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INDUSTRY NEWS

Where are we with AB5?

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Since we periodically are still getting questions about the 2019 Assembly Bill 5 every time there is something in the news related to trucking, here is a short run-down of where things stand.

Non-Construction Motor-Carriers

Assembly Bill 5 was passed in the fall of 2019. A preliminary injunction prevented it from being enforced while the California Trucking Association (CTA) challenged AB5 in federal court.

In June 2022, the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear CTA's case, thereby ending it. The injunction, blocking enforcement by the state, was then lifted in August 2022. The effect of lifting the injunction seemingly put the 70,000 owner-operator truckers in California out of business. At this point, it is unclear whether motor carriers are complying with AB5 as they are exploring options to comply or get around the law.

According to CTA officials, they have not seen aggressive enforcement at this point. They expect the DIR to eventually target a large, high profile, motor carrier using independent owner-operators for enforcement action. That action would likely act as a deterrent for other carriers.

Truck drivers are considered employees under the law.

Construction Trucking Exemption

The exemption for construction trucking services in AB 5 has been extended to January 1, 2025.

Under the exemption, the "ABC" test of AB 5 does not apply to a subcontractor providing construction trucking services if all the following points apply:

1. The subcontractor is a business entity, and
2. The subcontractor is registered with the DIR, and
3. All trucking services are performed by employees unless:

- a. The subcontractor is a sole proprietor who operates their own truck and performs the entire subcontract with a valid Motor Carrier Permit, and
- 4. The subcontractor negotiates and contracts with and is compensated directly by the licensed contractor.

We have not heard of any aggressive enforcement of the “construction trucking exemption.” Some contractors are arranging for trucking services to be provided by trucking companies who are licensed contractors, with indemnification for the prime contractor from future wage claims.

Proposition 22

Proposition 22 was a 2020 Ballot Measure that was passed and allowed Uber, Lyft, and other platforms to classify their drivers as independent contractors.

Prop. 22 shields app-based rideshare and delivery drivers from the requirements of AB 5. The exemption applies to workers who:

- A. Provide services on an on-demand basis through a business’s online app.
- B. Use their personal vehicle to provide prearranged transportation services for compensation through a business’s online app.

In March 2023, a California appeals court largely upheld Prop. 22 as constitutional. The court did sever one provision of Prop. 22 that restricted the legislature from passing legislation, allowing collective bargaining rights for app-based drivers. The severed provision called for a seven-eighths majority vote to pass such a measure. The case is likely not over and should end up in the California Supreme Court.

Proposition 22 does not exempt truck drivers or motor carriers from AB 5.

UPCOMING GIVING BACK PROJECTS



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Senior Smoke Alarm Project - Saturday, June 24

AGC has partnered with the **Burn Institute** to install smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors at a senior mobile home park in Escondido, Saturday, June 24 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM.

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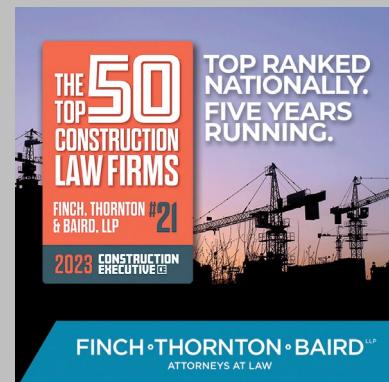
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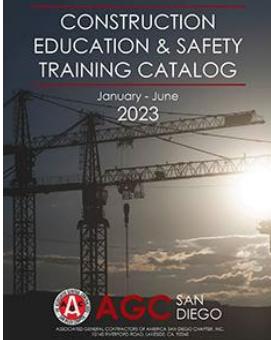
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MONDAY MORNING QUARTERBACK

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More Jobs, Less Red Tape

By Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

A few weeks ago, we [wrote](#) about the Governor's attempts to streamline infrastructure and limit the time for CEQA litigation. Unfortunately, the State Senate Budget Committee rejected this bold slate of proposals because of the *swift* turnaround needed to make the budget deadline. Recall that legislators don't get paid if a budget is not passed by June 30, so there is always a certain *urgency* this time of year.

Surely in a state where "[gut and amends](#)" rule the day, there is plenty of time to make this work, if only the political will is there! Last week, AGC San Diego joined a broad coalition of labor unions, chambers, and other business leaders in support of the Governor's proposal. Let's hope it resonates with our elected officials!

To view the letter, [click here](#).



AGC Day at the Races, July 28 at the Del Mar Racetrack

By Rae Krushensky, Director of Membership Services, Meetings & Events

Announcing the Annual AGC Day at the Races event scheduled for **Friday, July 28**, at the Del Mar Racetrack.

Did you know that in 1937, the Del Mar racetrack opened its field to the public? Bing Crosby, one of the founders, personally greeted the fans as they entered the gates.

From the start, the racetrack created a reputation among top rivals in the field for exciting races.

In the year 1938, Del Mar organized a highly publicized sport race among famous horses Seabiscuit and Ligaroti.

The event placed Del Mar on the map and continues to draw thousands of fans to the track each year.

This season features top racehorses, trainers, jockeys, and plenty of fun. Don't miss out and register now in the link below right away.

We are back in the Il Palio Skyroom, and although this is a large room, we are serious when we say that this event will sell out quickly. We can accommodate the first 200 registrations.

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

The first post (race) is at 4:00 p.m., so the skybox will open at 3:00 p.m.

To register, [click here](#).

Special thanks to our "**Title Sponsors**" below whose support offers 2 drink tickets to each attendee:

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In addition, for 18 years, Bill Haithcock, President of Casper Company, has provided a unique gift to each attendee. It is always something special and we're looking forward to seeing what it is this year!

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The members build connections with fellow construction professionals, creating opportunities to enhance their industry knowledge through relevant programs. CLC encourages a higher level of involvement in the industry among early to mid-career professionals.

This year's goals include:

- CLC objectives to encourage a higher level of involvement in the industry
- Supporting SDSU CEM/CM program and RENO teams
- Growing CLC membership
- Coordinating annual CLC Mixer & Car Show to raise funds for RENO teams and committee events

If you're interested in joining the CLC, you can [click here](#) to sign up using the online AGC Committee Volunteer form.

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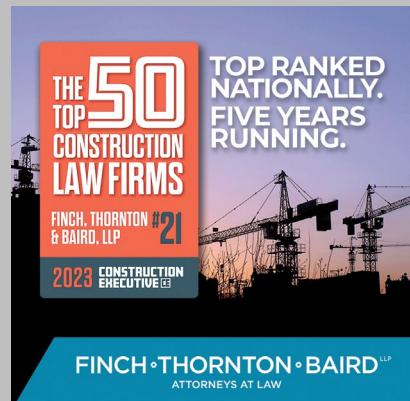
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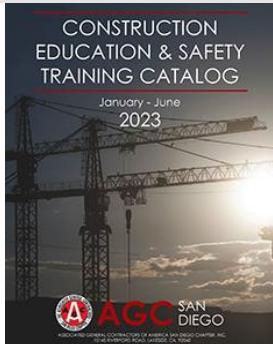
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Housing, History, and Baseball

Eddie Sprecco, CEO

Housing

Homelessness and the associated quality of life issues for all San Diegans have been a hotly debated topic in our region for over a decade. Mayor Todd Gloria and the San Diego City Council took a big step last week in passing a partial ban on [camping in many areas of the City](#).

While the debate rages on about the causes of homelessness and whether “housing first” is the best way forward, the prominent solutions include increased housing supply. Of course, the “chicken and egg” conundrum the City is facing is convincing builders and buyers to relocate to areas that are denser and near transit to meet the State and Region’s “Green House Gas” emission goals. Families are only going to move back to downtown and commit to using public transit if they feel safe and comfortable doing so.

The Mayor and Council should be commended on taking this important first step. They need to continue working with groups like Building Industry Association (BIA) San Diego to improve the permitting process, and AGC San Diego to lower the cost of construction of private and public works that drive housing costs. Without enforcement of the new ordinance and meaningful reform to lower construction costs, the housing crisis will persist in San Diego.

History

On Friday, the **Lakeside Historical Society** welcomed AGC San Diego to the Lakeside Community with a print of the David M. Ryan Contractor train that performed work on the Grand Coulee Dam in the 1930s – and featured prominently the AGC logo of the 1930s. David H. Ryan was a San Diego-based contractor that performed excavation and site work on the Grand Coulee Dam before winning a contract for a whopping \$235,570 to build a 34-mile rail line to support Dam construction.



The print was presented to **2023 AGC President Austin Cameron**, *TC Construction Co.*, by John Ryan, the grandson of David H Ryan, along with leadership from the Lakeside Historical Society. More information can be found on the Lakeside Historical Society's [Facebook page](#).

The Lakeside Historical Society deeply understands the construction industry's history in San Diego and the West, since much of it was based in East County, as it is today. No doubt, as this Chapter approaches its centennial celebration in 2027, we will be tapping into more of their knowledge and photos.

Baseball Bash 2023

With an up-and-down season on the line, the Padres on Thursday turned to AGC's very own **Mark Weiand** to start the game and go for the sweep of the three-game series against the Cleveland Guardians, in front of 500 AGC members, at the 2023 Baseball Bash. Besides being a starting MLB pitcher, Mark Weiand, also moonlights as Executive Vice President of Cox Construction and serves on the AGC Board of Directors.

Despite pitching a no-hitter up to that point, Padres manager Bob Melvin pulled Weiand from the game, potentially due to arm tightness from an existing "arm-wrestling" injury. Long reliever Ryan Weathers promptly gave up six runs, disappointing Weiand and his many family and friends in the sellout crowd - Ryan Weathers has since been optioned to the Padres Triple-A El Paso Chihuahuas....

[Click here](#) for Mark Weiand's historic first (and likely last) MLB start.

Although the Padres did not pull out a win, the sold-out Baseball Bash was part of the Padres' record-tying 26th sellout of the year (since broken) on a wonderful night of

baseball on the rooftop of the Western Metal Building – always an amazing venue, with great views of downtown San Diego and the entire ballpark.

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And finally, a shout out to **Kim Heinz**, from *Swinerton*, for taking the lead at this event, her co-chair **Karla Arana** from *Prestige Concrete*, and the committee members!

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We look forward to seeing everyone, again, next year!

Technology Changing Construction: Drones

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Drones. You've heard about them and seen them everywhere. Whether flying around a room or capturing unique aerial footage, drones offer new possibilities and applications — especially in the world of construction.

In the past few years, drones have become one of the most compelling [construction trends](#). The industry has experienced a [239% growth in drone use](#) year over year, higher than any other commercial sector. Their aerial vantage point and data-collecting abilities make them a viable tool, offering benefits ranging from on-site safety to remote monitoring.

Drone photos, videos, and imagery are used to scope out projects, track building progress, and provide real-time updates.

Due to their ability to map vast quantities of land, drones can exponentially cut down on time spent visualizing a site's topography. This helps to keep the project on schedule and on budget and ensures accuracy before the project is initiated. Gathering this information can help determine feasibility and assist with design. The high-resolution images produced by drones can be manipulated into 3D models, allowing the construction firm to pinpoint challenges during pre-construction and spot mistakes in the scope, saving time and money in the long run.

Another valuable feature of construction drones is the visibility they can provide for clients. Drones can produce impressive aerial views and give clients a grasp of the project's progression, especially when they cannot be physically present on a site. This helps assure clients that their funds are being utilized efficiently.

In addition to client communications, drones can improve internal collaboration for teams by sending information to connected software during flyovers. Design teams, engineers, construction managers, workers, and owners can access the data simultaneously, follow the project and catch any mistakes that may have occurred. Drones can also create a valuable trail of documents that teams can access later.

Worker safety is one of the top priorities of most construction companies. Falls in particular account for 34% of worker fatalities. Workers sometimes have to climb to unsteady platforms and navigate around hazardous conditions when taking manual measurements. Drones can replace workers in some of these situations and mitigate the risk construction workers face on the field.

Construction managers can also use drone video cameras to monitor the job site for safety concerns, ensuring workers are properly balanced and that no structures or equipment are loose or unstable.

Replacing heavy machinery and bulky scaffolding, drones can provide a crucial inspection. They can be flown around structures to check stability and fine details, and take high-resolution imagery for analysis. Thermal sensors can detect heat leaks, cold spots, and any electrical issues. This level of quality assurance helps with client relationships in the long run.

While drones in construction aren't new, construction companies are adopting them at a faster rate than ever before. Whether they are being used to conduct land surveys or to keep track of equipment, drones have proved to be valuable to the field.

Although commercial drone operations are approved under Part 107 of the FAA, additional laws exist at the state and local levels which should be evaluated. Many states have passed various laws directly relating to drone usage, most arising in the context of first responders and emergencies and do not appear to have general application to construction projects.

One noted exception in California, for example – Civil Code section 1708.8 (sometimes characterized as an "anti-paparazzi" law) may apply to certain construction projects as it creates a civil cause of action against anyone knowingly entering into the airspace of another to capture an image or recording of that person engaging in a private, personal, or familial activity without permission. This statute has "teeth" as it provides the

successful litigant with the potential of obtaining, among other things, treble and punitive damages. As such, construction professionals should take care to understand and plan for potential privacy issues depending on such factors as project location, as well as the background of the commercial drone operators being utilized.

Drones also have direct benefits to the construction lifecycle. Their capabilities allow them to cut costs, time, risk, and labor, all while improving workflow, accuracy, communication, and efficiency. All these lead to more confidence and certainty when working on a construction project.

While the impact of drones in the construction industry is developing, they are already influencing this industry and changing the way construction projects are handled. As long as the technology is able to pass federal aviation and zoning hurdles, it is safe to say that commercial drone is here to stay.

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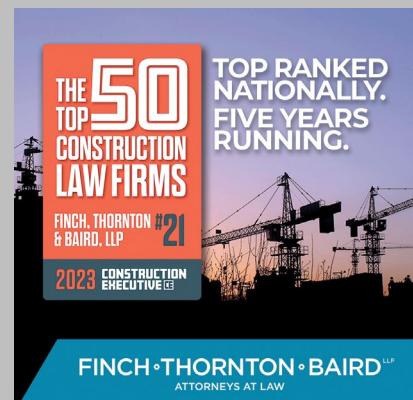
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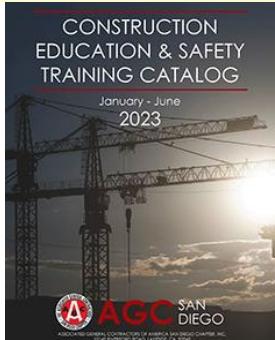
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INDUSTRY NEWS

Deuces Wild

Dustin Steiner, Vice President Government & Industry Relations

Legendary Dodgers broadcaster, Vin Scully, used to announce, “*The deuces are wild*,” when there were two on base, with two outs, two balls, and two strikes on the batter. With the August 15 Special Election looming, here we are with just over two weeks until ballots hit mailboxes, and two of the candidates recently received a big boost from the two political parties. While the Board of Supervisors is technically non-partisan, it is currently split two-two (Dem, Rep) and, well, so are the four candidates: two Dems, and two Reps.

So, how does a political party help in a non-partisan race? Money. By State Law, Counties in California are governed by five elected Supervisors regardless of size. In San Diego, the second largest county in the state, that means that supervisorial districts are big – really big. In fact, they are bigger than a congressional district as we also have five members of our congressional delegation, but three represent areas of other counties. And, unlike congressional (and state) races, supervisor races are limited to smaller, personal donations. In this case, an individual donor may contribute \$1,000 to one of the candidates running, but a political party can contribute \$32,500!

As of this writing, it is unclear if that has occurred as June 30 marks the first reporting period of this campaign season, but it is certainly possible. Additionally, the parties can mail their members – meaning Reps can mail Reps, Dems can mail Dems, Greens can mail Greens, etc., for the entirety of the campaign. Those little voter guides you receive (if you’re a partisan voter) with official party endorsements? Those are generally (check that disclosure at the bottom!) paid for by the parties themselves. Suffice it to say, it can be a big advantage, especially as voters have tended to be *more* partisan in recent elections, and special elections are a sprint to the finish given the shorter time frame to run a more traditional campaign.

To recap, this race has four official candidates: San Diego City Councilmember **Monica Montgomery-Steppe**, veterans advocate **Janessa Goldbeck**, 2022 runner-up and ReOpen San Diego founder **Amy Reichert**, and Marine veteran **Paul McQuigg**. The

former are both Democrats, while the latter are both Republicans. The San Diego County Democratic Party has officially endorsed Montgomery-Steppe, while the Republican Party of San Diego County endorsed Reichert. As we have previously reported, the fourth district is heavily democratic by registration with a whopping 29% margin. AGC's Political Action Committee (PAC) recently met with the top contenders and is watching this race closely.

What will happen and how will recent developments affect the race? It's simply *too early to tell...*

State Budget Drama Drags On

By Mike McManus, Director of Engineering Construction & Industry Relations

Caltrans officials confirmed in a recent statewide meeting that the state budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year will likely have a one-time shift of \$650 million from the State Highway Account to the General Fund. The construction industry has opposed this from the beginning of this budget cycle. The types of projects that this cut to transportation include funds for Active Transportation projects (bike paths), climate adaptation, and Ports. However, some good news reported was that California is receiving about 11% of the competitive grant money from the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The Transportation portion of this year's budget is \$12.8 billion. That includes funds for Caltrans projects, local projects, transit, and Caltrans operations.

State law requires the governor to issue an updated budget proposal by May 14, by which time, income taxes are typically filed. Newsom unveiled that update — known as the "May revise" — this year on May 12, with a more dire budget outlook than January.

The state's Department of Finance determined that the projected deficit had grown by \$9 billion since January, bringing the total to about \$31.5 billion. (The Legislative Analyst's Office separately estimated the deficit at \$34.5 billion, partly using different assumptions.)

In his May proposal, Newsom called for shifting an additional \$3.3 billion in existing commitments out of the general fund than he had proposed in January, including paying for \$1.1 billion in climate spending and \$1.1 billion in college student housing projects with bonds, and pulling back another \$1 billion in unused money from programs such as middle-class tax refunds and utility bill support for low-income residents.

Before the Legislature reaches an agreement with the governor, the Assembly and Senate must decide what to present. This is typically the stage, after the May revision, when the Legislature makes decisions on major programs such as education, corrections, and health and human services. This budget was published June 11, representing agreement between the Democratic caucuses of both chambers, who can use their supermajorities to pass budgets without any Republican votes.

The Democrats' \$312 billion spending plan largely aligns with Newsom's on avoiding major cuts to ongoing programs, increasing core funding for some, including schools, public universities, welfare payments, and health coverage; and expanding some others, including \$250 million more for flood protection.

But the plan differs from Newsom in some significant respects, including by offering a temporary lifeline to struggling public transit agencies. The Legislature's plan provides \$1.1 billion over three years for the Zero Emission Transit Capital program, which is funded partly from cap-and-trade revenues. Agencies can use the money for operations as long as they meet yet-to-be-detailed accountability measures. It also restores \$2.2 billion for the Transportation Infrastructure Package that Newsom proposed cutting in January. That brings the total back to \$4 billion over three years and gives agencies the flexibility to use the money for operations. Other areas also remain to be worked out.

Following the deal between the Senate and Assembly, budget committees and subcommittees meet and discuss the spending plan. But those discussions mostly frame ongoing negotiations with the governor.

By midnight on June 15, the Legislature must approve the budget bills — otherwise, they don't get paid. That happened on the morning of June 15 for the 2023-24 budget, despite Republican objections.

But the approved plan is far from final. Legislative leaders will continue to work out specifics in conversations with the governor, as well as through "budget trailer bills," which are sometimes controversial follow-up bills that flesh out specifics.

By law, the Legislature must approve, and the governor must sign a budget before July 1, the start of California's fiscal year. Otherwise, the state can't pay its expenses, such as salaries or some vendor payments, including progress payments to our member contractors on Caltrans construction projects.

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- Do you enjoy free food and drinks?

AGC San Diego has the committee for you, the CLC!

We would like you to join us for our June [CLC Sip n' Social](#) to recruit new committee members! The event will be held this Thursday, June 29 at The Golf Bar in Rancho Bernardo from 4 - 7 pm. **Limited spots are available, please RSVP to Kellie Korhonen at kellie@agcsd.org by 4:00 p.m. today.**



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Jean PirkI from Filanc said, "Another success working with the Burn Institute to replace expired or non-working smoke alarms in the beautiful community of Champagne Village. Additionally, CO2 detectors were installed in homes that were still using propane. The community was very appreciative of the efforts made by all."

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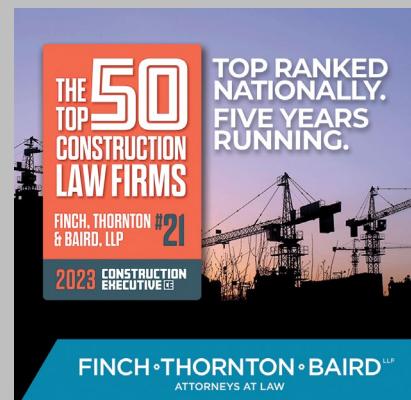
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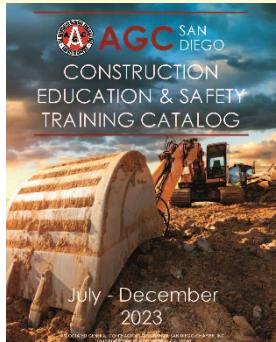
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