out of Town?



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

It seems every year when the legislative session in Sacramento is winding down, we watch bill after bill plus budget trailers get passed by the legislature that are aimed at regulating business under the pretense of some progressive cause. Not all of the bills are bad. But at some point, businesses may start seeing the fruits of their labors wasted, under the pretense of government trying to be helpful... then flee to friendlier states.

Putting a number on how many jobs are moving from the state is a challenge as companies do not always provide this information, and the extent of telecommuting workers moving outside the state is just starting. The issue is further complicated by the fact that moving jobs out of California can take one of several forms:

- (1) a company may move all of its operations
- (2) companies may move a portion of their operations, in particular back-office functions that can be performed anywhere
- (3) companies may choose to expand in other states rather than other regions of California as they have done in the past, and the movement of jobs, in this case, are lost opportunities.

For the past two decades, California's economic growth has been dominated by the tech industry, centralized in the Bay Area. This region accounted for almost half of all employment growth since the 2008 Great Recession, and has directly contributed to our record state surplus and increased funding of government services, including education.

At the same time, California policies have created the highest in the nation cost-of-living, and strictest in the nation regulatory regime, which has caused jobs in key sectors such as manufacturing to start-up, scale, or relocate in other lower-cost states, sometimes just across the border from California. Here is a rundown of some key indicators of the business climate in California according to the California Business Roundtable.

**California's Ranking Among States:**

Sales tax	50 of 50 highest
Personal income tax	50 of 50 highest
Gas Price	50 of 50 highest
Workers comp.	49 of 50 highest
Electricity Cost	49 of 50 highest
Diesel Price	49 of 50 highest
Legal climate	48 of 50 worst

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There is some evidence that a number of prominent firms have moved at least some of their operations to other states. A list of recent moves is [here](#) by company name and year they moved. It is not surprising that companies that can move to states where they can be more profitable do move. It is also a fact that their employees can enjoy a better quality of life, at least a lower cost one. This also makes the company more competitive in getting the best workers available. The resulting investments into the competing states transformed other states' economies into new and more competitive business hubs.

As we look to the future of our post-pandemic economy, it seems an imperative to study if the shift of the companies, talented employees and the movement of its executives and investors will significantly impact the stability and solvency of our General Fund since the state's progressive tax structure relies heavily on taxes paid by California's highest earners. It is also an imperative to look at the cost effectiveness of the California regulations that are driving the economic indicators listed above such as the California Air Resource Board mandates affecting the construction industry and the new draft Construction Stormwater General Permit which at least doubles the cost of complying with the state's stormwater regulations.

Another factor affecting business in general and construction industry specifically is the expansion of union only labor mandates by government. That is despite only 18.5 % of the workers in construction, in California, belong to a union. This is not such a big factor in public infrastructure construction since prevailing wages and the associated fringe benefits are paid regardless of membership in a union. However, in the residential sector, there are presently no such requirements. It looks like this sector is being targeted due to a prevailing sentiment that workers in housing production are low paid with no benefits. The housing crisis continues, which is also not good for the business climate.

As Thomas Jefferson once said, "*I predict future happiness for Americans, if they can prevent government from wasting the labors of the people under the pretense of taking care of them.*"



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2nd floor



**32nd Annual AGC Fall Golf Classic, Monday,  
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Registrations are now being accepted for our final golf event of the year, the AGC Fall Golf tournament, scheduled for October 11 at the Country Club of Rancho Bernardo.

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The Country Club of Rancho Bernardo is a private course in pristine condition, and unless you are a member, or a guest of a member, there are not a lot of opportunities to play there.

*Your registration fee Includes the following:*

- \* Golf & Cart
- \* Taco bar for lunch
- \* Dinner

This event is **limited to the first 140 players.**

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Contact Rae Krushensky at [raek@agcsd.org](mailto:raek@agcsd.org) with any questions.



### **La Jolla Family House Collection Drive - Sept. 7 - Sept. 24**

Opened October 2020, the [La Jolla Family House](#) at UC San Diego Health provides a haven of hope and comfort for families with a loved one in long-term or critical care at UC San Diego Health. Guests experience a collaborative environment and a community of support to help them through a difficult time.

The **AGC Build & Serve Charitable Alliance** will be collecting "Wish List" items for the residents of La Jolla Family House, such as toiletries, pantry items, and other miscellaneous needs (journals, coloring books, markers, crayons, etc.)

#### [FLYER WITH DETAILS](#)

Please help us collect items at your respective offices, and drop off by Friday, **September 24**, at one of these three locations:

1. **J.R. Filanc Construction Company** - Escondido
2. **AGC office - Ferris Square** - Sorrento Valley
3. **AGC office - Riverford Road** - Lakeside

You may also order from their Amazon Wish Lists and have items delivered directly to La Jolla Family House or AGC:

<b>La Jolla Family House</b>	<b>AGC Build &amp; Serve</b>
3787 Miramar Street	10140 Riverford Road
La Jolla, CA 92092	Lakeside, CA 92040
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[Amazon Wish List](#) or [Pantry Wish List](#)

Thank you in advance for your support, and helping us give back to the community.





**Filanc Ethics in Construction Lecture - October 13, 2021**

Please join the J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program on **October 13, 2021** for the Filanc Ethics in Construction Lecture. CAPT Mike Oestereicher, CEC, USN, Commanding Officer, NAVFAC Southwest will speak on the topic of ethics, and also provide an update on current NAVFAC Southwest projects. A social mixer will precede the lecture.

J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program  
College of Engineering, San Diego State University Cordially  
invites you to the

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on

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

**Mixer: 4:30pm - 5:15pm**

**Lecture: 5:15pm - 6:00pm**

at

**AGC San Diego East County Headquarters**

10140 Riverford Road

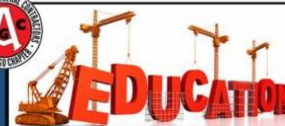
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**Please RSVP by Monday, September 20.**

Space is limited to the first 100 people.

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Upcoming Classes

## SEPTEMBER CLASSES

September 8 & 9 - **CQM- C (Zoom)** - CLASS FULL REGISTRATION  
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September 8 - **Fall Protection Retraining for Competent Person**

September 9 - **Excel - Beginner Level** *off-site*

September 9 - **Silica CPT**

September 13-15 - **Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT for EM 385**

September 13 - **Scaffold 8hr CPT**

September 14 - **Construction Scheduling @ Lakeside**

September 14 - **Stormwater (Online via Zoom)**

September 15 - **EOS 2 Hour Workshop @ Lakeside**

September 16 - **Excel - Intermediate Level** *off-site*

September 16 - **Trenching & Excavating 8 hr CPT**

September 20 - **Forklift Operator Certification**

September 20-23 - **NAVFAC SW 32 Hour Scaffold CPT**

September 21-22 - **Qualified SWPPP Practitioner Training**

September 21-23 - **Qualified SWPPP Developer Training**

September 21 & 24 - **BlueBeam Introduction Training (Online  
Training)**

September 22 - **How to Write Winning Proposals @ Lakeside**

September 22 & 23 - **CQM-C (Zoom)**

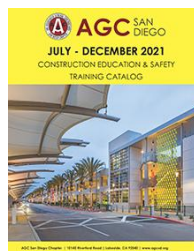
September 23 - **Excel - Advanced Level** *off-site*

September 23 - **Construction Law Lunch & Learn @ Lakeside**

September 27-29 - **Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT for EM 385**

September 28 - **LAST PLANNER SYSTEM Workshop @ Lakeside**

September 28 - **CPR First Aid Training @ Lakeside**



View the [JULY - DECEMBER 2021 CATALOG!](#)

For more information on classes, contact:  
[Becca Schaffer](#) 619-592-4533



### SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Sep. 15 - **Build & Serve** - 7:30 a.m. [via Zoom](#)

Sep. 16 - **Port Liaison** -9:00 am.. - [via GoToMeeting](#)

Sep. 21 - **HR Practices** - 11:30 a.m. - [@ Lakeside](#)

Sep. 21 - **Water Authority**- 1:00 p.m. [via GoToMeeting](#)

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### About Monday Morning Quarterback

AGC San Diego Chapter's Monday Morning Quarterback is a "hot off the press" and to the point Monday morning briefing on the important issues facing San Diego's construction industry. It is prepared by AGC Chief **Eddie Sprecco**, and Vice President Government & Industry Relations, **Dustin Steiner**.

Please contact [Eddie Sprecco](#) or [Dustin Steiner](#) with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 3,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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**It was a "Grand" Opening for the AGC San Diego Chapter Ribbon Cutting on Friday, September 10 at the New Facility in Lakeside**

**Get Social With Us:**



With over 250 members and special guests in attendance, **President Mike Williamson**, of *Pacific Coast Iron*, presented AGC's new 44,000 square foot, East County headquarters in grand style. The ceremony included a tribute to **Jim Furby** of *Marathon Construction Corp.* remarks from Supervisor Joel Anderson, a presentation by the Lakeside Chamber of Commerce, and a ribbon

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## **WELCOME NEW AGC MEMBERS**

The AGC Board of Directors and staff would like to welcome the following new members to AGC!

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cutting to celebrate the opening of this state-of-the art education and training facility.

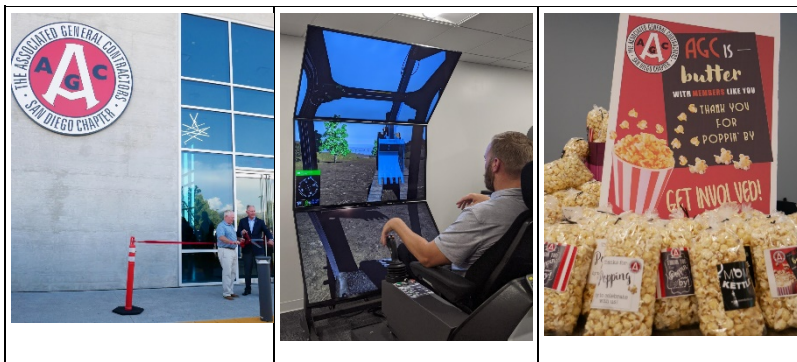
We were joined by several elected officials including: Supervisor Jim Desmond, Treasurer / Tax Collector Dan McAllister, San Marcos Mayor Rebecca Jones, Santee Mayor John Minto, El Cajon Councilman Phil Ortiz, San Marcos Councilman Ed Musgrove, Santee Councilman Ronn Hall, Lakeside Union School District Trustee Andrew Hayes, Olivenhain Municipal Water District Board Vice President Kristie Bruce-Lane, and Grossmont Healthcare District Board President Virginia Hall.

**Mr. Thomas L. Brown** of *Sierra Pacific West, Inc.* who serves as chairman of the AGC Apprenticeship Training Trust, talked about the significant growth of the apprentice program. This building stands in recognition of decades of world class training, and we look forward to many more!

Guests enjoyed tours of the office space, the training center, and construction vehicle simulators - a fan favorite! Of course, in AGC fashion, there were also plenty of delicious treats along the way courtesy of our generous sponsors. Special thanks to the following companies for their support:

- **Vulcan Materials Company** - Welcome Champagne
- **Milwaukee Tools** - Beer & Wine Tent
- **Alliant Insurance Services** - Taco Truck
- **Hawthorne Cat** - Pizza Truck
- **Berg Hill Greenleaf Ruscitti LLP** - Ice Cream Truck
- **SC Fuels** - Candy Bar
- **Benchmark Landscape** - Kettle Corn
- **Trench Shoring Company** - Raffle Prize Foursome to AGC Fall Golf
- **Michael Ales** - DJ Extraordinaire!

It was a first-class event, and we were excited to welcome you to our new home. Thank you to those who were able to celebrate with us and to the [Project Team](#) that made it possible.





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## 9/11 - 20 Years Later

*Dustin Steiner, Vice  
President Government &  
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Saturday marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the deadly attacks of September 11, 2001. Twenty years, Wow! My wife and I both choked up as we relayed and relived the moments of that day to our young children. With tears in our eyes, we watched both tributes and historical footage alike. It was a day that changed us. It changed all of us. A number of years ago, I had the privilege of attending the opening of the George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum, which is located on the serene campus of Southern Methodist University (SMU). Upon returning home, I wrote about my experience including what happened on that day:

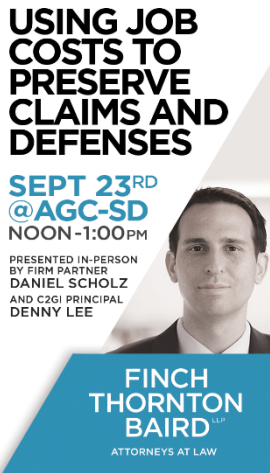
One of the first things you see as you enter the Library is the very somber 9/11 exhibit. A mangled beam from the World Trade Center is the centerpiece surrounded by footage from the day in chronological order and the names of every victim etched into the wall. This was especially emotional for me. I was a young Hill staffer that day, and I remember calling my parents and my wife (we were dating at the time), not knowing if I would ever talk to them again. I remember the sound of the sonic boom as military planes left Bolling Air Force Base probably en route to Pennsylvania.

I remember evacuating the Capitol complex to shouts of "run" from the police. I remember seeing the Speaker of the House being airlifted off the West Lawn. I remember the rumors and the speculation and the very real feeling that we were under attack. I



also remember the rallying cry of freedom that went forth from that day. From the White House to the steps of Congress to a field in Pennsylvania, the message was loud and clear: **We are Americans and this will not stand.**

I visited the *Flight 93 Memorial* some years later and reflected about what might have been had those heroes not stepped forward. The countless lives they saved; the indescribable damage they averted. I looked with misty eyes at the names we all remember, Todd Beamer and Mark Bingham, among the thousands of others. This tribute was about them, not the President. Other prominent features of this exhibit were the baseball from the first pitch of the World Series at Yankee Stadium, where with all of America watching he threw a perfect strike, and the bullhorn that defined a Presidency when Bush famously remarked atop a hill of rubble, **"I can hear you, the rest of the world hears you, and the people who knocked these buildings down will hear from all of us soon."**



On November 3, 2014, following eight years of construction, the so-called Freedom Tower - officially renamed One World Trade Center - was opened. At 1,776 (by very specific design) feet, 104 stories, and a \$3.9 billion dollar price tag, it is the most expensive skyscraper ever built in the United States. It also contains numerous safety features as a result of 9/11 including a 185-foot concrete base. It stands high above the famed New York skyline as a testament to our resiliency and resolve. Here out of the ashes and rubble of that tragic day now stands not only the tallest building in the Western Hemisphere, but also one of the great architectural feats of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. As Colin Powell said, **"You can be sure that the American spirit will prevail over this tragedy."** Indeed it has.

We will never forget, and as we come out of another very difficult period in our history, we should remember that we are all in this together, and that we can and will build stronger than ever before.

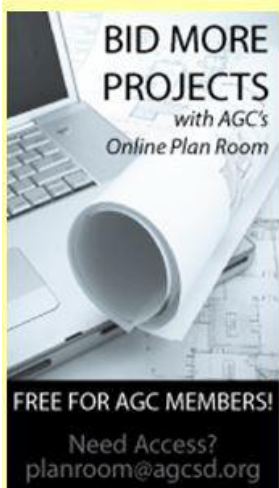


Excerpted from: [George W. Bush - Reflections from the Presidential Library Dedication - SD Rostra](#)

**The State Releases the Climate Action Plan for Transportation**  
*Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations*

**PLAN ROOM**

With little fanfare earlier this summer, the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) released the final draft of the Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI). The



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plan has been in the works since 2019 but has largely gone unnoticed. It has as its foundation two executive orders (EO) issued by Governor Newsom; EO N-19-19 that gives the CalSTA the authority to use discretionary transportation funds to meet the state's climate goals and EO N-79-20 which requires all new cars sold in California to be zero emission vehicles (ZEV's) by 2035 and all commercial trucks sold to be ZEV's by 2045.

According to the California Air Resources Board (CARB), even under the most aggressive scenarios for mandating ZEV's in California, it is estimated that at least 30% of passenger vehicles will still be gas powered in 2045. Additionally, it is acknowledged by CARB that as the population grows so will overall driving and vehicle miles traveled, which will work against the state's goal of carbon neutrality by 2045. This makes the transition to ZEV's, not enough, and therefore this Action Plan lays out a policy framework that changes how transportation solutions will be implemented in the future.

Historically, transportation solutions have been oriented towards "mobility" and predicated on the idea of reducing traffic congestion in urban and suburban areas. While in rural areas, the focus tends to be on identifying areas that have concentrations of accidents and finding solutions to improve safety. The assumptions in this paradigm are that improving mobility increases economic opportunities, allows for efficient movement of goods, reduces air pollution and betters the lives of citizens by reducing their commute times in favor of being with family and friends. This plan throws those assumptions out the window.

Fortunately, the plan continues the commitment to the "fix-it-first" approach to maintaining and repairing our transportation system. It also supports the goals of *The Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017*, which we all know as SB1. However, any expansion of the system of roads in the state can only be done if the expansion "*brings an outsized benefit to climate, health and equity goals.*" So what about roads that are congested today, every work day and in some cases every day? Here's the deal.

The CAPTI relies on a concept called "induced travel" which is a theory often cited by transportation planners. The theory is that by adding lanes to the highway system, additional travel is induced that would not occur otherwise, rendering the expensive expansions to be only temporary solutions where congestion returns in sometimes only a few years. Looking at the highway system only, and ignoring the nearby city streets, one can conclude that highway expansions add vehicle miles travelled (VMT) as this plan argues. Adding more VMT to the highway system adds more greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere and therefore works against the state's climate goals.



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The Action Plan's approach to highways that are congested today will be to look for alternatives to adding lanes. For example the plan cites actions such as providing "multimodal" options, using technology to improve operations and by charging tolls for everyone using the highway during rush hour. So the state highways we now call "freeways" will be free no longer and will then become "tollways".

Congested highways that people drive now in this region such as; I-805, I-5, SR94, SR52, I-8, SR125 could be widened in the future if the widening results in a reduction of VMT. This is theoretically possible if the additional lanes were only accessible by bus and carpools of three or more people and if it can be demonstrated that the VMT overall for the highway would be reduced. This would be because many motorists choose to ride the bus instead of driving their car which in turn reduces congestion on the highway in question which *"brings an outsized benefit to climate, health and equity goals."*

Transit ridership has been falling for decades. The widely held belief in transportation planning circles is a theory that the only way to change that trend is to put tolls on every "freeway" lane (called "Pricing") so that many people see the bus as a better economic value. It is a theory, but it would also seem to collide with the state's equity aspirations as the more money you have the more you can drive on tollways during rush hour, the less money you have the only choice you have is to ride the bus.



**32nd Annual AGC Fall Golf Classic, Monday,  
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*Scholarships will be awarded for the following:*

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- One Scholarship to be designated to San Diego State University J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program graduate

[Click here to download Scholarship Application](#)

**All completed scholarship applications must be received by **September 30, 2021.****



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**Wednesday, October 13, 2021**

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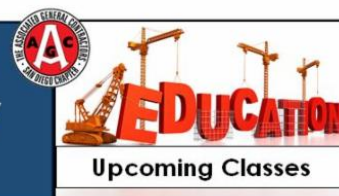
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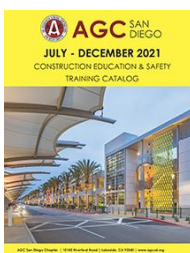
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- Sept. 16 - Trenching & Excavating 8-Hr CPT
- Sept. 20 - Forklift Operator Certification
- Sept. 20-23 - NAVFAC SW 32 Hour Scaffold CPT
- Sept. 21-22 - Qualified SWPPP Practitioner Training
- Sept. 21-23 - Qualified SWPPP Developer Training
- Sept. 21 & 24 - BlueBeam Introduction Training (Online Training)
- Sept. 22 - How to Write Winning Proposals @ Lakeside
- Sept. 22 & 23 - CQM-C (Zoom)
- Sept. 23 - Excel - Advanced Level *off-site*
- Sept. 23 - Construction Law Lunch & Learn @ Lakeside
- Sept. 27-29 - Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT for EM 385
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## AGC SAN DIEGO RECEIVES "CHAPTER OF THE YEAR" AWARD AT NATIONAL CONVENTION



The Associated General Contractors of America was founded in 1918 and has 89 chapters across the country. Last night, AGC San Diego took home the "Chapter of the Year" award for providing excellent service to members working through a crisis-filled 2020, while continuing to build for the future.

In Orlando, Florida, to accept the award on behalf of the San Diego Chapter was (left to right) **Chapter CEO, Eddie Sprecco**; **2021 Chapter President, Mike Williamson**, *Pacific Coast Iron*; **Senior Vice President, Kari Kyne** and **Rex Kyne**, *Kyne Construction, Inc.*; **2006 Past President and Chairman of the AGC**

**Apprenticeship Training Trust, Thomas L. Brown**, *Sierra Pacific West, Inc.*; and **2018 Past President Jeff Harper**, *Harper Construction Company Inc.* The trophy was presented by **AGC of America President, Bob Latham, Jr.**, *Williams Brothers Construction Co., Inc.* (2nd from right) at the awards dinner attended by chapter board officers and chapter executives from across the United States.

The impacts of COVID-19 dominated 2020. The San Diego Chapter was recognized for its efforts to keep construction open and safely working during the pandemic, through partnerships, advocacy, and providing timely resources for its members.

While responding to the demands of COVID-19, and working remotely for much of 2020, the San Diego Chapter was able to continue its ongoing advocacy work and make significant progress on long term projects critical to the future of the industry:



- *Raised and spent over \$500,000 on local candidates and initiatives.*

- Successfully defended Proposition A - PLA Ban at City of San Diego.
- Completed construction of 44,000 sq. ft. Headquarters and Training Center in Lakeside.
- Inked partnership with (WECA) to expand training opportunities.
- Funded and launched Construction Management Degree Program at SDSU
- Built new membership database and website to enhance member services.
- Hosted the largest Blood Drive in San Diego County
- Signed agreement with Black Contractors Association to enhance diversity and inclusion in the construction industry.



**2020 Board Officers** (pictured left to right)

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While in-person meetings were limited, AGC San Diego kept its membership engaged through virtual meetings, regular COVID updates, and direct assistance from chapter staff helping members navigate the challenges of 2020. The result was over 95% member retention, 64 new members, and record dues collection for the year.

The success of the San Diego Chapter is the result of years of strong and capable leadership from the AGC Board of Directors, including **2020 President Bill Haithcock** of *Casper Company*. Under President Haithcock's guidance the San Diego Chapter was able to meet the unexpected challenges of the year, while completing multi-year projects that will serve the construction industry for generations to come.

Congratulations to the Board of Directors, staff, and member companies for the many successes that earned San Diego the recognition as **AGC of America "Chapter of the Year."**

**Congratulations to the entire [AGC San Diego Board of Directors](#)**

## **END OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION - SACRAMENTO**

*By Felipe Fuentes, AGC Legislative Advocate*

The Legislature adjourned its first year of the 2021-22 session uncharacteristically early on Friday, September 10. In normal years, the Capitol is teeming with advocates, staff, and lawmakers into the predawn hours of the session deadline. Both this year and last, however, legislative leadership limited the amount of bills lawmakers could work on given the challenges presented by limited access and persistent outbreaks in the Capitol.

With the COVID pandemic still surging throughout the country and state, Legislators mostly contained their lawmaking to issues relating to the ill effects of the COVID epidemic. Still, there were several pieces of

legislation that would have negatively impacted the employer and contractor community. Of those, we successfully pressed for amendments to make most of these bills tolerable or they were held to be legislated another day. Of those measures that we engaged on, the following list reflects those that made it to the Governor's desk. The Governor has until October 10 to review the surviving legislation. Fresh off beating the recall effort, the Governor will likely be active over the next few weeks.

**AB 332 Hazardous waste: treated wood waste: management standards.**

This measure gives the Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) Control until July 1, 2028 to present a plan to the Legislature on its update for the future disposal of Treated Wood Waste (TWW). This extension was necessary for the construction industry as the state was unprepared to limit disposal of TWW to hazardous waste only facilities as was intended after December 31, 2020. The measure was supported by AGC and has been signed into law.

**AB 604 (Daly D) Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Account: apportionment of funds: accrued interest.**

This measure applies the accrued interest from SB 1 into the account rather than having it swept into the general fund. While modest, the interest proceeds will be applied to SB 1 infrastructure projects. This measure was sponsored by Transportation CA and AGC and is on the Governor's desk for review.

**AB 830 (Flora R) Business: Department of Consumer Affairs: licensed professions and vocations.**

This measure will clarify that a Responsible Managing Employee (RME) on a contractor license can accomplish the requirement to supervise and control on construction projects either directly or indirectly by supervising a designated employee. This measure is in response to issues raised in the McCosker vs. CA Department of Water Resources case. AGC supported this measure which is before the Governor.

**AB 846 (Low D) Local Agency Public Construction Act: job order contracting.**

This bill would change the January 1, 2022, repeal date to January 1, 2027, thereby extending the authorization for job order contracting for school districts and community college districts. AGC opposed the enacting legislation and this extension bill. The measure is pending review by the Governor.

**AB 930 (Levine D) Subsurface installations: attorney's fees and costs.**

AGC worked with the author and sponsors of this measure to amend this proposal to guard against additional liability falling on a general contractor for issues relating to excavation work. As a result, AGC went from an oppose to support position on this bill. The bill is pending review by the Governor.

**AB 1023 (Flora R) Contractors and subcontractors: records: penalties.**

AGC worked with the author to make the reporting and disclosure components of this measure more flexible. AGC amended its position from oppose to neutral on this bill; it is pending review by the Governor.

**AB 1035 (Salas D) Department of Transportation and local agencies: streets and highways: recycled materials.**

This bill would require a local agency that has jurisdiction over a street or highway to allow for the use of recycled materials in streets and highways beginning on January 1, 2025. AGC supported this proposal and it is pending review by the Governor.

**AB 1499 (Daly D) Transportation: design-build: highways.**

This measure would extend the sunset deadline on design build projects with the Department of Transportation until January 1, 2034. Currently, the department has design-build procurement authority for up to 10 projects on the state highway system. These projects must be either "best value" or "lowest responsible bid". Additionally, this bill would require the department to submit a report to the Legislature on or before January 1, 2033, on its experience with design-build procurement. AGC supported this measure, and it is pending review by the Governor.

**AB 1561 (Committee on Labor and Employment) Worker classification: employees and independent contractors.**

This measure would extend the provisions afforded to the construction industry in AB 5 with respect to independent contractors and trucking subcontractors until 2025; This measure is supported by AGC and is pending review by the Governor.

**SB 339 (Wiener D) Vehicles: road usage charge pilot program.**

This measure extends the authority given to the Transportation Agency, in consultation with the California Transportation Commission, to perform a pilot program on a Road User Charge (RUC). Set to expire on January 1, 2023, this measure recasts that deadline to January 1, 2027. AGC supports this measure, and it is pending review by the Governor.

**SB 606 ([Gonzalez D](#)) Workplace safety: violations of statutes: enterprise-wide violations: egregious violations.**

The construction industry was able to secure amendments to address problems associated with pre-qualification requirements presented by this bill. As such, AGC went neutral after initially opposing this measure. It is pending review by the Governor.

**SB 607 ([Min D](#)) Business and professions.**

AGC supported the provisions of this bill that addressed the Contractors State License Board (CSLB) request of 1) increasing the license fees to address current funding deficits and 2) requiring a contractor's bond to be \$25,000 instead of \$12,500. This measure is pending review by the Governor.

**SB 727 ([Leyva D](#)) Labor-related liabilities: direct contractor.**

This measure relates to direct contractor labor liabilities for nonpayment of wages of their subcontractors. AGC along with other commercial contractor associations were able to negotiate safe harbor language in the bill and went neutral. Although CBIA and other associations remained opposed no further amendments were made to the bill which is before the Governor.

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## **SHOW OFF YOUR HOT WHEELS AT THE CLC MIXER & CAR SHOW ON OCT. 14**

*By Kellie Korhonen, Staff Liaison - Construction Leadership Council Committee (CLC)*

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## LAST CHANCE TO APPLY FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FULL RIDE SCHOLARSHIP

By Becca Schaffer, Education & Safety Marketing Manager

This is your last chance to apply for a **full ride scholarship** for the 2022 AGC San Diego Construction Project Management Program. Deadline to submit applications is **September 30, 2021**. Main requirement you must be an active employee with a AGC San Diego Chapter Member Company to join the next group of CPM graduates who take their careers to even greater heights.

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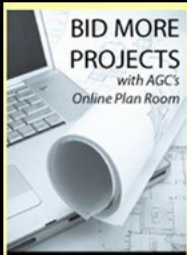


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- Sept. 21 - 1:00 PM - **Water Authority Liaison** - via *GoToMeeting*
- Sept. 30 - 4:00 PM - **CLC Car Show Volunteer Meeting** - via *GoToMeeting*

### October Meetings

- Oct. 6 - 7:00 AM - **Safety Committee** - via *GoToMeeting*
- Oct. 19 - 11:00 AM - **Airport** - via *GoToMeeting*
- Oct. 21 - 1:00 PM - **City of San Diego** - via *GoToMeeting*
- Oct. 28 - NOON - **Meetings & Events** @ Lakeside

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## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2021 AGC OF AMERICA CONVENTION IN ORLANDO

By Eddie Sprecco, CEO

Last week, San Diego chapter leadership, members, and a few staff flew out to Orlando for the AGC of America's 102nd Annual Convention. This year, due to COVID, the convention was moved from the spring, and combined with the National Chapter Leadership Conference usually held in Washington D.C. in late September.

While the crowds were smaller than a normal year, attendees were energized to be back together again to tackle the many critical challenges facing the industry. Here are a few highlights from Orlando:

### San Diego Wins Chapter of the Year Award!

Yes, this was [highlighted in last week's MMQB](#), where the many members and Chapter leaders were recognized for their part in receiving this recognition. I want to give an additional shout-out to our AGC San Diego staff who work year-in and year-out to support members who make San Diego a high performing chapter. Last year we had a lot of challenges thrown our way, but staff stayed flexible, even working remotely for a large chunk of the year without skipping a beat. AGC Members were supported throughout COVID-19 while long-term chapter projects got finished on schedule.

### AGC Members Bring Home Some Trophies!

*Construction Safety Excellence Awards* - This year's competition was held in 20 separate categories based upon type of work (building, construction management, heavy, utility infrastructure, specialty, highway, service & supplier), and the number of work hours completed. While the number of entrants were down this year, the following firms competed and won in the AGC San Diego local competition and went on to place in two of the national categories:



*Highway and Transportation Division*

**Sundt Construction, Inc.: 1st Place** -  
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Utility Infrastructure Division **Paul Hansen**  
Equipment: **2nd Place**

A special shout out goes to the **AGC's Safety Committee Chair Jeff Jacques** of *Swinerton*, **Vice Chair Robert Sahagun**, *BNBuilders, Inc.*, and **AGC Safety Director, Vince Hundley** of *SMART Safety Group* for getting these safety winners to the finish line.

**Build America Awards** - Congratulations to the firms that competed in the Annual "Best of the Best" [Build America Awards](#).

#### **Infrastructure, Diversity and Environment**

A lot of conversation in Orlando was centered on the \$1.2 trillion bi-partisan Infrastructure bill – not to be confused with the \$3.5 trillion Democratic reconciliation bill that permanently expands federal social programs, but does not include infrastructure spending. These two bills have unfortunately been tied together procedurally but also by both being called "Infrastructure" by proponents because that word polls very well with the voting public. AGC of America Government affairs staff has done excellent work during the pandemic, and now face a heavy lift of getting a true infrastructure bill across the finish line, without unrelated spending, taxes and policy changes – such as the PRO act - derailing the process.

Diversity and Inclusion was also a focus of the entire convention, at the national board level, at Chapter meetings and staff training sessions. The AGC of America's [Culture of Care](#) program, launched last year, has been widely adopted and a complement to local programs. The general consensus was that there is a lot of ongoing work to be done to encourage Diversity and Inclusion in the construction industry, but the time and energy spent on the effort is an encouraging sign.

Environmental impacts to and from the construction industry was the third big topic of the convention. AGC of America has a working group tackling these big issues to ensure the industry has a seat at the table as laws are crafted, and funding is allocated.

A common thread on all three of these topics is that despite finally having a critical mass of attention on these important priorities, there are still those that would sink these efforts for short-term political gain. Those extreme voices, and ulterior motives, need to be drowned out by the many more who want to see progress on these fronts.

#### **Homework**

For the many convention attendees, including me, that had difficulty traveling across country, it was a good reminder that we are not done with the pandemic, and its disruptions to supply chains and staffing, among others.

Despite the difficulties of travel and discouraging news out of Washington D.C., I was happy to be home and in charge of the bedtime readings for the first time in a week. Since my kids are little, "*Horton Hears a Who*" is about as advanced as we get – still, a line in the book spoke to the many challenges discussed at convention:

***This,' cried the Mayor, 'is your town's darkest hour! The time for all Who's Who have blood that is red to come to the aid of their country!' he said. 'We've GOT to make noises in greater amounts! So, open your mouth, lad! For every voice counts!'***

In the coming months AGC members will be asked to speak up more and more... in person, with emails, phone calls, and sometimes with a check book. With so much noise in the world, its going to take every AGC voice to be heard.

#### **2022 Convention**

The next AGC of America Convention is just around the corner - **March 28 – 31, 2022** in **Gaylord Texan Grapevine, TX**.

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## **BUILDING THE GREENER FUTURE**

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

The public sometimes blames contractors for environmental problems because contractors are the face of land and infrastructure development. However, contractors only have control over means and

methods. Only rarely do contractors decide on what to build or where to build it. That is the purview of government actors as either direct developers or as the permitting entities for private developments. So how does the construction industry help influence a greener future?

The construction industry is the project delivery system for building a safer, healthier, and environmentally sustainable future. We cannot simply wish for a greener future, wish for a more resilient future against the effects of climate change, we must build that future. The construction industry needs to be at the table during policy making processes to ensure our industry and workforce continue to thrive.

It appears that a new mentality has swept over government decision makers in the last half decade and that process happened quietly and with little input from the construction and building industry. One important change will be that projects that can make a “climate case” will likely be given priority, incentives, or preference at the federal, state, and local levels. We are already seeing examples of that with, for instance, the new Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) restrictions on developer projects that are not near transit stops and nationwide restrictions on road widenings, which is just the tip of the iceberg.

A main concern industry has is that climate policies will bring aggressive transition timelines or additional layers of requirements that could have unintended consequences on materials and energy availability. Those policies could also further complicate and delay the already protracted permitting or regulatory processes and increase the costs and risks associated with projects. What should government do?

Some of the obvious low hanging fruits are:

- Support permit streamlining
- Support a diverse, reliable energy market with no policy related disruptions
- Ensure climate policies do not mandate construction labor and workforce policies that will impede the success of building our greener future.
- Support tax incentives to fund cleaner new equipment but also allow for the use of existing equipment for the expected term of service
- Support local recycling markets for construction demolition and mandate that government entities are required to design into their infrastructure projects maximum reuse of demolition back into their projects

Government policy makers should consider what I would call rule number one on climate policy moving forward. Overly burdensome or unworkable policies may well put a strain on large firms, but will likely push smaller, minority, or women-owned firms completely out of the market.

What about the extreme weather associated with climate change? It is time to educate owners on the impact of extreme weather on construction processes. Such events can lead to extended delays, increased costs, or force majeure events. Consideration for these events can be more clearly articulated in contracts as well as eligible grounds for addressing time and cost impacts as a result, including change orders or other contract modifications.

In the transportation markets, a key roadblock to building the future are the delays and roadblocks in the environmental permitting processes. Even with a large input of new funding, many new projects will take a decade or two to just start construction. One size fits all approach in transportation will not work. Calls for more transit and restrictions on highway capacity may not be what is needed in all areas. Preparing for extreme weather that may have a low probability of happening could compete with more pressing needs in transportation that impact or benefit our local, state and national economies.

In the utility markets, our leaking water pipes around the nation should be a high priority “climate” focus. Leaking pipes across the country are responsible for the loss of 6 billion gallons of drinking water a day, according to a recent report by the American Society of Civil Engineers. With extreme megadroughts being talked about every day, this area of the infrastructure would seem a top priority for our government, nothing is more important than clean drinking water.

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**JOIN AGC MEMBERS IN PARK CITY FOR THE 2022 WINTER CONFERENCE**

From AGC Meetings & Events Committee



The AGC Meetings & Events Committee invites you to attend the [2022 Winter Conference](#) at the brand new Pendry Hotel in Park City, Utah.

A ski in/ski out hotel nestled in the center of **Canyons Village, the Pendry Park City** is a slope-side retreat where modernist design inspires every angle, and members can expect the utmost in luxury service. For those that want to do more than ski/snowboard, Park City's historic Main Street is just a short drive away with its' renowned restaurants, shops, and entertainment.

Located in the center of Park City, Utah, and a convenient 35-minute drive from Salt Lake City International Airport, this is the largest ski area in the United States, alongside neighboring Canyons Resort.

[View Winter Conference Brochure.](#)

Your 2022 AGC Winter Conference Package includes the following:

- 3 Nights Lodging (Thursday, February 10 – Sunday, February 13, 2022)
- Thursday - Opening Night Cocktails & Dinner Banquet
- Friday - Breakfast & Business Meeting
- Saturday - Cocktails & Dinner Banquet

*Additional Pricing will be coming soon for the following:*

- Ski/Snowboard Lift Tickets - Friday & Saturday
- Snowmobiling Tour – Saturday

Now is the time to start looking at flights and get yourself booked to attend this fun event as it may sell out quickly. Friday evening is an open night for guests to enjoy on their own.

[REGISTRATION FORM](#)

We are also hoping to secure enough sponsors to host cocktails at our Thursday and Saturday dinner events and to host an Après Ski event on Friday.

[SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES](#)

We welcome you to check out the new hotel website: <https://www.pendry.com/park-city/>

Questions, please contact Rae Krushensky at [raek@agcsd.org](mailto:raek@agcsd.org).

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## **REGISTER BY SEPT. 30 TO SHOWCASE YOUR CAR AT THE CLC MIXER & CAR SHOW ON OCT. 14**

By Kellie Korhonen, Staff Liaison - Construction Leadership Council Committee (CLC)

Car registration is open for the CLC Mixer & Car Show on October 14! Register to display your classic car, hot-rod, or truck at the event. All vehicles must register in advance by this Thursday, September 30.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register your car online or fill out the [REGISTRATION FORM](#)



### **Don't Miss Out On the Last Free Member Event of the Year**

Enjoy delicious food truck fare, ice-cold beverages, while checking out the classic cars and hot-rods on display. The event starts at 4:00 p.m. and goes to 7:00 p.m. at the AGC East Count Headquarters and Apprenticeship Training Center.

**AGC Members [REGISTER](#) for the CLC Mixer & Car Show today!**

Thank you to our current event sponsors! [Sponsorship opportunities](#) are still available.

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Please contact [Kellie Korhonen](#) with any event questions or for sponsorship opportunities.

## **SUPPORTING LA JOLLA FAMILY HOUSE WITH NEEDED DONATIONS**

By Elizabeth Tague, Estimator, Sundt / Build & Serve Committee Member

**Sundt San Diego Region** partnered with the AGC in donating non-perishable items such as canned soup, pasta, pasta sauce, macaroni and cheese, rice, and individually wrapped snacks. Additionally, we donated journals/coloring books and toiletry items as well.



The La Jolla Family House will distribute these items to the current and new residents that come to stay at the home. The La Jolla Family House is located across from UCSD and opened the home back in October of 2020. Since their opening, they have hit max capacity within the home. Their goal is to provide comfort and care for families who have a loved one in long-term critical care at UC San Diego Health. The La Jolla Family House is extremely thankful for the items the AGC and Sundt were able to collectively donate as these items are much appreciated by the clients who reside in the home.

I want to praise Walmart in Santee, and say thank you to Laura, the extremely patient and kind Walmart employee who assisted in the overwhelming purchase of three full cart loads of items. Laura also mentioned how very impressed she was with Sundt's kind gesture and willingness to provide donations within our community.

Thank you so much to the Sundt San Diego Region for coming together and providing donations and support.



## **APPLICATION DUE THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 FOR PROJECT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIP**

By Becca Schaffer, Education & Safety Marketing Manager

This is your last chance to apply for a **full ride scholarship** for the 2022 AGC San Diego Construction Project Management Program. Deadline to submit applications is **September 30, 2021**. Main requirement you must be an active employee with a AGC San Diego Chapter Member Company to join the next group of CPM graduates who take their careers to even greater heights.

[Learn more](#)

## GOLF SPOTS SOLD OUT FOR FALL GOLF CLASSIC - OCTOBER 11...SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES STILL AVAILABLE

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- 2 Closest to the Pin Contests
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Please notify AGC if you have any updates for:

- New Address
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- Job Titles
- Phone/Fax
- CSI Codes
- Certified Businesses

Email [Marcy Knopman](mailto:Marcy.Knopman@agcsd.org) or log on to the NEW [Member Portal](#) on AGC's website.



## EDUCATION & TRAINING CLASSES

### September Classes

Sept. 27-29 - Fall Protection 24 Hour CPT for EM 385  
Sept. 28 - CPR First Aid Training - *Lakeside*

### October Classes

Oct. 4 - Basic Rigging and Qualified Signal Person - *Ferris Square*  
Oct. 5 - Stormwater Virtual Forum - *via Zoom*  
Oct. 6 - MS Excel Beginner - *offsite*  
Oct. 11 - 13 - Fall Protection 24-Hour CPT for EM 385/NAVFAC - *Ferris*  
Oct. 11 - Fall Protection REFRESHER - *Ferris Square*  
Oct. 12 - Caltrans Approved Flagger Training - *Lakeside*  
Oct. 12 - Prevailing Wage Certified Payroll - *Lakeside*  
Oct. 13 - MS Excel Intermediate - *offsite*  
Oct. 13-14 - CQM - *via Zoom*  
Oct. 13 - EOS Workshop - *Lakeside*  
Oct. 14 - Confined Space - *Ferris Square*  
Oct. 18 - 21 OSHA 30-Hour - *Ferris Square*  
Oct. 20 - MS Excel Advanced - *offsite*  
Oct. 20 - Construction Law Webinar - *via Zoom*  
Oct. 21 - Trenching & Excavating - *Ferris Square*  
Oct. 21 - Effective Project Engineer - *Lakeside*  
Oct. 21 - MS Project 2016 *via Zoom*  
Oct. 26 - Blueprint - *Lakeside*  
Oct. 26 - MS Project 2016 - Advanced - *offsite*  
Oct. 27 - CPR/First Aid/AED Training - *Lakeside*  
Oct. 27-28 - CQM - *via Zoom*

For more information on classes, contact:  
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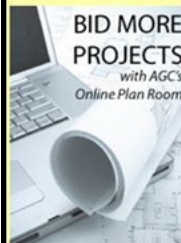


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### September Meeting

Sept. 30 - 4:00 PM - **CLC Car Show Volunteer Meeting** - via *GoToMeeting*

### October Meetings

Oct. 6 - 7:00 AM - **Safety Committee** - via *GoToMeeting*

Oct. 19 - 11:00 AM - **Airport** - via *GoToMeeting*

Oct. 21 - 1:00 PM - **City of San Diego** - via *GoToMeeting*  
Oct. 28 - NOON - **Meetings & Events** @ Lakeside

[Committee Meeting Calendar](#)

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## AGC LOCATIONS



### **AGC East County Facility & Apprenticeship Training Center**

10140 Riverford Road  
Lakeside, CA 92040  
(858) 558-7444

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### **AGC Government Affairs Office & Fall Protection Training Campus**

6212 Ferris Square  
San Diego, CA 92121  
2nd floor

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### **About Monday Morning Quarterback**

AGC San Diego Chapter's Monday Morning Quarterback is a "hot off the press" and to the point Monday morning briefing on the important issues facing San Diego's construction industry. It is prepared by AGC Chief Executive Officer, Eddie Sprecco, and Vice President Government & Industry Relations, Dustin Steiner.

Please contact [Eddie Sprecco](#) or [Dustin Steiner](#) with your comments, or with information that should be conveyed to the industry through this service. Well over 3,000 individuals employed by AGC member firms are part of this system.

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