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2021 NACE ANNUAL STATE REPORT

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- State Association Name: County Engineers of California (CEAC)
- Number of Counties: 58
- Number of State Association Members: 450
- Number of NACE Members: 58 (100% Membership)

STATE ANNUAL MEETINGS/CONFERENCES:

- CEAC Spring Conference held in conjunction with the League of California Cities' Public Works Officers Institute (PWOI) - Virtual, March 18-20, 2021
- CEAC 12th Annual Policy Conference - Virtual, August 19-20, 2021
- CSAC 126th Annual Meeting - IN PERSON December 1-3, 2021

NOTE: California was originally scheduled to host the April 2022 National Association of County Engineers' conference in Palm Springs, CEAC shifted course when the conference was moved to a virtual format due to the pandemic.

NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS OF STATE ASSOCIATION AND/OR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS:

- 2021 brought continued challenges for the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC) with COVID restrictions, remote meetings, and an ever-changing environment at the State Capitol in Sacramento.
- The California budget remained the key focus for CEAC staff as the state managed an unprecedented one-time surplus as well as significant allocations of federal relief funding. County advocacy advanced funding for broadband, wildfire resilience, county health and human services, infrastructure, and funding to implement state regulatory mandates. In the regulatory arena, it was full steam ahead for the Board of Forestry as they deliberated their revised Fire Safe Regulations and the California Public Utilities Commission continued its effort to overhaul electrical undergrounding, among other key regulations.
- Similar to 2020, 2021 was another unusual year. CEAC continued to thrive as an association thanks in large part to online technology, membership engagement, and CEAC's leadership.
- While most meetings were held virtually, we were fortunate to have an in-person conference with our county supervisors at the CSAC 127th Annual Meeting in Monterey. In 2021, CEAC continued to develop the CEAC forum; an online platform designed to share questions and ideas amongst the various policy committee areas.

2021 AWARDS

- The California Loyal Order of Dedicated Servants (CLODS) Buffalo Bull award was given to Tom Mattson, Public Works Director, Humboldt County.

2021 AWARDS cont.

- The CHICS (California's Honorable Intrepid Sisters) Golden Egg Award was given to George Johnson, Riverside County
- CEAC posthumously awarded the Buddy Award to Delores Sadjadi, wife of CEAC Treasurer Emeritus Mehdi Sadjadi, Marin County, who passed away in April 2020.
- State Association County Engineer of the Year: Howard Dashiell, Director, Department of Transportation, Mendocino County
- State Association Surveyor of the Year: Joe Morris, Deputy County Surveyor, San Luis Obispo County
- NACE 2021 nominations by the State Association: Matt Machado, Santa Cruz County, 2021 Urban Engineer of the Year; Howard N. Dashiell, Mendocino County, 2021 Rural Engineer of the Year; Alice Atherton, Placer County, Bowman Road Bridges Rehabilitation Project, 2021 Project/Program Manager of the Year and Chris Hooke, Ventura County - Yerba Buena Road Improvements--Challenges at Every Turn!, 2021 David P. Brand Safety Award.
- Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards for 2021: Placer County was the winner in the Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction category for their "Bowman Road Bridges Rehabilitation" project, and three counties received honorable mentions in various categories, including Ventura County, "Yerba Buena Road Improvements--Challenges at Every Turn!"; Fresno County, "Italian Bar Road Bridge Replacement"; and Riverside County for their "Temescal Canyon Road Widening Project - Dawson Canyon and Dos Lagos Segments."

Life Membership for long-term contributions to the State Association:

- Jim Porter, County of San Mateo, Director of Public Works, CEAC President 2019 & 2021
- Richard Tippett, Director, Trinity County Department of Transportation, CEAC President 2020
- Tim Goncharoff, County of Santa Cruz, Zero Waste Program Manager
- Tom Fayram, County of Santa Barbara, Deputy Director Water Resources

Membership:

Similar to recent years, 2021 proved to be a year full of changes in county public works leadership. New appointments and changes included: Josh Pack, Public Works Director, Butte County; Robert Pachinger, Public Works Director, Calaveras County; Dominic Tyburski, Public Works Director, Kings County; Rosemarie Gaglione, Public Works Director, Marin County; Tom Bonigut, Chief of Public Works, Monterey County; John Mannle, Public Works Director, Plumas County; Brendon Briggs, Public Works Director, San Bernardino County; John Diodati, Public Works Director, San Luis Obispo County; and Dan Peterson, Public Works Director, Yuba County. Some notable retirements included Jim Porter, San Mateo County; Tim Goncharoff, Santa Cruz County; Rick Tippett, Trinity County; and Peter Rei, Tuolumne County.

And sadly, CEAC lost four longtime members in 2021 including Clay Castleberry, Butte County; Maurice Shiu, Contra Costa County; Bob Perreault, Plumas County; and Clint Quilter, Inyo County.