Officers Message
As an ASCE Key Contact receiving weekly updates government relations does not necessarily allow for a simple means of informing you, valued member, of legislative issues and public policy. Rather, the volume of activity in legislation that pertains to public infrastructure leaves me with a difficult decision as to which items to write about. Also, this is not an editorial or column, so I have summarized a few items that pertain to California or infrastructure in general and provided links if you choose to read further.

1. California Senate Bill (SB) 571 will require the California Water Commission to develop a master plan for financing and developing water resources by January 1, 2013.

   Status: Set for hearing on April 12 with the Committee for Natural Resources and Water.

   You can track this bill and many others at the California state Senate webpage;

   http://info.sen.ca.gov/

   Simply select Legislation and type the bill number in the appropriate field.

2. The North Delta Water Agency is making preparations for legal action to block the state’s plans to convey water around the Delta to Southern California.

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The Golden Gate Bridge is a suspension bridge spanning the Golden Gate, the opening of the San Francisco Bay into the Pacific Ocean. As part of both U.S. Route 101 and California State Route 1, it connects the city of San Francisco on the northern tip of the San Francisco Peninsula to Marin County. The Golden Gate Bridge was the longest suspension bridge span in the world when it was completed in April 1937, and has become one of the most internationally recognized symbols of San Francisco, California, and of the United States. Despite its span length being surpassed by eight other bridges since its completion, it still has the second longest suspension bridge main span in the United States, after the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge in New York City. It has been declared one of the modern Wonders of the World by the American Society of Civil Engineers. The Frommers travel guide considers the Golden Gate Bridge "possibly the most beautiful, certainly the most photographed, bridge in the world" (although Frommers also bestows the most photographed honor on Tower Bridge in London, England).
Full story can be read at the Sacramento Bee;

[Link](http://www.sacbee.com/2011/03/14/3472881/obscure-water-agency-wont-cave.html)

3. From Capitol Hill a bi-partisan group of Senators recently introduced the Building and Upgrading Infrastructure for Long-Term Development (BUILD) Act. The legislation establishes an American Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA), a type of national infrastructure bank or independent body designed to evaluate and finance infrastructure projects of substantial regional and national significance. Federal funding that is authorized by AIFA must be matched by private sources.

See the website of Senator Kerry (D-MA) for details; [http://kerry.senate.gov/](http://kerry.senate.gov/)

If you don’t already do so, please take this as an opportunity to start becoming familiar with some of the legislation that affects civil engineering. Chances are that you will find some recent legislation that may have an impact on your speciality.

Brian D. Wolfe, PE Past President

### ARE YOU HIRING

**DO YOU HAVE A POSITION NEEDING TO BE FILLED**

**LET US HELP YOU**

**POST YOUR EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN YOUR LOCAL ASCE NEWSLETTER**

For more info or to send a post email Brandon Reyes, EIT @ breyes@rbf.com or call at 909.974.4967
San Diego Section Younger Member Forum

SAN DIEGO YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM
Annual Mammoth Ski & Snowboard Trip
April 2011 – Part II
Weekend of April 15th – 17th

Cost: $110 per person (room only)
Location: Mammoth Estates
(walking distance to the Village & gondola to Canyon Lodge.)
Accommodations: Sleeping accommodations include, king, queen, twin/single, bunk beds and pullout sofa. Details will be worked once payments are received. We will try to accommodate everyone’s needs but please be aware some people will have to share the king and queen beds.

Duration:
2-Nights: Friday, Saturday nights. Check in the evening of April 15th & check out morning of April 17th. (Check out before Noon)

Travel: Individuals are responsible for their own transportation to and from Mammoth. Parking is limited. We strongly encourage car-pooling. I will help set up carpools as the date gets closer.

Spaces are limited! Please RSVP before March 15th

Payment is due before April 1st or spots will be released and sold.
Please note that in the event you are unable to attend, your reservation will still be due and payable unless your spot can be filled.

Make checks payable to: “San Diego YMF”.
Contact/Send payment to:

Greg Kump
4740 Ruffner Street
San Diego, CA 92111
858-292-7710x156 gregk@nasland.com

More information, including room assignment and car-pools will follow at a later date.

Hope to see you there!
AN ENGINEER IS LOST IN A HOT AIR BALLOON WHEN HE SPIES A MAN ON A HILL. HE HOL- 
LERS DOWN AND ASKS HIM IF HE KNOWS WHERE HE IS. 
THE MAN ON THE GROUND SAYS 
"YES, YOU ARE IN A HOT AIR BALLOON, ABOUT 40' OFF THE GROUND AT LATITUDE 40 NORTH AND LONGITUDE 80 WEST" 
"WELL," SAYS THE ENGINEER, "I CAN TELL THAT YOU ARE A LAND SURVEYOR.." 
"AND HOW IS THAT," THE MAN ON THE GROUND REPLIES? 
"YOU GAVE ME A PRECISE AN-
SWER THAT IS ABSOLUTELY NO HELP TO ME." 
"AND I CAN TELL THAT YOU ARE A CIVIL ENGINEER!" SAYS THE MAN ON THE GROUND. "YOU ARE LOST, ASK ME FOR HELP AND NOW IT'S MY PROBLEM!"
LeVal Lund Award

for Practicing Lifeline Risk Reduction

This is a fund-raising drive to establish an ASCE award in LaVal Lund’s honor. The LeVal Lund Award is proposed to be given jointly by the Technical Council of Lifeline Earthquake Engineering and the Council on Disaster Risk Management. The award will advance the science and profession in engineering by acknowledging outstanding performing individuals in the practice of reducing risks of lifeline systems and preparing communities for natural and manmade hazards. The goal is to reach the needed minimum amount of $36,000 by July 1, 2011.
19th Annual Cal Poly Pomona Civil Engineering Dept. Alumni Golf Tournament & Student ASCE Southwest Conference Team Fundraiser

Anaheim Hills Golf Course 6501 Nohl Ranch Rd., Anaheim, CA 92807  (714) 998-3041

Friday, April 29, 2011  Tee Time 1:00 PM  Check-in 12:00 PM

4 – Man Scramble Golf Tournament in 2 Flights

Flight A –The “Ringers”; Flight B –Everyone else. Please evaluate your team’s average score per person. Individuals and teams of less than four are welcome and will be put together with other singles.

We will finish by about 6:15 PM. The Scorecard Grille will be open for drinks and food after our round. At this time we will award prizes to the team winners and raffle off some prizes. Faculty and students will provide an update on Cal Poly C.E. Department news.

Cost for Alumni is $100, Faculty is $80, and Students $45. Tee Sponsorships are available for $100. Signs are to be 24 by 36 foam-core and are to be supplied by the sponsor to the course prior to noon the day of the event. Submit your registration and fee by April 22nd as directed below.

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Contact email address ___________________________ Tee Sponsorship $______

Group Total = $__________

Make your checks payable to: Cal Poly Pomona Foundation
Send your registration and check for your group to:
Cal Poly Pomona C.E. Dept.,
3801 W. Temple Ave.,
Pomona, CA 91768,

Attention: Golf. If you should have any questions, please contact: Richard Hart, at Richard_Hart@urscorp.com,
Bill Kitch at wakitch@csupomona.edu, Don Wells at dgwells@csupomona.edu
Pete Clark at pjclark@csupomona.edu

American Society of Civil Engineers
Save the Date

Thursday, June 9, 2011

ACEC
California
Los Angeles County Chapter

2011
Achivement Awards Banquet

Los Angeles Marriott Downtown
333 S. Figueroa Street • Los Angeles, CA

MEMBERS ONLY SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Silver Sponsor – $1,500
($)1,700 after March 4
(Co-sponsorship by two firms is allowed)

Sponsor Benefits:
Priority seating for dinner and reserved table for 8 guests
Announcement of your firm’s sponsorship in pre-event marketing
Recognition of your firm’s sponsorship in the Chapter newsletter and at the Awards Banquet
Sponsor recognition in program and presentation

Gold Sponsor – $2,000
($)2,200 after March 4
Silver Sponsor Benefits plus:
“Premiere” priority seating for dinner
Reserved table for 10 guests
Table-top display during reception

Platinum Sponsor – $4,000
($)4,500 after March 4
Silver/Gold Sponsor Benefits plus:
Logo on Invitation
Logo on Table Signs
Logo on Chapter website
BURNED OUT?
HUNGRY?

Join the San Bernardino/Riverside County YMF @ ESPIAU’s Restaurante y Cantina
in the Claremont Village
SATURDAY, April 9th AFTER YOUR EXAM UNTIL 8 PM
TO UNWIND, RELAX & EAT FREE FOOD
ALL TEST TAKERS ARE WELCOME

THE FOOD IS SPONSORED BY YOUR FRIENDS AT ASCE

www.asce.org/membership

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER CONTACT:

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Type of Membership and Annual Dues (National)

Students: Free
Associate Member: $50 year of baccalaureate Degree and first year after, then incremental increases to $205 over five years.
Member: $205 annually
Affiliate: $205 annually
Section (Branch) Dues: $45/year

1. National ASCE Student Membership is now FREE! Those who have chapters or clubs still must be a member of them before joining National. Log onto https://www.asce.org/online/ fill out the short application and instantly become a member of ASCE or call 1-800-548-ASCE (2723)
2. Online Membership renewal available, go to https://www.asce.org/renewal/inforenewal.cfm. You need your membership number, all payments must be made with a major credit card. An e-receipt is transmitted to the member upon completion of the transaction.

Over the summer your ASCE San Bernardino – Riverside Branch will be contacting you for a business card advertisement in your monthly newsletter. The proceeds from the business card ads defray the costs of newsletter so that the Branch funds can be used for purposes of providing student scholarships, Engineer’s Week in February where the Branch volunteers make presentations to the local high schools to generate interest in the field of engineering, and other community programs. The cost of the newsletter advertisement is $250 for a one-year subscription of 10 issues. Included with the Business Card advertisement is a business spotlight in the monthly newsletter where one or two businesses are highlighted. If you would like to reserve your spot early for next years newsletter please contact your Treasurer for next year – Matthew Addington at (909) 477-2710 ext 4202 and let him know which month you would like your Business Spotlight (1st in line gets first choice).
If you'd like to have your business card or company information listed in the Professional Directory, please contact:
The Branch Treasurer, Matthew Addington, at (909) 477-2710 ext 4202 or email at:

Available space
Please see contact information below to have your company's business card displayed here.
REMINDER

April 9th: After Test Happy Hour

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