AGC of America Supports Financial Industry Rescue Package

Members are urged to contact congress and ask them to take swift and decisive action to pass the financial industry rescue package. While the plan may not be a perfect solution to this complex crisis, it is necessary. Use the Legislative Action Center to send your letter, it will take you less than a minute!

Prop 42 Funds Protected This Time

AGC’s advocates, members and staff worked hard throughout the session to ensure that the transportation funds remained intact. AGC would like to take this opportunity to thank all our members for their assistance in contacting their legislators during this year’s budget standoff.

Legislative Update

The Governor has signed legislation, AB 498 (Hernandez), which prohibits companies with business operations in Sudan from bidding on state contracts for goods and services. Usually services include construction services, although not specially mentioned. AGC is reviewing the bill and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

Yesterday the Governor announced the allocation of $730 million in Proposition 1B funding to build ten miles of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane on Interstate 405 in Los Angeles (between Interstate 10 and Highway 101). This is the largest individual Prop 1B project allocation made to date, and was part of more than $800 million in funding allocated today by the California Transportation Commission (CTC). For a comprehensive list of projects that received CTC allocations, click here.

Don’t Forget to Vote

The general election is November 4, 2008 and you must register to vote by no later than October 20 in order to be eligible. You can download forms and more at: http://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/elections_vr.htm.

Just Scheduled

The Delta-Sierra District has announced plans for a mixer on October 23 at the new Cal Sters building in Sacramento. Mingle with other AGC members and hear from mayoral candidate Kevin Johnson. Watch for details.

Upcoming Events

Visit AGC’s Website for a complete list of Training Programs.

October 9 - Bay Area Confined Space Seminar. Contact Kristen Francisco (925) 827-2422.

AGC Division and State Board Meeting. Contact Nicole LaMont (916) 371-2422.

October 16-17 - 2008 Fall Conference. Contact Nicole LaMont (916) 371-2422.

October 22 - 3 - Quality Control Mangement Workshop. Contact Chantel Rose (916) 371-2422.

Tri-Counties District Membership Meeting. Contact Ellyn Van Camp (805) 388-7329.

San Joaquin District Stormwater Seminar. Contact Cindy Zazzi (916) 371-2422.

November 14 - Orange County District Installation Dinner. Contact Doris McMillan (949) 453-1480.

November 14 - Tri Counties District Installation Dinner. Contact Ellyn Van Camp (805) 388-7330.
Fall Conference

AGC’s room block rate has been extended to October 1 – make your room reservations now – call (760) 341-1000. This year’s AGC Meetings and Conference will provide you with information, entertainment and time to network with your peers. Click here for a full schedule of meetings and activities. Conference attendees will get to hear the latest from Will Durst, a political satirist, on Thursday, October 16, after lunch. That same afternoon, Glenn M. Gelman will offer “What Do Successful Contractors Have in Common?” training which will provide attendees with continuing education credits. To find out more go to AGC’s website – www.agc-ca.org for more information.

Thank you to all our sponsors!

Reminder - CARB Enforcing Idling and Disclosure Requirements NOW

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is NOW enforcing both the idling limitations and disclosure requirements under the off-road diesel construction equipment regulations. Avoid fines - make sure you are in compliance!

Specifically the regulations require the following:

Idling Limitations - The operator must limit idling to no more than five minutes. Click here to learn more about the Idling Policy Guidelines and rule exceptions.

Disclosure Requirements - Sellers must notify equipment buyers that the off-road diesel vehicle they are purchasing may be subject to retrofit or accelerated replacement/repower requirements. In addition, the seller must keep records of the disclosure notice for three years. Click here and go to page 33 of the regulation to learn more about the Disclosure Requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this regulations please let us know - we are here to help you. Go to AGC’s regulatory advocacy page on the website at for information on idling and disclosure requirements. The enforcement advisory is also posted. Contact hakelj@agc-ca.org or 626 608-5800.

Education and Training

Did you know that all AGC seminars are open to any of your employees? We offer training ranging from Supervisory Training, to safety training, and more. Visit AGC’s website www.agc-ca.org to learn about training in your area.

We are pleased to offer you the California Certified Sexual Harassment Prevention Training through Holman HR – for the complete listing of training in your area – click here – you can download the information, complete the registration form and send directly to Holman HR. For more information contact Holman HR directly.

New Members

AGC of California welcomes the following new members – remember it’s good business to do business with an AGC member.

California Traffic Maintenance, Inc., Burbank
CMB Construction & Engineering, Alta Loma
Morrison & Foerster LLP, San Francisco
Navigant Consulting, Inc., San Francisco
Pacific Construction Consultants, Inc., Rancho Cordova
Real Estate Strategies & Solutions, Orinda
Stalwart, Westlake Village
West Coast Drywall & Company, Inc. dba West Coast Drywall & Paint, Riverside
West Coast Interiors, Inc. dba West Coast Painting, Riverside

Liquid Assets-The Story of our Water Infrastructure

Liquid Assets is a 90-minute documentary produced by Penn State University (PSU) highlights the state of our Nation’s water system, wastewater and storm water infrastructure. It focuses on how our water and wastewater infrastructure provide a critical public health function and is essential for economic development and growth.

Liquid Assets highlights the current status of our national water infrastructure and the tremendous challenges to maintain/modernize these systems to maintain our quality of life. AGC of America contributed to the PSU Public Broadcasting because of the urgent challenges facing our water infrastructure system. Local PBS stations in Sacramento and San Diego have already agreed to air this documentary and have scheduled Liquid Assets for mid-October. Watch for more information as it becomes available.