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APWA - CELSOC Annual Luncheon Highlights

By: Eddie Kho, State Director



The annual APWA-CELSOC Joint Luncheon held on January 5 at the Garden Pavilion of the Lionsgate Hotel at McClellan Park was very well attended. Guest speaker for the event was CELSOC Membership Director Jeff Burgess (shown in the left photo). Seated at the head table (from left to right) are Rebecca Nicholas, CELSOC Communications Director; Jeff Pelz, APWA Sacramento President, Deanna Donohue, APWA Sacramento Vice President; Rob Himes, CELSOC Sierra Chapter President; and Jeff Patton, CELSOC Sierra Chapter Vice President. Mr. Burgess spoke on a variety of subjects relating to CELSOC's collaborative efforts in working with the state legislature to help advance our engineering profession and business.

Emir Jose Macari, Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science at Sacramento State was also in attendance. Dr. Macari took the opportunity to invite APWA and CELSOC members to participate in the "Sacramento Region Engineering Workforce" forum, which will be hosted by Sacramento State on January 25.



Recent Sierra Chapter Board Action

By: Jeff Patton, Vice President

Our first Board Meeting of 2007 was held on January 5. Here are some of the items we discussed:

- The February Meeting is a membership recruitment meeting. Jeff Burgess will be in attendance to promote new membership and revitalization of inactive membership. For up to two guests, the Sierra Chapter will pay for meals for each guest firm. This is not limited to the February 7 meeting, it extends indefinitely.
- Sierra Chapter will donate \$500 to the Sac State Engineering program for their "fast track math" program. This pro-

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CSUS to hold an “Engineering Workforce Summit” on January 25th

By: John Baker, Kleinfelder, Inc.

In response to questions at the October Sierra Chapter dinner meeting, CSUS Engineering Dean Emir Macari has decided to hold an Engineering Workforce Summit on campus.

Dean Macari is sensitive to the problem many firms are having in finding sufficient numbers of qualified employees in this age of high demand for our services. Additionally, CSUS, like many schools, is seeing declining enrollment in many engineering disciplines. To go along with these declining enrollment numbers, universities are also seeing declining graduation rates for engineering students. Students, according to the dean, simply are not interested in enrolling in engineering degree programs, in large measure due to the science and math requirements. Many of those that do enroll as freshmen are changing majors before graduation,

leaving the engineering colleges struggling to maintain their enrollment.

CELSOC firms are major consumers of the products of today’s engineering schools – degreed engineers. Dean Macari’s vision for the Summit is to include university, consultant, industry, and government engineering employers in an all day series of discussions, hopefully culminating in action items for addressing the problem. Possible action items could include junior high / senior high recruiting programs, college student / industry mentor programs, and more.

Please be on the lookout for more information soon regarding specifics on this outstanding program to be held just around the corner, on January 25.

Kleinfelder Professional Development Department Winner of 2006 Professional Development Award by CELSOC

By: Zia Islam, Director

Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC), an affiliate organization of American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC), recently announced Kleinfelder as one of its award-winning recipients in the category of professional development.

The Professional Development Awards program recognizes member firms that have implemented superior continuing education programs by annually bestowing a Professional Development Award. Firms entering this competition must show how they have encouraged and supported their employees’ professional enrichment activities. Examples of such activities include involvement in professional organiza-

tions, in-house training programs and financial support for higher education. Additional credit is applied for firms that provide dedicated learning facilities and allow employees time to serve in civic organizations.

“We are very proud of this award as it acknowledges the professional development efforts and programs we sponsor to promote the growth and development of our employees,” said Steve Romano, director of professional development.

The Professional Development Award will be presented to Kleinfelder at CELSOC’s Legislative Visit Day in Sacramento, later this month.

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- gram provides a boost for high school students interested in engineering but needing support in math.
- Sierra Chapter is donating \$500 to the Jim Roberts Scholarship Foundation Jim was a long time Sacramento Area Engineer.

- Sierra Chapter is donating \$500 to the St. Francis High School Robotics program. Although robotics seems outside the practice area of most member firms, it does teach and promote a solid scientific background for students to draw on as they make "college major" and "career" decisions - hopefully in the engineering consulting and land surveying fields.



ENGINEERING & PLANNING **A CELSOC Company Profile**

TLA Engineering & Planning, Inc. works with developers, architects and public agencies who desire to build communities based upon the client's vision and project goals.



Rocklin Corporate Center - City of Rocklin

Located in Roseville, TLA is a land planning and civil engineering firm dedicated to providing services to public and private clients. Established in 1985 by Terrance Lowell, the firm specializes in planning, permitting, designing and managing projects that range from small to large, simple to complex. Experience

earned over many years and across all varieties of projects provides the necessary foundation for a wide range of capabilities. Each project is undertaken with an eye toward providing solutions that allow projects to proceed smoothly. TLA's extensive experience with regulatory agencies has proven useful to many organizations throughout Northern California, including: the Sacramento and Lake Tahoe regions, up to Redding and down to Madera county.

Our firm is comprised of seasoned professionals with a wide range of experience from both the public and private sectors. Our team of professionals and technicians are experienced in planning, designing, and engineering, with an emphasis on serving the client based on quality, professional work. TLA is a mid-sized firm with 28 employees, including nine licensed engineers and four planners.

By understanding the various factors that can come into play during a land development project, TLA can define the right strategic approach to best serve the Client, through a clearly defined scope of service and budget. Using this methodology, TLA has planned and / or engineered the following projects:

Private Sector Projects

- "Whitney Ranch" Northwest Rocklin General Development Plan & Annexation, City of Rocklin
- Twelve Bridges Master Planned Community, City of Lincoln
- Stone Lake Landing, City of Elk Grove
- Rocklin Corporate Center, City of Rocklin



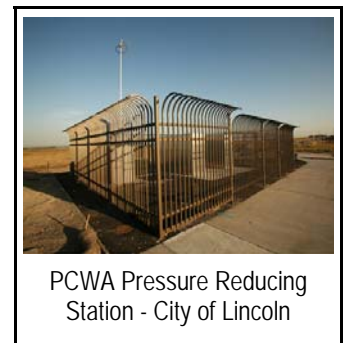
Improvements along Twelve Bridges Drive - City of Lincoln

Public Sector Projects & Engineering Services

- Loomis Multi-modal Transportation Facility, Town of Loomis
- Wheatland General Plan Update, City of Wheatland
- Eureka Road Re-Alignment, Placer County
- PCWA Pressure Reducing Station, City of Lincoln

Our Clients, sub-consultants and numerous public agencies are to thank for our success. They have helped to grow a strong community. TLA Engineering & Planning looks forward to contributing more in the years to come.

For more information about TLA, please visit our website: www.tlowell.com or contact us at 916.786.0685.



PCWA Pressure Reducing Station - City of Lincoln

We invite CELSOC/Sierra Chapter firms in good standing to submit a company profile for inclusion in this newsletter. It's a great way to get noticed!

We reserve the right to edit, schedule timing and/or hold the article at our discretion. Articles should be between 200 and 250 words. Jeff Patton, Sierra Chapter Vice President, is the point of contact.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All meetings are held at the Sacramento Hilton unless otherwise noted

5:00pm - 6:00pm Board Meeting / 6:00pm - 6:30pm Networking / 6:30pm General Membership Meeting

Thursday, January 25, 2007

Sacramento Region Engineering Workforce Forum

Details to follow

Wednesday, February 21, 2007

Board and General Membership Meeting

Guest Speaker & Topic:

To Be announced



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