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Jim Earp addresses AGC's Public Works Night event.

PUBLIC WORKS NIGHT

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING PROTECTED: **Jim Earp**, a member of the California Transportation Commission and executive director of the California Alliance for Jobs, told a sold-out crowd Sept. 17 that the construction industry has fought hard to protect transportation funds during the state budget stalemate of 2008. Speaking at AGC's "Public Works Night" event in Emeryville, Earp said lawmakers had considered raiding transportation funds to fill a \$15 billion budget deficit, but were persuaded to keep their hands off the money by a concerted lobbying effort by construction companies and union members, led by AGC. Other speakers at the event included **Harlan Kelly** of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, **Joe Cheung** of the San Francisco Department of Public Works and, **Bob Finney** construction chief of Caltrans for the San Francisco Bay Area.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE: Don't miss out on the year's most festive gathering of construction leaders in the Bay Area – the annual AGC Bay Region Holiday Dinner Dance. This year's event will be held **Dec. 6** at the opulent Palace Hotel in the heart of the downtown San Francisco shopping and entertainment district. This year will feature a special tribute to Dave McCosker, chairman of Independent Construction and past president of AGC of California. Table reservations and exclusive sponsorships are now being accepted. To register, visit the [AGC of California](http://www.agc-ca.org) website. For more information, contact **Kristen Fracisco** at (925) 827-2422.



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VALUABLE SAFETY TRAINING

CONFINED SPACE SEMINAR: AGC will host a one-day Confined Space training seminar on Thursday, Oct. 9 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The seminar will be held at the office of AGC member Miller, Morton, Caillat & Nevis in San Jose. Learn crucial information on a variety of topics including but not limited to: defining a confined space, contractor/host employer responsibilities and confined space rescue. To register, view the [on-line flier](#) or contact Kristen Fracisco at (925) 827-2422.

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INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS NORTH

NEW SAN FRANCISCO ORDINANCE ALERT: On August 12, 2008, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Ordinance No. 199-08, requiring public and private sector employers with an average of twenty (20) or more employees per week to provide incentives for their employees to commute to work using public transportation. Employees who work at least ten (10) hours per week in San Francisco must be offered voluntary participation in a transportation benefit program; this includes full-time, part-time and temporary employees. The ordinance will take effect on September 22, 2008 and Employers will be required to have an appropriate transportation benefit program in place within 120 days of the effective date – i.e. by Monday, January 19, 2009. For more information, contact the **AGC Industrial Relations Department** at (925) 827-2422.

BART

TOWN HALL MEETING: The San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) invites you to a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, **Oct. 30**, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Joseph P. Bort Metro Center, 101 Eighth Street, Oakland, CA. Attendees will receive key information on up-coming construction contracts to be let during the months of November 2008 through June 2009, including the Earthquake Safety Program and Warm Springs Extension contracts. The Town Hall Meeting will also allow for networking between Primes and Sub-contractors.



Space is limited. For more information and to RSVP, please contact **Bendu Griffin**, bgriffi@bart.gov or at (510) 464-7657 by Oct. 27.

SF BAY AREA BBQ

DELICIOUS FOOD, AIR QUALITY ON MENU: The San Francisco Bay Area District held a General Membership Meeting BBQ and mixer on Wednesday, Sept. 10, in conjunction with generous host and AGC member [TEC Oakland](#). Guests enjoyed good food, followed by good information. **Beth White** of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) was first to speak and provided valuable information to members and guests on the upcoming regulations that will affect many associated with the construction industry in the near future. Other speakers included **Matt Schapp** from the California Trucking Association (CTA), and **Clayton Miller** from the Construction Industry Air Quality Coalition (CIAQC). For more information or to have your questions answered, please contact **Rachel Morris** of AGC at (925) 827-2422 and she will be able to direct you to the appropriate person.



Beth White of the California Air Resources Board (CARB) addresses the crowd as Matt Schapp of the California Trucking Association (CTA) looks on.

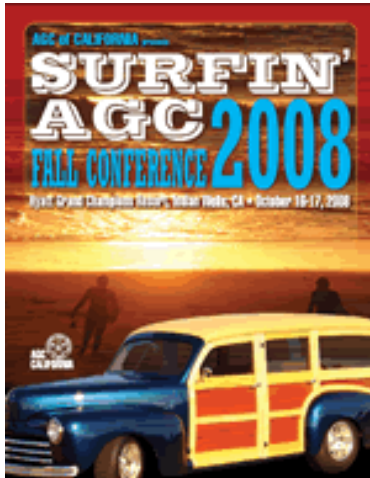
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HARASSMENT SEMINAR

BE IN COMPLIANCE : AGC's Industrial Relations North Department will host a Supervisors Harassment Prevention & Response training seminar on Friday, **Nov. 7** from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The training session will be held at the Holiday Inn Concord, 1050 Burnett Avenue, Concord, CA 94520. Guest speakers include **Conchita Lozano-Batista**, Attorney with Weinburg, Roger and Rosenfeld; **Larry M. Kazanjian**, Attorney with Palmer, Kazanjian, Wohl and Perkins LLP; and **Robert Hirsch**, Arbitrator/Attorney. For more information, contact **Cherri Smith** at (925) 827-2422.

FALL CONFERENCE



SURFIN' AGC: The annual AGC of California Fall Conference is scheduled for **Oct. 16 & 17** at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort & Spa in Indian Wells, CA. Come for the deluxe accommodations and stay for the numerous contacts to be made and business knowledge to be exchanged. The conference includes committee meetings, Division and State Boards of Directors meetings, the Association's annual meeting, golf, croquet & bocce ball tournaments, events for spouses/guests, entertainment, and most importantly, excellent networking opportunities. AGC offers many sponsorship opportunities at different levels. This is a great way to get your firm's name in front of industry leaders – the key players in construction. Show your support of AGC and the industry. To register, please visit the [AGC of California](http://www.agc-ca.org) website, and if you have further questions, please contact **Pam Gray** at (916) 371-2422.