



BAY AREA BRIEFING

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PUBLIC WORKS BREAKFAST

TOP CALTRANS OFFICIAL TO SPEAK: Caltrans District 4 Director **Bijan Sartipi** will be the keynote speaker at the **April 25** [“Public Works Breakfast”](#) event at 7:30 a.m. in San Jose. Contractors will have the opportunity to meet with dozens of public agency officials and preview billions worth of public works projects that are due to be put out to bid in the months and years ahead. Sartipi has been the director of the nine-county Caltrans Bay Area district since 2002. In that capacity, he manages a capital program of more than \$5 billion, some 3,900 employees and an annual operating budget of \$460 million. He'll discuss some of the challenges of delivering transportation projects in such a diverse area, and the impact state budget cuts may have on the Bay Area's transportation program. The morning event, which will include breakfast, will take place at the Corinthian Event Center, 196 N. Third Street in downtown San Jose. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact **Kristin Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.



Sartipi

BART OUTREACH

DISPARITY STUDY, PROJECTS PREVIEWED: The Bay Area Rapid Transit District is inviting contractors to attend a community meeting on Wednesday, **April 2** in Oakland to get an overview of a disparity study and BART's efforts to contract with disadvantaged business enterprises. The meeting will be held at the Joseph P. Bort Metro Center, Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, 101 8th Street. For more information, visit the a special meeting [website](#) devoted to the topic, or call (510) 291-9682. BART will also hold an outreach meeting on Thursday, **April 3** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the same location to provide information on the Rockridge and West Oakland station projects, as well



as the aerial structures in North Oakland and West Oakland. The total value of the contracts is up to \$120 million. For more information on that meeting, contact **Harry Overstreet** at (510) 464-6959.

SAFETY TRAINING

BACK & MUSCLE INJURY PREVENTION: AGC will hold a half-day “Back and Muscle Injury Prevention” seminar on Thursday, **April 24** at Hensel Phelps Construction Training Room, 226 Airport Parkway in San Jose. The instructor is noted safety trainer and AGC member **Mark Aniello** with Environmental Compliance & Remediation, Inc. For more information, contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.

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AGC-SF LIAISON COMMITTEE

TAKING ON THE TOUGH ISSUES: The newly formed AGC-San Francisco Liaison Committee has set an ambitious agenda of issues on the table with the goal of improving the climate for contractors bidding city public works projects. Among the issues to be tackled are prompt closeout and payment for completed projects, the impact to contractors of the city's new sick leave ordinance, and oversight of the city's nine different contracting improvement task forces. The committee consists of a broad array of contractors and top managers from the various city departments that have capital improvement programs. For more information, contact **Russell Snyder** at (925) 827-2422.



Turner Construction executive John de Ruiter (left) and Chris Iglesias, Executive Director of the city's Human Rights Commission, are co-chairs of the AGC-SF Liaison Committee.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

NORTH BAY EVENT SET: The 8th annual [North Bay Golf Tournament](#) will be held Monday, **April 21** at the Windsor Golf Club in Windsor. Proceeds from the event will benefit scholarship programs at Santa Rosa Junior College and Sonoma State University for needy students who are pursuing a career in construction. Last year more than \$4,000 was raised for the scholarship programs. For more information or sponsorship opportunities, contact **Rachel Morris** at (925) 827-2422.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

COMPREHENSIVE SEMINAR SET: The AGC Industrial Relations-North Department will present a [Substance Abuse Seminar](#) on Friday, **April 25** at the Holiday Inn, 1050 Burnett Ave. in Concord. The comprehensive seminar will feature **Larry Kazanjian** with the law firm of Palmer Kazanjian Wohl Perkins LLP, **Bob Stevens** with Emerald Bay Consulting LLC and **Mark Richards** with Joshua Casey Corporate Training & Education. The subjects to be covered include how to recognize impaired employees, legal and collective bargaining implications, proper investigation and documentation steps, confidentiality and current testing technology. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the program runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and includes all course materials, a course completion certificate and lunch. Space is limited, so early registration is recommended. For more information, contact AGC's **Lesa Hogeboom** at (925) 827-2422.

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2008

TELL A FRIEND, WIN A PRIZE: The AGC Bay Area Membership Committee recently announced a contest for AGC members who help recruit the most new members this spring. The prizes include free golf for four at the AGC Bay Region Golf Classic June 16 at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, and a custom leather jacket donated by AGC member Epic Incentives. For more information, contact AGC's **Russell Snyder** at (925) 827-2422.

CALTRANS OUTREACH

SUB-CONTRACTORS TARGETED: Caltrans will hold two outreach events targeted at small-businesses and subcontractors seeking to participate in transportation projects. On Monday, **April 7** from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. a mandatory pre-bid outreach event for prime contractors will be held at the Solano County Government Center, 675 Texas Street in Fairfield. The project to be highlighted is a 8.7-mile HOV lane along I-80 in Fairfield valued at \$53 million. Caltrans will also preview upcoming work at an outreach event to be held Friday, **April 11** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Park Plaza Hotel, 150 Hegenberger Road in Oakland. Thirty-seven projects valued at \$700 million will be previewed. To sign up for either of these events, send an e-mail to **Adriana Harris** of Caltrans at Adriana_harris@dot.ca.gov or telephone **George Crosby** at (510) 286-7040 for the Oakland event, or **Brian White** at (510) 286-5825 for the Fairfield event.



WELCOME ABOARD!

INDUSTRIAL ASSET RECYCLERS: AGC is pleased to welcome as a new San Francisco Bay Area associate member Industrial Asset Recyclers of Benicia, which evaluates, markets and sells surplus business assets. For more information, contact **Harvey Rifkin** at (707) 745-1777 or e-mail him at: harvey@industrialecyclers.com.

THE AGC ADVANTAGE

VORTEX MARINE CONSTRUCTION: **Blaise Fettig**, president of Vortex Marine Construction, talks about what the AGC Advantage means to him: *"The AGC has been our gateway to access the thinking and planning behind the construction industry."*