

LEGISLATIVE DAY

BAY AREA MEMBERS MARCH ON CAPITOL: Once again the AGC Bay Area districts were well-represented at the annual AGC Day at the Legislature on June 18, hearing the latest updates on issues affecting the construction industry and meeting with individual legislators. Hot topics this year included the tardy state budget, protecting transportation funding, and regulatory burdens.



Meeting with Assemblywoman Fiona Ma were, from left, Marlene Jones-Taylor and Barbarette Newton of Redwood Resources, Blaise Fettig of Vortex Marine Construction, Aaron Silberman of Rogers Joseph O'Donnell, Tyrone Evans and Ricky Johnson of RCJ & Associates, Ma, Chuck Fletcher of MCE and Bob Brosamer of R&L Brosamer.



Meeting with Sen. Jeff Denham were, from left, Jeff Davis of Central Concrete Supply, Mike Venezia of Hensel Phelps Construction, Denham, Mike Blach of Blach Construction, Jim Hawk with Rosendin Electric, Jon Ball with Hensel Phelps Construction, and Bill Hurley with Miller, Morton, Caillat & Nevis.

CONTRACTOR OUTREACH

CALTRANS, PORT TEAM UP: The Port of Oakland and Caltrans District 4 are teaming up to hold a joint contractor outreach on Tuesday, **July 8** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Jack London Aquatic Center, 115 Embarcadero, Oakland. Pre-registration is requested. For more information, contact **George Crosby** at (510) 286-7030.

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IN MEMORIAM

ROBERT BALLIET: The AGC family was saddened to learn of the death June 26 of **Robert Balliet**. He was a longtime AGC Bay Area member and served as AGC of California president in 1984, and was an AGC of America Life Director. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, **July 8** at 11 a.m. at the Sneider Sullivan and O’Connell’s Funeral Home, 977 S. El Camino Real, San Mateo. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Sutter V.N.A Hospice, Special Olympics, or Habitat for Humanity.



Balliet

NORTH BAY PUBLIC WORKS

UPCOMING PROJECTS PREVIEWED: The AGC North Bay District will hold a “Public Works Briefing” breakfast briefing on Tuesday, **Aug. 5** at 7:30 a.m. at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park. At the informal session, AGC members will be able to hear directly from public works officials and ask questions. Agencies to be represented include the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, the Sonoma County Water Agency and the North Bay region of Caltrans. For more information, contact **Rachel Morris** at (707) 526-0645.

AGC BAY REGION CLASSIC

GOLF TOURNAMENT ANOTHER HIT: More than 200 golfers attended the AGC Bay Region Golf Classic, held June 16 at the Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton. The annual event raises money for college scholarships and other local charities. The sponsors for this year’s event included: Aon Risk Services; Associated Third Party Administrators; Fremont Bank; Carpenter Rigging; Carpenters Union Local 46; Cement Masons of Northern California; Central Concrete Supply Co., Inc.; Foundation for Fair Contracting; Health-net; Hensel Phelps Construction; Johnson Western Gunitite; Lehigh-Hanson Cement; Lockton Insurance; McMorgan & Co.; McNeil Silveria Rice & Wiley; Mechanics Bank; Northern California Regional Council of Carpenters; Operating Engineers Local 3; Royal Trucking; U.A. Local 355; Union Bank of California and Zurich Surety.



Enjoying a day on the links at the AGC Bay Area Golf Classic were, from left, Rick Cook, Joe Santucci, Rick Martinez and Matt Gonsalves.

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MEMBER NEWS

ROBERT A. BOTHMAN WINS AWARD: San Jose Public Works Director **Katy Allen** recently presented Santa Clara District member Robert A. Bothman Inc. with an Award of Special Recognition for work in delivering the Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park ahead of schedule and under budget. The park is the largest of its kind in California. For more information, visit Bothman's [company website](#) or contact **Andy Lambert** at (408) 279-2277.

EXCAVATION SAFETY

FREE TRAINING IN ANTIOCH: A "Safety Awareness for Excavators" seminar will be held Thursday, **Aug. 28** from 9 a.m. to noon at the Prewett Family Park & Community Center, 4701 Lone Tree Way in Antioch. The training, which includes a free lunch, is sponsored by USA North, the California Public Utilities Commission, CalOSHA and the State Fire Marshal's Office. For more information or to register, call **Jamie Moreno** at USA North at (925) 798-9504, ext. 6.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

CYPRESS MANDELA TRAINING CENTER: AGC members and others attended a May 29 fundraiser for the Cypress Mandela Training Center in Oakland, writing checks totaling \$32,000 to support the pre-apprenticeship construction training program. **Mark Lindquist** of 1701 Associates and past AGC of California president and one of the coordinators of the event, said AGC members who donated included **Mitchell Engineering, Turner Construction, Swinerton Construction, Joe Corbin** and **McCarthy Construction**. The AGC Education Foundation has pledged to match the contributions. Founded in 1993, the Cypress Mandela program has trained 1,492 adults in various skills to prepare them for construction industry jobs, and has a 90 percent placement rate. For more information, contact Cypress Mandela Executive Director **Art Shanks** at (510) 208-7350.



Attending the Cypress Mandela reception, from left: Russell Snyder from AGC, Rich Zito from Shimmick Construction, Bob Schwab from Mitchell Engineering and Sean Carolan with Hensel Phelps Construction.

BART

AGENCY TO HOLD 'TOWN HALL MEETING': The Bay Area Rapid Transit District will hold a "Town Hall" meeting on Wednesday, **July 16** from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Joseph P. Bort Metro Center, 101 Eighth Street in Oakland. The meeting, which is sponsored by BART' Office of Civil Rights, Contract Management and the Earthquake Safety Program, will discuss present and future construction contracts for the second half of 2008. For more information, call **Ron Granada** at (510) 464-6103, or **Harry Overstreet** at (510) 464-6959.

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SF REFORMS ADVANCE

KEY COMMITTEE APPROVES CHANGES TO CONTRACTING CODE: At the urging of AGC, a key committee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on June 16 unanimously approved changes to the city's contracting code that will reduce retention, eases design-build restrictions and other reforms pushed by the construction industry. In a letter to the Government Audit & Oversight Committee, AGC said the proposed changes in Chapter 6 of the city's administrative code "will add more momentum to the (contracting) reform effort, and broadcast a strong message that the Board of Supervisors supports the reforms as a way of restoring San Francisco's rightful place as a city that gets things done." After hearing testimony from AGC and others, the committee voted unanimously to approve the changes and send the recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors. Supervisor **Carmen Chu**, who is sponsoring the changes, thanked AGC for its support.

SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT

AGC PUSHES FOR FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS: AGC of California recently wrote U.S. Transportation Secretary **Mary Peters** to urge the federal government to award a Small Community Air Service Development Program grant to Sonoma County Airport. The county has formed an active public-private partnership to support good local air service. In its May 30 letter, AGC said the awarding of the funds will help promote better local air service, which "will stimulate the economy, reduce unnecessary travel to distant airports and help attract further business and tourism to the area."

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

INITIAL WINNERS ANNOUNCED: The AGC Bay Region Membership Committee-sponsored membership contest for the first half of 2008 concluded at the Bay Region Golf Classic on June 16 with the following winners: The winner of a free golf foursome was **Jake Hinchey** with Granite Construction. The second prize, a custom-designed leather jacket, was awarded to **Tom Belcher** of Underwater Resources. The winner of a special Membership Committee prize for a potential new AGC member was Cory Keller with XL Construction. Keller went home with a golf bag with an AGC logo embroidered on the side. Membership Committee Chairman **Andy Lambert** of Robert A. Bothman reminded AGC members that the membership drive continues through the end of the year with a special recognition planned for the Holiday Dinner Dance **Dec. 6** at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The committee will also have a tribute to super-recruiter **Dave McCosker**, chairman of Independent Construction and past president of AGC of California.

TUNNEL ADVANCES

AGC PUSHES FOR 4TH CALDECOTT BORE: AGC last month urged the Oakland City Council to approve an agreement with Caltrans to pave the way for construction of a fourth bore of the Caldecott Tunnel on Highway 24. In a June 11 letter to the council, AGC said the city council "has a historic opportunity to stand with a project that will create well-paying construction jobs in our local community, reduce congestion and improve safety." The agreement between the city and the state provided for approximately \$8 million in mitigations for local residents affected by the proposed construction. Currently, there are only three tunnels, or bores, through the hills separating Oakland from the San Ramon Valley. The Oakland City Council approved the agreement on June 17.