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Crane Operator **ANTONIO AVALOS** prepares a bridge column for an upcoming concrete pour on the Hwy. 70 Safety Improvement project.



## Business is good

Thank you for those who have watched the Semi-Annual presentation on our official YouTube page, which was posted on March 20. If you haven't checked it out, please do so. Visit our YouTube page at [www.youtube.com/c/OperatingEngineersLocal3](http://www.youtube.com/c/OperatingEngineersLocal3), subscribe and be sure to turn-on notifications, so you can know when new videos are available. Besides the latest Semi-Annual video, we have included some new podcasts on organizing and the crane world, as well as what you can expect at a Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) precinct walk. When you learn more about your union and get involved, we all benefit.

It is an election year. The California Primary Election is June 7, Nevada's Primary Election is June 14, Utah's is June 28 and Hawaii's is Aug. 13. This edition has some of our endorsements for California and Nevada, at the time of this writing, and we will continue to update these here, in the mail and on our website.

Every time we publish our recommendations, it creates controversy, especially now, as we are living in very divided times. We cannot be divided as a union; however, so it's important to remember that these endorsements reflect our union's basic needs, including job security, good wages, collective bargaining rights, the ability to fund a respectable retirement and healthcare benefits. There are more needs, and they can be found in your Local 3 Bylaws (Article 1, Sections 1-2). We will only recommend candidates and measures that help us pursue these core needs. You have every right to vote the way you believe is best for you and your family. If you are interested in these core values, we ask that you consider our positions in that light. We need all of our members, whether they are Republicans or Democrats, to keep Labor issues important on both sides of the aisle. You always have the right to run for an elected position or serve on your district's Political Action Committee (the union elections for this are tentatively scheduled for the next round of meetings). We don't have to agree on everything, but we must be united on Labor issues, if we want to be successful.

Speaking of our core issues, we should be very proud that these are being met and exceeded right now, even as many industries still work to recover from the effects of COVID. Some of our major successes include the highest Pension returns ever, from \$5.18 billion through July 2021 last year, to \$5.43 billion through Dec. 31, 2021. Our Health and Welfare Funds for both our active and retired members are also the highest ever. For our active members, these numbers are up from \$597 million in 2020 to \$680 million through Dec. 31, 2021, and for our Retirees, our numbers are at \$212 million (Dec. 31, 2021) from \$188.9 million in 2020.

There is more good news available on our Semi-Annual video, and more will be shared at the next round of District Meetings in May. At this time, it seems very plausible that we will be able to have regular in-person meetings again, and we certainly hope this is the case. I don't have a crystal ball, but I am hopeful that the worst of this pandemic is behind us.

On jobsites throughout our jurisdiction, it seems "business as usual," and business is very good. Please read the details about the huge Hwy. 70 widening job in Yuba City District 60 that has multiple phases and multiple contractors gainfully employed for many years. In this edition, we also include a Health News article on boosting your immunity, recent photos from some training happening at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC), what to expect this political season, California's political recommendations and all the news from our 14 district offices.

Thank you for taking the time to read this magazine and for sharing it with friends and family. It truly is a testament to the great work you do and benefits we enjoy as a Union Family. Please stay safe, boost your immunity as best you can and get involved by calling your District Office. We are here for you! I hope to see you in person soon.

*Dan Reding*

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## The things that unite us

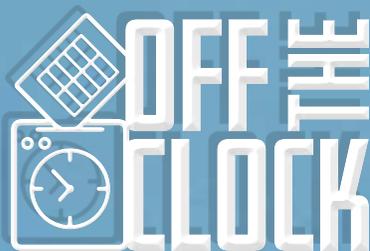
Local 3 represents a wide variety of workers, from equipment operators to plant operators, dredgers, surveyors, inspectors, mechanics, miners and public employees. Our members also come from four very different states, each with its own economic needs and concerns, as well as its own laws, politics and local culture. While we view this diversity as part of our strength, sometimes these differences can be used to divide our membership and weaken our union. Fortunately, Local 3 was organized to do the opposite.

How is our union organized to avoid division? Local 3 brings our membership together on specific issues that affect us all. These are our “bread and butter” issues, but they don’t just determine whether our members can put food on the table; they also determine whether our members can enjoy the lifestyle they have earned through their labor. They include:

- \* Promoting growth in the industries our members work in
- \* Ensuring there is enough work to sustain our members throughout their careers
- \* Defending and expanding our members’ collective bargaining rights
- \* Securing better wages, benefits and working conditions
- \* Establishing a level of job security that our members can build their lives around
- \* Enforcing the contracts our members negotiate with their employers

Everything our union does relates, in one way or another, to tackling these issues in ways that benefit our membership and strengthen our union. For example, when Local 3 supports infrastructure investment, it is promoting growth in the industries our members work in. When we rally in support of a proposed project, we do so to ensure there is enough work to sustain our members now and throughout their careers. When we join with other Building Trades to oppose an anti-union politician, or endorse a candidate who supports organized labor, we do so in order to defend and expand our members’ collective bargaining rights. When our members negotiate a contract, they do so to secure better wages, benefits and working conditions. When our training centers offer journey-level-upgrade training, it is to help our members establish greater job security. These are just some of the many ways we address the issues mentioned above.

Division has never benefitted working people, but solidarity always has. That is why it is so important to participate in Local 3, and in light of these unifying issues, educate ourselves on what the union is doing and why. I can tell you from personal experience that when we do, we can prevent division while focusing on the goal of securing a better life for ourselves and our fellow Operating Engineers.



*Engineers News* wants to know what hobbies and interests you pursue when you are off the clock, thanks to the financial stability that comes with Local 3 membership. Send quality photos of you pursuing your hobbies and interests to [jmatos@oe3.org](mailto:jmatos@oe3.org), or tag [@engineersnews](https://www.instagram.com/engineersnews) in your related Instagram posts, for a chance to be featured in this section of upcoming issues of *Engineers News*. This month, we highlight Szeremi Sweeping Service Operator Kris Price, who builds and races dirt and asphalt track race cars when he is off the clock.

Kris comes from a racing family. His father, Eric Price Sr., was one of the first Asphalt Modified drivers on the West Coast nearly 30 years ago and now owns and operates Price Racing based out of Elverta, Calif. For decades, Kris and his older brother, Eric Jr., helped their father build and race his cars. Kris’ own racing career started in 2015, and he captured his first Track Championship at the Stockton 99 Speedway that same year. He has since won more than 20 races and had a great run for the State Championship in 2018.

Today, Kris and his brother compete against each other in both the Modified and Pro Late Model divisions at short tracks throughout California, Oregon and Nevada, while their father continues to build some of the fastest cars on the track.



## We're here for you

We often talk about being the largest Building Trades Local in the country. I would even go so far as to say that Operating Engineers is the largest in North America. Whether it's our almost 38,000 members or our four-state jurisdiction, we are definitely a very large Local, Building Trades or otherwise. With that comes many resources for our members to benefit from. We do everything in our power to communicate information about these resources with the men and women who make up Local 3. For example, the *Engineers News*, our monthly magazine, is our first avenue to communicate. Along with that, we have newsletters sent out from our Fringe Benefits department and the Trust Funds. Business Manager Dan Reding sends out an e-mail on the first of the month to members who want to receive that form of communication. Members can download our OE3 Members Access app for access to contacts, contracts and more, and our website offers updates and calendar events, as well. We also have Instagram, YouTube, Facebook and our *Breaking Ground* podcast, along with membership meetings (when it is safe to hold them), and of course, our business representatives, who visit jobsites every day.

Even with all of this communication, we still get calls every day from members looking for help with one issue or another. I was recently contacted by a member who needed a medical procedure, and his healthcare provider wasn't giving him what he needed. He was out of work on disability for almost two years. His health care benefits were almost out, and he needed help. We were able to connect him with the right person who facilitated his needs, and now he's on the path to recovery and a return to work. I received another call from a member's spouse. The member had passed away, and his wife was lost and in no shape to problem-solve after losing her

husband. There are many benefits available when a member passes, and we were able to help facilitate everything for her. Then there was the call I received from a member who was dealing with depression and substance abuse. I'm happy to say that we were able to connect him with our Assistance and Recovery Program (ARP) and get him the help he desperately needed. Today, that member is in a much better place. He's working and providing for his family again.

In short, no matter what the need, **we are here for you**. Even if we do not have the immediate answer, we may know someone who does. Please reach out and stay connected with us. After all, this Union is yours.

Local 3 >>  
member John Byer and his grandfather, Retiree Harold "Babe" Byer.



<< From left: President Steve Ingersoll, 61-year member Harold "Babe" Byer and Financial Secretary Dave Harrison.

## UNIT 12

### Shop crew handles Caltrans equipment needs

By Darrin Williams, business representative

The crew at the Caltrans Division of Equipment Shop 6 North consists of Heavy Equipment Mechanics (HEMs), an Equipment Material Specialist (EMS) and an Equipment Operator II, who serves as the heavy transport driver. These Unit 12 members are responsible for over 1,148 pieces of state-owned equipment.

The HEMs are responsible for maintaining and repairing automobiles, trucks, tractors, hoists, graders, snowplows, pumps, air compressors, diesel and gasoline engines and similar equipment. This requires them to conduct inspections in order to locate and determine the extent of any necessary repairs and take corrective action, if necessary. They also modify existing equipment, including body frames and running gear, construct, install and repair new, special equipment, and operate and maintain tools and

machinery used for repairs. Equipment Operator II Rodney Walls makes this all possible, as he handles heavy transport for the crew.

The EMS job duties are concerned with equipment, material and related assets. Responsibilities include handling procurement, fabrication, maintenance, repair and disposal of mobile equipment, licensing new equipment and preparing equipment check sheets. An EMS must also prepare specifications for material and services, solicit bids, negotiate with vendors on price, delivery or quality, award sub-purchase orders and service contracts, establish and maintain vendor price files and work with shop personnel to determine what materials are needed.



<< The crew at the Caltrans Division of Equipment Shop 6 North includes, from left, John DelReal, Adam Orona, Brian Cornwell, Kemfone Lor, Chris Hall, Rodney Walls, Eddie Gavina, Michael Dowling, Frank Hernandez and Arthur Allen. Not Pictured: Scott Lopez, Shayne Young, Will Warren, Steve Pena, Bryan Banuelos, Oscar Sanchez, Larry Gonzales, Phillip Ioppini and Humberto Basulto.

## Retiree Picnic Cancelled

The Local 3 officers had hoped to finally be able to schedule a long overdue Retiree Picnic, but in the interest of safety, the 2022 gathering has been cancelled. We need to continue to take appropriate steps to ensure that every decision we make has the safety of our Retirees and their families in mind. While we feel optimistic that the situation is heading in the right direction, we are still not at the point

where we feel it is in the best interest to host large gatherings. We continue to exercise caution, when it comes to the health and safety of everyone involved with such events. We appreciate the patience and support you have given us under these difficult circumstances and look forward to seeing you at a picnic in the very near future, when it is safe to do so.

## 2022 Pre-Retirement Dates

The first round of the 2022 Pre-Retirement Call-In Meetings are scheduled this month. Mark the date for the call-in meeting in your district/jurisdiction. Please note: The call-in meetings for California districts have been consolidated and will not be scheduled by district. This means that members in California, regardless of your district, are welcome to call in to any of the meetings on the three dates. More information regarding the login credentials for these meetings will be mailed to you at your home address on file with the union.

The Fringe Benefits Office is here to assist you with your Fringe Benefits questions. You may also schedule an individual phone appointment or Zoom meeting to discuss your Fringe Benefits. Our office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please call **(800) 532-2105**, if you have any questions or are interested in scheduling a phone appointment.

- \* **CA: April 19, 6 p.m. PST (all CA districts)**
- \* **CA: April 20, 6 p.m. PST (all CA districts)**
- \* **CA: April 21, 6 p.m. PST (all CA districts)**
  - \* **UT: April 26, 6 p.m. MST**
  - \* **NV: April 27, 6 p.m. PST**
  - \* **HI: April 28, 6 p.m. HST**

By Bob Miller, fund representative/client services

**OE3 TRUST FUNDS**

## Pre-Retirement Class Topics

This month, we will hold six Pre-Retirement classes for Local 3 members. (Note the schedule above). Simply call-in and listen for one hour between 6-7 p.m. Spouses are encouraged to participate and have a pen and paper handy to take notes!



### SOME OF THE TOPIC COVERED INCLUDE:

- \* **Pension statements**
- \* **Pre-retirement death benefits**
- \* **Pension processing time table**
  - \* **Types of pensions**
  - \* **Pension payment options**
  - \* **Retiree medical eligibility**
- \* **Retiree Health and Welfare coverage/tost**
  - \* **Annuity**
- \* **Working after retirement**
  - \* **"Bonus" Pension**

We will also provide contact information for personal, one-on-one consultations and questions, which can be arranged at your convenience in the weeks following the call-in class. Don't miss this opportunity to become educated on the oh-so-important transition from active work to retirement!

## Individual consultations available through phone or Zoom

Please call **(707) 290-1834** or **(510) 671-8827** to arrange a telephone or Zoom conference meeting to discuss your individual situation. We can guide you through all phases of Trust Funds Benefits, including retirements, Health and Welfare issues, Annuity questions, medical claims, eligibility, prescriptions, new enrollments, reciprocal Pension credits, death benefits, surviving spouse benefits, etc.

We, at Zenith American Solutions, your Trust Funds Administrator, place your needs and concerns at the very top of our priorities. Local 3 Business Manager Dan Reding, the other officers and the Trustees of Local 3, also prioritize member service as No. 1.



## Vote for Labor in every election!

By Lawrence Su, business representative

During the last midterm elections in 2018, voter turnout increased significantly, reaching 53 percent of the citizen voting-age population, the highest midterm turnout in four decades. For California, midterm elections pose an opportunity to elect our leaders in statewide constitutional offices, like the notable position of governor for which the incumbent, Gavin Newsom, was elected in 2018 and fended off a recall election in 2021 (both successful with help from labor unions.) Allies of Operating Engineers Local 3 and County Employees Management Association (CEMA) rely on our support and our membership to continue voting in every election, including midterms, where we need to keep up the momentum that was set in 2018.

Just as statewide constitutional offices are important, local offices are also on the ballot in every election and should not be ignored. It is not too often when our fellow labor sisters and brothers run for elected office, and our most recent example of that is none other than CEMA's President, Dolores Morales.

Dolores ran a strong campaign for Hollister City Council during a Special Election, and won, and will run again in November. (Labor has and will be with her every step of the way.)



◀ Candidates running for office in the November election include, from left, Santa Clara County Supervisor candidate Claudia Rossi, San Jose Mayoral candidate Jean Cohen, San Jose Mayoral candidate Cindy Chavez, Hollister City Council candidate Dolores Morales, Corina Herrera-Loera, Rebeca Armendariz, Carla Collins and Linda Alexander.

Allies of labor unions require our membership to be engaged in elections, which can come in the form of volunteering and donating to their campaigns, participating in political activities of the union and – most importantly – voting for them!

With California providing mail-in ballots to every registered voter in the state, we have every opportunity to vote in every election for every office. And so, ahead of the Primary Election in June and the General Election in November, please vote and support our labor allies that support working families and good-paying jobs with better working conditions. The best way to get involved is to join your union's Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program, where district members get together to support candidates or measures in lots of ways.

Visit Local 3's YouTube page to see what you can expect from these VOTE events!

## Successful negotiations completed for Olivehurst, CA unit

By Mike De Anda, business representative

OE3 members with the Business and Utility Bargaining Unit for the town of Olivehurst, CA recently received a successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOE) with significant improvements to an already strong MOU! The following was negotiated by Union Steward/negotiation team member Dan Nielsen and myself:

- \* **Term: Three years (July 1, 2021 – June 20, 2024)**
- \* **Wages: July 1, 2021 – 4.5 percent base wage increase; retroactive backpay from July 1, 2021; a reopener for wages only, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for All Urban Consumers, Western States**
- \* **Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA): minimum increased from zero to 1.0 percent**
- \* **Health and Welfare: Increased District monthly contribution for each employee by \$300; single employee increased to \$1,800; employee plus one dependent increased to \$1,900; employee plus two or more dependents increased to \$2,300**
- \* **Vacation: accrual annual hour cap increased to 320 hours**
- \* **Added one additional OE3 business representative for this bargaining unit**
- \* **Incorporated an OE3 Pension fund side-letter into the MOU**

I want to thank all the members who actively participated in the negotiations process, especially Dan Nielsen for his hard work and input on all matters during the negotiation sessions. This entire process, including the voting, was done remotely due to COVID-19. Yet, even with these challenges, a very successful round of negotiations has been completed.



⤴ Olivehurst public employee members receive a great contract.

## A rundown of 2022 negotiations

By Ralph Handel, business representative

During this year's negotiations for the City of Sparks (supervisors and skilled workforce), membership "wants and needs" meetings have been held, and the first set of proposals are ready. The units are looking for a longer contract that addresses the high cost of living, as the median house price tops \$600,000 in Reno and \$500,000 in Sparks, while rents climb to new highs in Washoe County.

The negotiations for Pershing County rank-and-file employees is ready to kick off, as well, and this group is looking for higher wages as their primary need. (The cost of rent, food and utilities has not kept pace with wages.)

Churchill County 911 Dispatchers are starting to negotiate a successor agreement, and wages and leave-banks top the list for this group, whose dispatch center is located at the detention center in Churchill County. Due to COVID, many members of this unit were forced to use sick leave, as they had to interact with detainees, whether they were sick or not.

Over the last four years, the Churchill County Mosquito Vector and Noxious Weed abatement district has had to deal with the district being shut down during the winter months, which has left the full-time employees, who used to work the full year, out in the cold. District officials say they have no work and that the drought has shortened the mosquito season, while both managers are remaining in paid status the entire year. This has caused great hardship for the technicians, who all have decades of time on the job. Their hard-earned retirements and ability to make a living are seriously impacted.

The Humboldt County Law Enforcement Association is heading back to the table this year to try to get a solid multi-year contract with salary, acting pay language and medical insurance contributions being their primary needs. The cost of living indexes are still climbing, which will make for lively negotiations and a strong position for raises this year.

## Three one-year contracts for City of Susanville

By Art W. Frolli, business representative

Since my last report, the following contracts have been settled: Butte Water District, North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District, Susanville Firefighters, Susanville Miscellaneous and Susanville Public Works Bargaining Units.

Our members in the Butte Water District received a \$3.50 increase to their base hourly wage, as part of a two-year agreement. The entire wage increase was frontloaded to the beginning of the new contract.

Operating Engineers negotiated a two-year agreement for the North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District employees. The term started July 1, 2021 and will continue through June 30, 2023. Members will receive a 3 percent increase to their base hourly wage in each of the two years. The first increase began July 1, 2021 (first pay period). The second salary increase will be effective July 1, 2022.

Three one-year contracts were settled with the City of Susanville, which includes the Firefighter Bargaining Unit, the Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit and the Public Works Bargaining Unit. The City of Susanville has seen some revenue issues and financial uncertainty due to COVID and the announced closure of part of the Susanville State Prison. Because of this uncertainty, none of these bargaining units received an increase to their base hourly wage but were compensated as follows:

- \* The Firefighter Bargaining Unit received \$5,824, half upon the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), and the remainder in June of 2022. (This is thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act.) We also negotiated an additional step to the salary schedule, with only 12 months of service required to advance to the next step. As we are all aware, firefighters expose themselves to smoke and other damaging carcinogens. Because of this, the City agreed to add a Presumptive Heart and Lung Physical section to the MOU, in which the City would pay up to \$1,000 toward chest x-rays and a cardiac stress test every other year.

- \* The Miscellaneous Bargaining Unit received \$4,160, half upon signing of the MOU, and the remainder in June of 2022 (also thanks to the American Rescue Plan Act). This unit also received an additional step to the salary schedule with only 12 months of service required to advance to the next step. Other benefits included language to reduce the requirement for out-of-class pay compensation, from 30 days to 14 days, and the ability to rollover up to 24 hours of unused Administrative Leave into the next year.
- \* Thanks to use of the American Rescue Plan funding, the Public Works Bargaining Unit received \$4,160, with half upon signing of the MOU, and the remainder in June of 2022. This unit also received an additional step to the salary schedule with only 12 months of service required to advance to the next step. A Class D License (CDL) Hazmat Endorsement was added to the incentive program list, in which employees can receive additional compensation for listed certifications. We were also able to increase overtime to two times the employees' base hourly wage, if worked on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. On-call pay was also increased as follows:
  - » Utility A: 35 percent of employee's base hourly wage per hour of such duty
  - » Utility B: 25 percent of employee's base hourly wage per hour of such duty
  - » Streets: 20 percent of employee's base hourly wage per hour of such duty

## Political season has arrived!

Be on the lookout for more endorsements in the coming months, which will run right here in the *Engineers News* and be listed at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org). Remember, these endorsements are being made by our member-elected Political Action Committees (PACs) after they have reviewed ballot measures, interviewed candidates and looked into policy positions and voting records in order to determine who and what will support our work, strengthen our ability to negotiate better wages and benefits and uphold our members' collective bargaining rights. You can also expect to receive slate cards and other political information in the mail, which will help guide you on using your vote to benefit Operating Engineers and other working people.

One of the most important things Local 3 does for its membership is secure projects that will keep them employed and fund their Health and Welfare and Pension funds. At the local level, this means electing pro-union candidates who will support those projects and ensure they create good-paying, union jobs. It also means passing measures that will fund that work. To do that this election season, several key races will need our special attention. This includes electing Matt Haney to California State Assembly District (AD) 17 in San Francisco, where billions of dollars' worth of work is on the line. We

will also be focused on re-electing Nevada Gov. Steve Sisolak, who has strongly supported key projects, our Apprenticeship Program, prevailing wage protections and collective bargaining rights. We also have several Local 3 members running for office, including member Aisha Wahab, who is running for a State Senate seat in Alameda County, Calif. and Jessica Self, who is running for a State Assembly seat in Stanislaus County, Calif.

Remember, it is up to us to support those who support our issues. You can do your part by registering to vote (links to your state's voter registration information, where you can also check your current voter registration status, will be available at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org)) and volunteering for our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program. In doing so, you can earn rewards and, more importantly, secure important projects, increase your job security, lift your wages and make a difference for the working people in your community! If you've never been to a VOTE event, you can find a quick video called "What to Expect at an OE3 Voice of the Engineer Event" on the OE3 YouTube channel, and don't be afraid to call your local District Office if you have further questions.

## LOCAL 3 PRIMARY ELECTION RECOMMENDATIONS CALIFORNIA & NEVADA

Primary Elections will be held on June 7 in California, June 14 in Nevada and June 28 in Utah. Below are California's and Nevada's recommendations, at the time of this writing. Please check back here, online and in the mail for more recommendations. Most importantly, VOTE UNION! Your job depends on it!

### CALIFORNIA STATEWIDE —

#### State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tony Thurmond

#### Attorney General

Rob Bonta

#### State Controller

Malia Cohen

#### State Treasurer

Fiona Ma

#### U.S. Senate

Alex Padilla

### DISTRICT 01 BURLINGAME

#### Congressional District

Nancy Pelosi CD 11  
Kevin Mullin CD 15  
Anna Eshoo CD 16

#### State Assembly District

Damon Connolly AD 12  
Matt Haney AD 17  
Phil Ting AD 19  
Diane Papan AD 21  
Marc Berman AD 23

#### Marin County

#### Supervisor

Gina Daly

#### San Francisco County

#### San Francisco City Attorney

David Chiu

#### San Mateo County

#### Assessor

David Pollock

#### Supervisor

Charles Stone Dist 2  
Virginia Chang-Kiraly Dist 3  
(dual endorsement)  
Steven Booker Dist 3  
(dual endorsement)

### DISTRICT 04 FAIRFIELD

#### Congressional District

Mike Thompson CD 4  
John Garamendi CD 8

#### State Senate District

Mike McGuire SD 2

#### State Assembly District

Cecilia Aguiar-Curry AD 4  
Lori D. Wilson AD 11

### DISTRICT 10 ROHNERT PARK

#### Congressional District

Jared Huffman CD 2  
Mike Thompson CD 4  
Mark DeSaulnier CD 10

#### State Senate District

Mike McGuire SD 2

#### State Assembly District

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Lori D. Wilson AD 11  
Damon Connolly AD 12

#### Marin County

#### Supervisor

Gina Daly

#### Sonoma County

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Carla Rodriguez

#### Superintendent

Brad Coscarelli

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**DISTRICT 20 OAKLAND****Congressional District**

John Garamendi CD 8  
 Barbara Lee CD 12  
 Eric Swalwell CD 14  
 Ro Kahanna CD 17

**State Senate District**

Aisha Wahab SD 10

**State Assembly District**

Buffy Wicks AD 14  
 Tim Grayson AD 15  
 Rebecca Bauer-Kahn AD 16  
 Mia Bonta AD 18  
 Liz Ortega AD 20

**DISTRICT 30 STOCKTON****Congressional District**

Adam C. Gray CD 27

**State Senate District**

Tim Robertson SD 4  
 Anna Caballero SD 14

**State Assembly District**

Ken Cooley AD 7  
 Heath Flora AD 9  
 Carlos Villapudua AD 13  
 Jessica Self AD 22

**Stanislaus County****Supervisor**

Tony Madrigal District 3

**DISTRICT 40 EUREKA****Congressional District**

Jared Huffman CD 2

**State Assembly District**

Jim Wood AD 2

**Del Norte County****Supervisor**

Brian Stone Dist 4

**Humboldt County****Supervisor**

Natalie Arroyo Dist 4

**District Attorney**

Stacy Eads

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Jim Costa CD 21  
 Adam C. Gray CD 27

**State Senate District**

Anna Caballero SD 14

**State Assembly District**

Ken Cooley AD 7  
 Esmerelda Soria AD 27  
 Joaquin Arambula AD 31  
 Jose Sigala AD 33

**Fresno County****City Council**

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 Nelson Esparza Dist 7

**DISTRICT 60 YUBA CITY****State Assembly District**

Megan Dahle AD 1  
 James Gallagher AD 3  
 Cecilia Aguiar-Curry AD 4

**DISTRICT 70 REDDING****State Assembly District**

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 Jim Wood AD 2  
 James Gallagher AD 3

**Shasta County****Supervisor**

Baron Browning Dist 2

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Ami Bera CD 6  
 Doris Matsui CD 7  
 John Garamendi CD 8

**State Senate District**

Tim Robertson SD 4  
 Angelique Ashby SD 8  
 (dual endorsement)  
 Dave Jones SD 8  
 (dual endorsement)

**State Assembly District**

Megan Dahle AD 1  
 James Gallagher AD 3  
 Kevin McCarty AD 6

**El Dorado County****Assessor**

Jon Deville

**Sacramento County****City Council**

Lisa Kaplan Dist 1  
 Karina Talamantes Dist 3

**Board of Education**

Bina Lefkovitz Area 1

**DISTRICT 90 MORGAN HILL****Congressional District**

Anna Eshoo CD 16  
 Ro Kahanna CD 17  
 Zoe Lofgren CD 18  
 Jimmy Panetta CD 19

**State Senate District**

Aisha Wahab Dist 10

**State Assembly District**

Alex Lee AD 24  
 Ash Kalra AD 25  
 Evan Low AD 26  
 Esmeralda Soria AD 27  
 Robert Rivas AD 29

**Santa Clara County****San Jose Mayor**

Cindy Chavez

**County Sheriff**

Kevin Jensen

**NEVADA STATEWIDE****Governor**

Steve Sisolak

**Attorney General**

Aaron Ford

**Secretary of State**

Francisco "Cisco" Aguilar

**Treasurer**

Zach Conine

**U.S. Senator**

Catherine Cortez-Masto

**DISTRICT 11 NEVADA****Congressional District**

Mark Amodei CD 2  
 Steven Horsford CD 4

**State Senate**

Richard "Skip" Daly SD 13

**State Assembly**

Sarah Peters AD 24  
 Alex Goff AD 25  
 Natha Anderson AD 30

**Washoe County****City of Sparks**

Dian Vanderwell Ward 2



Operators complete their excavator Minimum Qualifications testing.



Instructor Ron Schulte signals to an operator, as he completes his Minimum Qualifications testing.



Apprentices gather for a photo after completing their POP classes.

Between apprentices completing their Pre-Orientation Period (POP), returning apprentices progressing in their hands-on training sessions and journeymen operators taking advantage of Minimum Qualifications Testing, there's been a lot of activity at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC), as we head into the upcoming work season. Don't let any of these opportunities to advance your career with ongoing skills training pass you by! Contact the OE3 JATC at **(916) 354-2029** to find out what classes and training sessions are available to you.



An Operator completes his blade Minimum Qualifications testing.



An operator completes his dozer Minimum Qualifications testing.



Apprentices participate in a hands-on paving course at the OE3 JATC.

# A GUIDE TO SUCCESSFULLY UTILIZING CREDIT CARDS

*Opening and managing credit cards responsibly is crucial to establishing your credit history, which impacts your eligibility and future loan rates. Here's what to know about opening credit cards and using them responsibly.*

## HOW CREDIT CARDS WORK

When you use a credit card for a purchase, you're borrowing money. You'll repay some or all of it by the bill's due date. At that time, interest charges will be added to any remaining balance. The amount of interest charged is determined by your Annual Percentage Rate (APR).

## GETTING YOUR FIRST CREDIT CARD

First card? You might be best off with a secured credit card. These require a deposit that will act as collateral in case of missed payments. When you're ready, you can move to an unsecured credit card, which doesn't require a deposit for collateral.

## USING YOUR CARD

You can use your card to make purchases at most retailers and charge up to the available credit limit on your card. However, to help keep you credit score high, it's best to keep your credit utilization below 30% of the available credit.

## STATEMENTS

Statements are sent monthly to provide a breakdown of your credit card usage. Your statement will include: a list of any transactions and payments, the balance owed, your minimum payment due and its due date, the number of days in your billing cycle, your credit limit and your available balance.

## PAYMENTS AND INTEREST

If you pay your entire bill by its due date, you'll avoid paying interest on the month's charges and only pay the cost of the actual purchases. However, if you only make the minimum payment, interest will continue to accrue on the leftover balance.

## MAINTAINING A HIGH CREDIT SCORE

Building and maintaining a high credit score can help you receive better financial offers over time. You can keep your score soaring by: paying your bills on time, paying more than just the minimum payment, keeping your credit usage low (below 30%), and using your cards frequently.

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MCM crane operators Dustin Loftus and Jesse Rigby work together to lift a reinforcement cage into position for the South Honcut Creek bridge segment of the Hwy. 70 Safety Improvement project.



For years, local drivers have referred to a 22-mile-long stretch of Hwy. 70 between Marysville, Calif. and Oroville, Calif. as “Blood Alley” due to the number of fatal collisions that have occurred there over the years (more than 50 since 2010), which is nearly four times higher than the statewide average. It’s no mystery why this is the case, as an estimated 17,000 vehicles use this segment of highway on a daily basis, zipping past 136 driveways, 26 school bus stops, 22 farms and businesses and 18 connecting county and private roads, all with nothing dividing them but a painted centerline. This has also become a necessary route for trucks hauling hazardous materials and debris taken from communities hit hard by recent wildfires. Their introduction to the flow of traffic over the past few years has only contributed to the number of vehicles using the roadway – and the danger. That will be changing soon, though, as Local 3 members make steady progress on the Hwy. 70 Safety Improvement project.

Teichert began work on this multi-stage project in 2019 and Knife River has already completed a section of the project. Much of the current work is under general contractor DeSilva Gates, with Teichert performing the dirtwork, while Michels moves underground gas lines and MCM constructs a new bridge over South Honcut Creek. Once this work is done and the final stages of the project are completed, “Blood Alley” will need a name change, as it will go from two lanes to five (two northbound lanes, two southbound lanes and one 14-foot turning lane). It will also have eight feet of paved shoulders in both directions, an additional six feet of unpaved shoulder for agricultural equipment to use, added passing opportunities, straightened and flattened curves to provide greater visibility of the road ahead and

intersection improvements that will make it safer for trucks to turn onto the main highway from side roads.

Fortunately, with a clear need for safety improvements, Local 3 was able to get crucial support for the project from elected officials at the local, state and federal levels. Those supporters included congressmen John Garamendi and Doug LaMalfa, as well as all of Butte and Yuba County’s supervisors and the Oroville and Marysville city councils. All that remained was the funding, which was secured with the passage of the Road Repair and Accountability Act – an infrastructure investment bill that Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) volunteers worked to help pass in 2017.

“This was years in the making!” said recently retired Yuba City district rep. Ron Roman. “It’s a big project and it is all being done union.”

“This job is a perfect example of the pieces coming together to help a community, keep our members employed, boost our work hours and strengthen our Health and Welfare and Pension Funds,” said Treasurer Nate Tucker, the Officer in Charge of Yuba City District 60.

“The region needed the project. The project needed to be funded and approved. Our staff and our VOTE volunteers did their part to make it happen and, as a result, the work went to our signatory contractors and is being performed by Local 3 members and other trades workers who are all earning union wages. When things work out like this, you can’t help but take pride in our staff, our members and the work they do, both on the jobsite and through the VOTE program.” \*

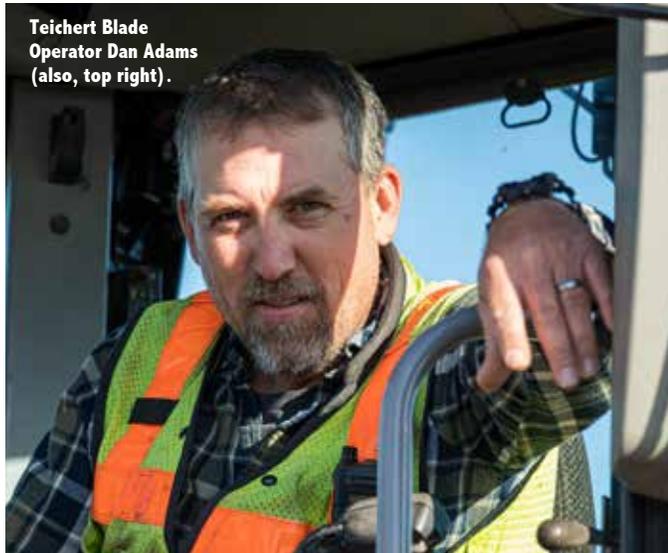
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# A SAFER HWY. 70

PROJECT BRINGS SAFETY SOLUTIONS TO NOTORIOUS "BLOOD ALLEY"

Teichert Blade  
Operator Dan Adams  
(also, top right).



Michels Foreman Tyler Charlton (also, bottom right).

MCM Crane  
Operator  
Antonio  
Avalos.



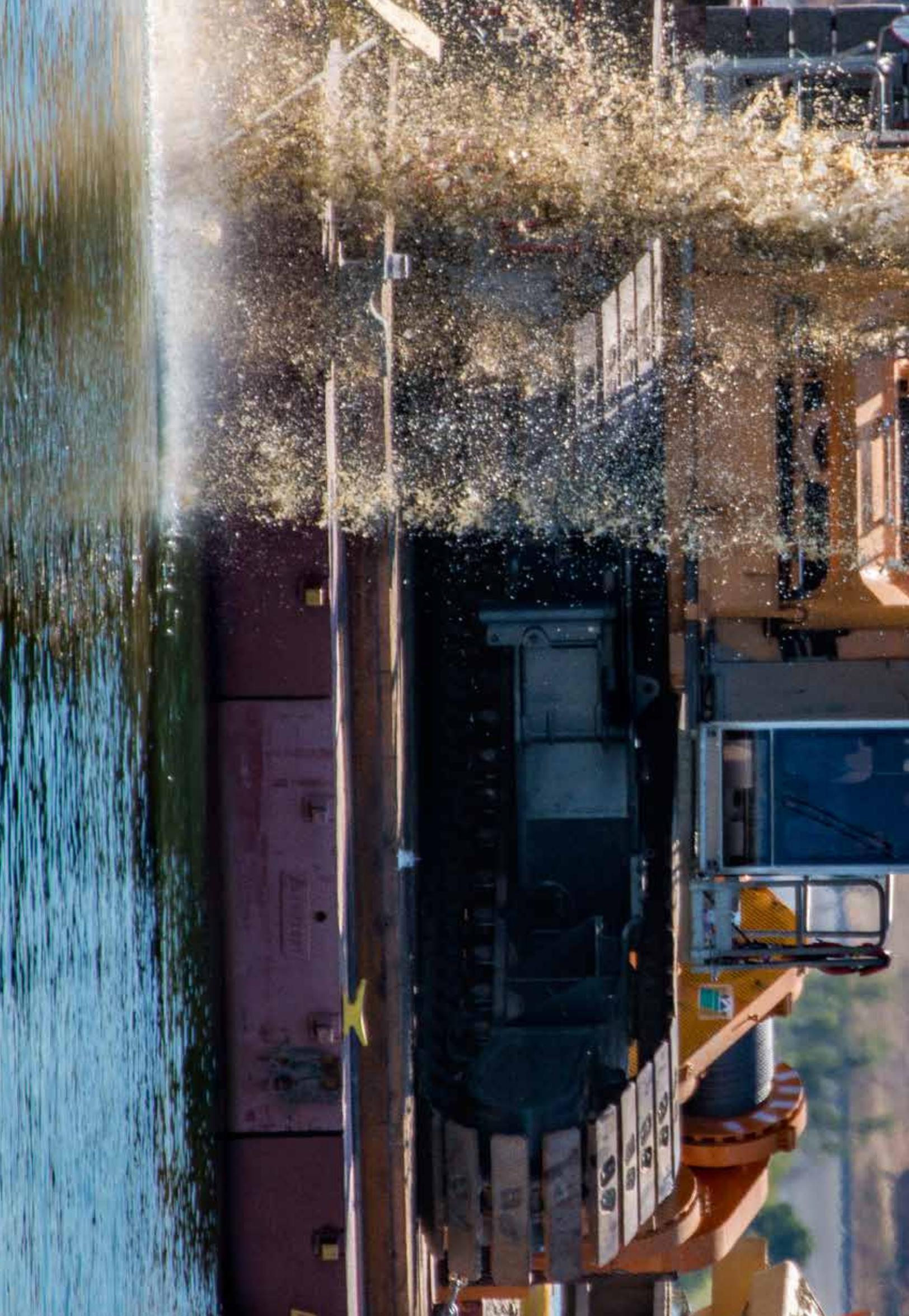
MCM Excavator Operator Gerald Ramos.

MCM HDR  
Mike Ford.



MCM Crane Operator  
Dustin Loftus (also,  
bottom middle).







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Title  
**Work underway on \$2 billion SEP project**

Report

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) is investing over \$2 billion to upgrade the aging Southeast Treatment Plant (SEP). This will not only reduce odors, but will make the SEP better prepared for earthquakes and rising sea levels. **Bertco, Inc.** is doing the site grading with Skip Loader Operator **Carlos Vazquez** and Compactor Operator **Jario Castro**. **Radius Earthwork** is doing the paving with Screed Operator **Ronaldo Alvarez**, Paver Operator **Jose Escamilla** and Roller Operator **Rodney Holaday**. Operator **Elpidio Polanco** is performing the clean-up work. **Conco Pumping** is onsite with Operator **Rigo Jacobo** pouring a rat slab in the digester pit.

**R&B Equipment** and **DeSilva Gates/Pacific States Environmental** are performing demolition and remediation work for the Potrero Power Station (PPS) mixed-use project. **R&B Equipment** has excavator operators **Jose Rodriguez**, **Marco Gomez**, **Fred McNair**, **Luiz Gastelum** and Loader Operator **Tomas Serrano** feeding a portable crusher to make base rock. **Pacific States Environmental** has Foreman **Greg Simonson** and excavator operators **Herman Judkins**, **Miguel Rivera** and **Henry Patzan** onsite. Heavy Duty Repairer (HDR) **Edison Cannard** is also onsite for **Gordon N. Ball, Inc.**

Work is strong in San Mateo County. Our members with **Sanco** are installing underground utilities for the Ascension Heights subdivision, which is a 13-acre project that will include 25 homes. Operators include **Jason Kenyon**, **Rob Nitta**, **Antonio Lugo** and **John Moschetti**. On Adrian Road in Burlingame, **Farrel Design-Build** has operators **Chaz Arnold** and **Jason Wagner** drilling 2,000 holes, each 36 inches in diameter, 200

feet deep, for a 265-unit residential building on a two-acre parcel. Also in Burlingame, **G. Bortolotto & Co.** has three generations of Operating Engineers in the Bortolotto family, including **Gary Bortolotto**, **Mattia Bortolotto**, **Nicholas Bortolotto** and **V. Bortolotto**, as well as members **Anthony Basch**, **Micheal Valencia**, **Walter Rowland** and **Jaun Velazquez** performing some patch paving on the Bayshore Highway. Congratulations to **Gary Bortolotto**, who recently received a 25-year service pin, and **Walter Roland**, who recently received a 35-year service pin.

Thank you to all of our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) volunteers, who have been doing their part to help elect pro-labor candidates, like **Matt Haney** in Assembly District (AD) 17, who support the projects that keep our members employed now and throughout their careers. This year, we will have a busy election cycle, so please call the Hall if you would like to volunteer and help your union.



Roller Operator Rodney Holaday works for Radius Earthwork.



Excavator Operator Fred McNair works for R&B Equipment.

District <b>EUREKA</b>	Number <b>40</b>	Address 1330 Bayshore Way, Suite 103, Eureka, CA 95501	Phone Number (707) 443-7328	District Representative Jeff Hunerlach
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Title  
**Members tell Planning Commission they support important project**

Report

Nordic Aquafarms signed a contract with Local 3, which means this job will put our members to work right here in Humboldt County over the next five to seven years, while generating the kinds of economic benefits our region desperately needs. However, we will not be able to bring this work to our area, if we don't do the work necessary to make it happen. In February, our members sent letters in support of the \$580 million Nordic Aquafarm project to the Humboldt County Planning Commission during the issues' Public Comment period, and we thank everyone who sent those letters and got their friends and families to do the same. The Planning Commission is now tentatively scheduled to meet on April 21, and we need as many people as possible to show up in support of this important project. Please call the Hall to find out how you can do your part to help secure this project, as it works its way through the process.

Since we were unable to hold our First Quarter District Meeting, the Officer in Charge of our district, Financial Secretary **Dave Harrison**, recently visited some of our members and Retirees. We thank him for taking the time to meet the members in the absence of large gatherings, and as COVID restrictions are lessened, we look forward to hearing from him at the next District Meeting, which is scheduled for May 10.



Financial Secretary Dave Harrison visits with Wahlund Construction operators Wyatt Roach, Hank Comb and Aaron Lowe.



From left: Excavator Operator Mark Mora and Financial Secretary Dave Harrison.



From left: Financial Secretary Dave Harrison visits with Retiree Brian Bishop.



District <b>FRESNO</b>	Number <b>50</b>	Address 1635 Shaw Ave., Ste. 101, Clovis, CA 93611	Phone Number (559) 229-4083	District Representative <b>Wyatt Meadows</b>
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Title  
**Politics and the landscape of the Valley**

Report

It is political season once again, and our district's Political Action Committee (PAC) has been identifying those candidates who have helped us in the past and will secure more work and new opportunities for our membership in the future. In Fresno specifically, we have a huge opportunity to keep pro-labor candidates on the Fresno City Council, which is important, as Fresno's first city-wide Project Labor Agreement (PLA) went into effect on Jan. 25. This five-year PLA will secure millions of dollars' worth of work for our members and create great opportunities for organizing and growth. All of this was possible because of the pro-labor candidates who were previously elected, as these officials were able to help us secure this agreement. While we are a diverse union that includes members with a wide range of political opinions, we are united on those issues related to the work picture and our ability to secure good agreements for working people.

There is no denying that our member-elected PAC members, comprised of rank and file Local 3 members, support those who support our work and hold elected officials accountable in our efforts to keep the work picture strong and our members employed. As a result, we are now seeing the efforts of our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) volunteers pay off, as candidates who have worked with our union for the benefit of working people move from city council positions to positions on school boards, the state legislature and even Congress, ensuring that organized labor here in the Valley has a voice and that our local population continues to receive the funding needed for our communities to thrive.

Please take the time to look at the candidates our member-elected PAC members identify as deserving of our endorsement (see pages 10-11) and how those candidates will support our industry, our work and our union. If you have any questions about those endorsements, please call the Hall to speak with District Rep. **Wyatt Meadows**.

District <b>ROHNERT PARK</b>	Number <b>10</b>	Address 6225 State Farm Drive, Suite 100 Rohnert Park, CA 94928	Phone Number (707) 585-2487	District Representative <b>Mike Pickens</b>
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Title  
**Big work; big agreements in district**

Report

For the last couple of years, there has been some concern about how the pandemic would affect the work picture. Fortunately, our members have been able to sustain employment through these pandemic times, with a good amount of hours in the books. Some employers have even reported record-high profits, which have helped Local 3 negotiate some great agreements for our members. Rest assured, this season won't be a slow one. There's plenty of large and small projects ahead, from private housing and public work, and any delays have been weather-related, without much of an impact.

our members busy through this season and into the next. We also enjoyed some good agreements in our district. Our members at **Peterson Trucks** in the Santa Rosa shop, along with all the other truck shops, ended up with great wage increases. The negotiation for **Nice Mutual Water Company** was challenging, but we were able settle a great agreement, with members enjoying wage increases for a three-year term and now receiving OE3's Health and Welfare package, which they had not previously had. Stay safe!

Some of the work on the books for this year is carrying over from last year. **O. C. Jones & Sons** has continued work in Kelseyville for the four-lane widening project and the Hwy. 1 realignment project in Bodega Bay. The company has finished the slide repair and modifications of Hwy. 101 just north of Cloverdale and finished a small widening section on Hwy. 20 east of Blue Lakes. **Q&D Construction** continues working on the expansion of the Sonoma County Airport. Now, **O'Brien Steel Erectors** is subcontracted to fly the structure frame pieces to start the build of the new terminal. **Nelson Construction** is also at the airport, constructing a new platform for a backup generator system. **Myers & Sons** continues building a water treatment plant at the Pomo Tribe housing project in Windsor, which has kept members busy through the winter months. **T & S Construction** picked up a couple of projects for the water agencies in Lake County, and the total estimated value for both was nearly \$14.5 million. One was for the Clearlake Oaks District, which is replacing old deteriorating water lines. The other is for the Konocti Water District in Lower Lake. **Ranger Pipelines** was awarded a \$3.5 million Pipeline Seismic Hazard Mitigation project near Forestville off River Road for the Sonoma County Water Agency. Caltrans awarded **Mercer-Fraser** a \$20 million project to widen and stabilize a section of the road on Hwy. 162 near Dos Rios. At the time of this writing, **MGM Construction** was the low bidder for a \$32 million project on Hwy. 20 just north of Ukiah. Another project to be awarded is a \$55 million demolition project in Willits for the California Conservation Corps. The low bidder is **Broward Builders** from Woodland. These are just some of the jobs keeping



From left: Members John Knight, Avelino Ordenez, Francisco Ibarra, Darin Fox, Tim Christensen, Ryan Smith, Travis Knight, Aaron Addison, Tyler Santero and Frank Moeller (front) work for Peterson Trucks.

District <b>YUBA CITY</b>	Number <b>60</b>	Address 468 Century Park Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991	Phone Number <b>(530) 743-7321</b>	District Representative <b>Casey Tull</b>
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Title  
**District welcomes new district rep., as Ron Roman retires**

Report  
Our district is gearing up for another busy work season, with numerous projects that will continue and many that have just begun, or will very soon. Please check with our Dispatcher **Chuck Adamson** for further details about our local work picture.

At the time of this writing, we are in negotiations with several employers, including **Teichert, Knife River, Dwite C. Forbush, Inc., Compass Equipment** and **Silica Resources (SRI)**. Later this year, we will be negotiating with **Holt of California, Peterson Tractor** and **Recology Yuba-Sutter**. There will be opportunities to meet prior to ratification of any new agreements. These negotiations are when our members are able to bargain with their employers over all the terms and conditions of their employment, so if you work in any affected bargaining units and have questions on how you can participate, please call the Hall or contact your business agent.

As of April 1, we will have a new district representative, as former district rep. **Ron Roman** retired. Ron is a 27-year member and spent 17 of those years working for our membership, as a member of their union staff. His career began in 1995, when he went to work as a Heavy Duty Repairer (HDR) for **Tenco Tractor**, and later, with **Holt of California**. He became a Local 3 organizer in 2005 and went on to serve

as a business agent, a senior representative and, finally, as district representative for Yuba City District 60. Now that he is retired, he plans on working his farm and traveling with his wife of 36 years, **Cindy**. He also plans to continue advocating for Operating Engineers and our membership and is looking forward to attending his upcoming union meetings, this time as a Retiree. Please join us in wishing Ron and Cindy many years of happiness in retirement.



Retiree Ron Roman.

We would also like to introduce our new district representative, **Casey Tull**. Casey is a 19-year member and has an extensive background in construction. He was born and raised in our district and has a lot of knowledge about our local employers and their issues. Casey started working as a member of Local 3's staff in 2015 when he became our district's dispatcher. He soon became an organizer, a position in which he excelled and was soon promoted to senior organizer. As a senior organizer, he covered the area between Sacramento and the Oregon state line. Please join us in congratulating Casey and welcoming him with our support in his new role.

We hope that as things improve, our members can meet and talk with Casey, as well as the rest of their district staff, at an in-person meeting, once again.

District <b>UTAH</b>	Number <b>12</b>	Address 8805 South Sandy Parkway, Sandy, UT 84070	Phone Number <b>(801) 596-2677</b>	District Representative <b>Brandon Dew</b>
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Title  
**Members shifting power plant from coal to natural gas**

Report  
**Retiree Spotlight**

Retiree **Robert Kezior** started his career with **Fife Construction** in 1986 and went on to become a well-rounded operator who took pride in being the guy who could do anything. Throughout his career, he worked at plants, on dredging rigs and in maintenance shops for signatory companies that included **Dutra** in California, and **Ames Construction** and **W. W. Clyde** here in Utah. He retired while working for **Granite Construction** and now enjoys working on the personal projects that stacked up during those years when he was working many hours and on different shifts.

**Job Spotlight**

The Intermountain Power Plant (IPP) in Delta is in the process of converting its coal-fired power plant into one fueled by renewable energy resources. This includes a new, natural-gas fueled, electricity-generating unit capable of utilizing hydrogen for 840 Mega Watts (MW) of net generation output. **Granite Construction** was awarded the first portion of this transition project, which includes having Foreman **Trevor Erickson** and his crew do all the prep work, like grubbing off the topsoil, trenching for temporary power, installing underground utilities and fencing the entire property. Our members will be working hard, as the multi-million-dollar project is scheduled for completion this May.



Retiree Robert Kezior.



Members with Granite Construction work on the IPP conversion project.



District <b>FAIRFIELD</b>	Number <b>04</b>	Address 2540 N. Watney Way, Fairfield, CA 94533	Phone Number (707) 429-5008	District Representative <b>Jim Jacobs</b>
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Title  
**Highway widening projects kick-off the work season**

Report

Work begins on a large number of public works projects in Solano County this season, and this work is expected to continue for years to come. **O. C. Jones** will have our members working on the I-80 widening project, which will create 10 miles of new, managed lanes between Air Base Parkway in Fairfield and I-505 in Vacaville. Eight miles of existing freeway will also be converted into High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes from Red Top Road to I-505, as part of a three-year, \$143 million roadway and bridge widening project that **Bridgeway Civil** and **O. C. Jones** will be teaming up on. The paving portion of this project will require 140,000 tons of asphalt.

**Ghilotti Construction** crews started their first full season on the Lagoon Valley housing development project off I-80 in Fairfield. This four-year, \$120 million project will have our members working on the infrastructure for 1,500 new homes and the construction of a 150-acre corporate park.

**O. C. Jones** has Foreman **Reynaldo Flores** and his crew working on a \$2.6 million Express Bus improvement project for the Napa Valley Transportation Authority (NVTA) on Imola Avenue and Hwy. 29. The project began in January with our members clearing, grubbing and doing some demolition work, and will consist of building two new bus stops, rehabilitating an existing NVTA Park and Ride, performing underground work, grading and paving. The bus stops will be located on the northbound off-ramp and southbound on-ramp at Imola Avenue, and once completed, will connect the Park and Ride area with new sidewalks.



Foreman Reynaldo Flores, Operator Austin Remaci and Gradesetter Silverwolf Wallace work for O. C. Jones.



District <b>SACRAMENTO</b>	Number <b>80</b>	Address 3920 Lennane Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834	Phone Number (916) 993-2055	District Representative <b>John Rector</b>
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Title  
**Work takes off at airport, on the Delta and with housing developments**

Report

Our members with **Goodfellow Bros., DeSilva Gates, Teichert, Independent, Lund** and **Marques Pipeline** continue to work on new subdivisions throughout the Sacramento region, including projects in Lincoln, Folsom, Natomas and Woodland. With so much work tied to the region's booming housing market, we are expecting another excellent year.

the Hwy. 160 corridor with **Dutra** providing erosion control at several locations on the levees with the excavation of keyways and the placement of riprap. Periodic work on the Steamboat, Painters, 3-mile slough and Isleton Bridges is off and on with **Golden State Bridge (GSB), Dutra, Meyers and Sons** and **Studebaker Brown**.

There continues to be a lot of construction around the Sacramento International Airport, as well, with massive tilt-up warehouses being built for several different companies, now that the new Metro Airpark Drive interchange has been completed by **Security Paving**. The new interchange provides access for shipments to and from I-5 in both directions, while relieving traffic to the airport. At the airport itself, **Bay Cities, Vanguard** and **St. Francis Electric** recently completed work on the 17-acre overnight airplane parking area, and **Broward Builders** is working on a new Fire and Rescue facility.

Infrastructure funding is being released into the Bridge and Highway Fund, which will generate a lot of work for our members. We are watching projects as they come out to bid and preparing to dispatch our current members, while our Organizing Department continues to sign new employers to the California Master Agreement and recruit new members. If you are not working yet, please be patient and keep your registration on the Out-of-Work list updated by renewing every 84 days for existing members and every month for new applicants. With the work picture looking very strong this year, we wish you a very profitable work season. Be safe!



Operators with Marques Pipeline work on a subdivision in Woodland.

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Title  
**Member helps VCES expand into the North State**

Report

In 2007, **Volvo Construction Equipment and Services (VCES)** took over **Matthews Machinery** and the construction equipment side of **Ingersoll Rand**. Since then, the company has gained a foothold in the competitive construction equipment market, offering a diverse line of equipment from Sennabogen, Sandvik, Doosan, Broce, ASV and of course the full line of Volvo construction equipment, which includes excavators, loaders, haul trucks, rollers and pavers.

Although headquartered in Corona, Calif., **VCES** has multiple locations in Local 3's jurisdiction and employs around 40 Local 3 members in parts and service. These locations include Sacramento, San Leandro, Turlock, Fresno and now Redding. When **VCES** management decided to expand into the North State, they knew the key to the company's success would be hiring the

right people. This meant hiring skilled workers who would have to wear a few different hats and work with very little oversight. Fortunately for the company, Local 3 members, like 16-year member and Heavy Duty Repairer (HDR) **Korey Wygal**, were perfect for the job.

Armed with a brand-new service truck, Korey was tasked with opening **VCES'** new location in Redding and began single-handedly growing the **VCES** brand in this part of California. As an Apprenticeship Program graduate who is local to the Redding area, he had the skills needed, knew how to fix a problem and is very familiar with the region and **VCES'** local customer base. All of these things have helped Korey and his employer, and we're proud to see him succeeding. Keep up the good work!

HDR Korey Wygal.



HDR Korey Wygal and others gather to celebrate the grand opening of VCES' Redding location.

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Title  
**Members work to complete massive warehouse project**

Report

In Turlock, **DeSilva Gates** and **Mozingo Construction** are finishing a warehouse project that has kept our members busy for several years. As a result of their work, a million-square-foot Amazon fulfillment center will soon be opening and is expected to employ over 1,000 workers. **Mountain Cascade**, **DN Tanks** and **Pacific Boring** are working on the \$32 million Surface Water Distribution System. **Machado & Sons** and **JC Engineering** are working on a \$12.5 million Aemetis Biogas pipeline project.

In Modesto, **George Reed Construction**, **MCM Construction**, **Mozingo Construction** and **Rockin R Grading & Excavating, Inc.** are working on the \$9.3 million McHenry Avenue widening project. **United Pavement Maintenance** is working on the \$2.2 million Crows Landing Road pavement improvement project. **Mozingo Construction** and **Ayala**

**Boring** are working on the Sutter Sewer Trunk Improvement project. **Bay Cities** and **Vanguard Construction** have kept members busy for several seasons and are making progress on Hwy. 132 and Hwy. 99.

District staff were recently able to visit with Retiree **Walter Long** and his wife, as they presented him with his 60-year service pin. Walter spent over 20 years working for **Piombo Construction** and the remaining years of his career with **DeSilva Gates**. He worked as a foreman and superintendent on big projects that included Chabot Dam, Lagunitas Dam, Oroville Dam, the Moscone Center and the Dumbarton Bridge, just to name a few. Walter is very proud to be a member of Operating Engineers Local 3, and we thank him for his hard work and ongoing dedication to his union.



Retiree Walter Long has been a Local 3 member for 60 years.



District <b>NEVADA</b>	Number <b>11</b>	Address 1290 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502	Phone Number (775) 857-4440	District Representative Scott Fullerton
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Title  
**Member recovering after battling COVID**

Report

*From Reno*

Our members with **Ames/Q&D Construction Joint-Venture (JV)** continue to make progress on the Spaghetti Bowl Xpress (SBX) project on I-580. **Q&D Construction** has crews working on subdivisions near Spanish Springs, an \$18.7 million project on US-95 in Orovada, a \$6.5 million project in downtown Fallon, a \$17.6 million interchange project at Lemmon Valley and I-580, and a City of Yerington sewer rehab project. **Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC)** has several pipe crews working on City of Reno water and sewer line replacement projects and recently broke ground on the first phase of a 2.3-million-yard warehouse project off of USA Parkway. The company will be looking to start the second phase of the project this summer and will be working on other warehouse projects in the area, as well. **Reno-Tahoe Construction (RTC)** is moving large amounts of dirt for Switch, which will keep crews busy for the next few months. **Granite Construction** is keeping our members busy on the \$44.1 million Oddie Boulevard project and at the Cour Rochester Mine outside of Lovelock.

*From Elko*

**Acha Construction** has been working on the new Maverick fueling station in West Wendover, which should be completed this summer. The company has also picked up a few more projects in the area and continues to bid on more work. **Granite Construction** is working on a few mine projects in the Elko area. **Q&D Construction** has our members doing plant maintenance work and setting up a hot plant at the Maggie Creek pit. **Q&D Construction** has also picked up a bridge rehab project and an I-80 paving project in Wells and has crews working to finish the highway widening project at Emigrant Gap this year. **Road & Highway Builders** is paving I-80 in the Pumpernickel Valley area.

**Remington Construction** has a couple of mine projects in the region, including ongoing work at the Bald Mountain Mine. **N. A. Degerstrom** is working in the Cortez Mine in Crescent Valley and the Rossi Mine near Carlin. **Ames Construction** is keeping members busy at the Meickle Mine, the Cortez Mine and in the Carlin Trend mining area, which will keep our members busy through the summer and into the fall.

We wish member **Luis Cervantes** well in his long recovery from COVID, which put him in the hospital and on life support last October. At the time of his illness, Luis' wife gave birth to their third child. Unfortunately, he was unable to see the baby at the time or help his wife in the months that followed. He was also unable to attend his Apprenticeship graduation ceremony. His recovery has been long and hard fought, but he has made progress and is getting through this tough period in his life. A special thanks goes out to **Sterling Crane** for being such a huge support to Luis and his family and for holding a spot for his return.

We also welcome Business Agent **Kevin Rains** to the staff at our Elko Office. Kevin has been a Local 3 member working in the Elko area mines for nearly 10 years and will be an excellent addition to the OE3 team. Feel free to stop by the Hall and meet him. Stay safe out there!

At the time of this writing, gold prices are sitting at \$1,883.11 and fluctuating daily. Stay focused and engaged in the effort to protect your union right, as we continue to work with Nevada Gold Mines (NGM) on behalf of our membership. We look forward to having membership meetings once COVID restrictions are relaxed and the threat to the health of our members and Retirees is reduced. In the meantime, if you have questions, comments or concerns about NGM, our construction work or public employment, please contact the Elko Hall at (775) 753-8761.



➤ The Elko Office welcomes new Business Agent Kevin Rains.

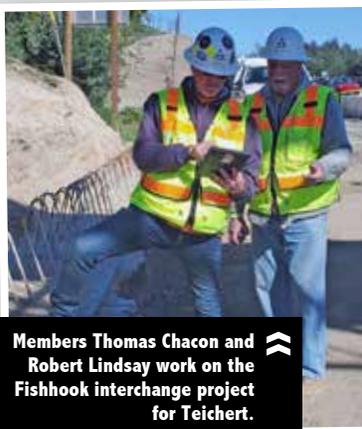
District <b>MORGAN HILL</b>	Number <b>90</b>	Address 325 Digital Drive, Morgan Hill, CA 95037	Phone Number (408) 465-8260	District Representative James Riley
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Title  
**Dangerous Fishhook interchange undergoing changes**

Report

The Hwy. 1 and Hwy. 17 interchange, known as "the Fishhook," has been the site of numerous accidents over the years. Now it is getting an upgrade, which will make it much safer, thanks to our members with **Teichert**. Improvements include ramp reconstruction, a new shotcrete wall and better storm drainage.

Work on the \$5.8 million project is being performed by members **Aaron Segura, Jacob Ritter, Henry Banuelos III, Thomas Chacon, Robert Lindsay** and **Richard Ritter**, who are currently doing the subgrade and laying out base rock.



➤ Members Thomas Chacon and Robert Lindsay work on the Fishhook interchange project for Teichert.



⏪ Excavator Operator Richard Ritter works on the Fishhook interchange project.



➤ Gradesetter Jacob Ritter and Loader Operator Henry Banuelos work on the Fishhook interchange project.

District <b>OAKLAND</b>	Number <b>20</b>	Address 1620 South Loop Road, Alameda, CA 94502	Phone Number (510) 748-7446	District Representative Richard Krimm
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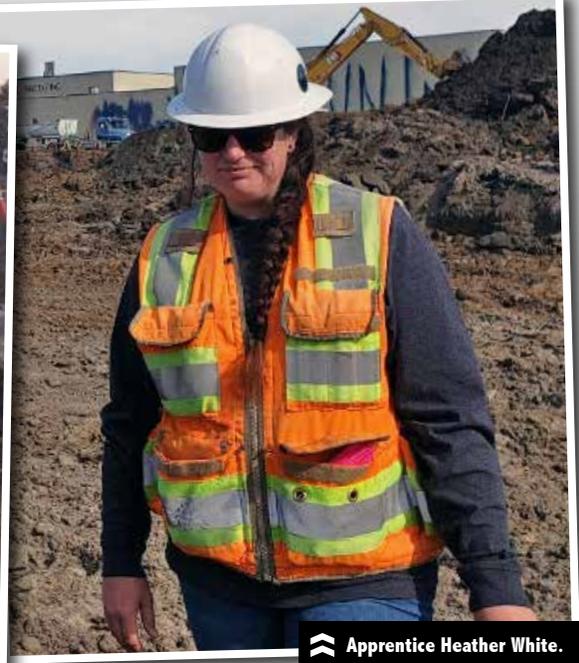
Title  
**Work begins on new Life Science building in Berkeley**

Report

In Berkeley, **DeSilva Gates** operators are moving 70,000 yards of overburden and doing the grading for a \$200 million, privately-funded, Life Science building located just south of the University Avenue off-ramp. **DeSilva Gates** Superintendent **Juan Garcia** and Foreman **Gerardo Arias** are overseeing the work. **Farrell Design Build** is onsite and helping to bolster the building's foundation with Foreman **Tyson Pariani**, Operator **Zach Cherrington** and Apprentice **Kyle Johnson**. Surveying on the project is being provided by Surveyor **Richard Castillo** and Apprentice **Heather White** with **BKF Engineers**, as well as Surveyor **Brett Curtis** with **Kier & Wright**.



From left: Members Frank Nash, Gerardo Arias, Darrin Judice, Tommy Silva and Fabio Galvao work for DeSilva Gates.



Apprentice Heather White.

District <b>HAWAII</b>	Number <b>17</b>	Address 2181 Lauwiliwili St., Kapolei, HI 96707	Phone Number (808) 845-7871	District Representative Ana Tuiaososopo
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Title  
**Members install water main for the Navy**

Report

In the Pearl City Industrial Park on Oahu, **Hawaiian Dredging** has 15 of our members working on a \$48.2 million project to install 20,000 feet of 42-inch transmission main for the Navy. This work will have to be done in live traffic, which has its own challenges, as contraflow and the use of special duty police officers means there will be less time for our members to be on the roadway and completing their work. Other challenges these members will be dealing with include tough materials, such as blue rock and mud rock, which will require the use of a hoe ram attachment. Subcontractors on the project include **Kelikai, Inc.**, which is performing the drilling for micro piles, **Road Builders**, which is doing the paving, and **Teck, Inc.**, which is doing the concrete work. This project started in August of 2019 and is projected to keep our members working until November 2022.



From left: Operators Chence Young, Jamie Kaniho, Jason Rajkowski and Mark Spencer work for Hawaiian Dredging.

## We should be talking about boosting immunity too!

We've all received plenty of information about social distancing, masking, vaccines and boosters, as ways to combat contracting the COVID-19 virus and its variants. However, there has not been as much focus, perhaps, on how to boost the body's natural immune system, which is the first line of defense against any virus or infection. Below are some suggestions on how to naturally boost your immunity, which is important, even if we aren't in a pandemic.

### Exercise

Many of us have endured or are enduring periods of isolation or the inability to engage in the normal physical activities we may have once enjoyed, such as going to a gym, running with friends, being on recreational sports teams, etc. Being out of a physically active routine has both mental and physical consequences, and sometimes in a response to the stressors of missing activities we enjoyed, we may turn to unhealthy food or harmful chemical substances to feel better.

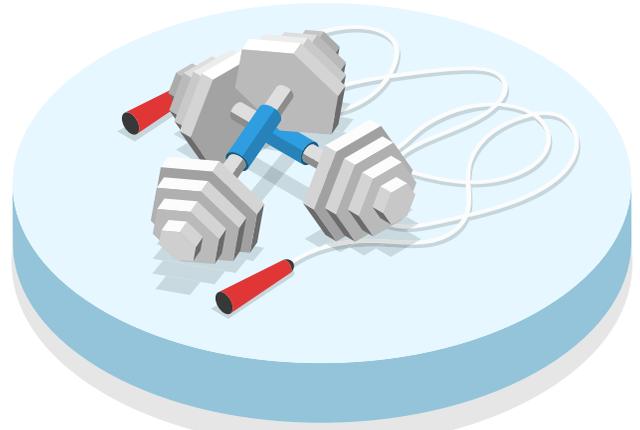
Consider alternative forms of physical exercise, when the ones you used to do are not available, as exercise (even moderate) is both a stress-reliever and has been shown to be beneficial for the immune system, by reducing the risk of contracting certain types of infection, such as upper respiratory tract infections. Several studies have revealed that during moderate or vigorous exercise, several positive changes occur in the immune system, as anti-bodies, which fight illness and disease, are secreted in people who regularly exercise. Consider taking walks. Climbing stairs. Hiking outside, biking, stretching, jogging or playing at a park with your children. There are also lots of online workout videos available for free.

### Nutrition

Nutrients are important for the immune response to pathogens so cells can divide, and produce antibodies. Many enzymes in immune cells require the presence of micronutrients, and critical roles have been defined for zinc, iron, copper, selenium, and vitamins A, B6, C, D and E in the maintenance of optimum immune function. Thus, to boost the immune system, a healthy diet providing all the nutrients needed is recommended. Many of these can be found in multi-vitamins and supplements, or natural food sources. (For example, vitamin D comes from sunlight, oily fish, grain and dairy products. Vitamin B6 can be found in Ricotta cheese, tuna, beef and chicken liver.)

### Adequate sleep

Several studies have highlighted that sleep is vital for the immune system. Sleep loss and sleep deprivation impair immune function, since the release of cytokines, a protein that targets infection and inflammation, will decrease. Infection-fighting antibodies and cells are reduced during periods when humans do not get enough sleep. Therefore, it is recommended to get enough sleep each night to fight off infectious diseases. The recommended duration of sleep depends on gender, age and physical activity, with the optimal recommended sleep duration being usually between 7 and 9 hours of sleep per night. While construction shifts can sometimes be at odd hours and even overnight, it is recommended to try and regulate your body's sleep schedule by going to bed at the same time and waking up at the same time, every night, if possible!



## EXERCISE



## HEALTHY FOOD



## SLEEP

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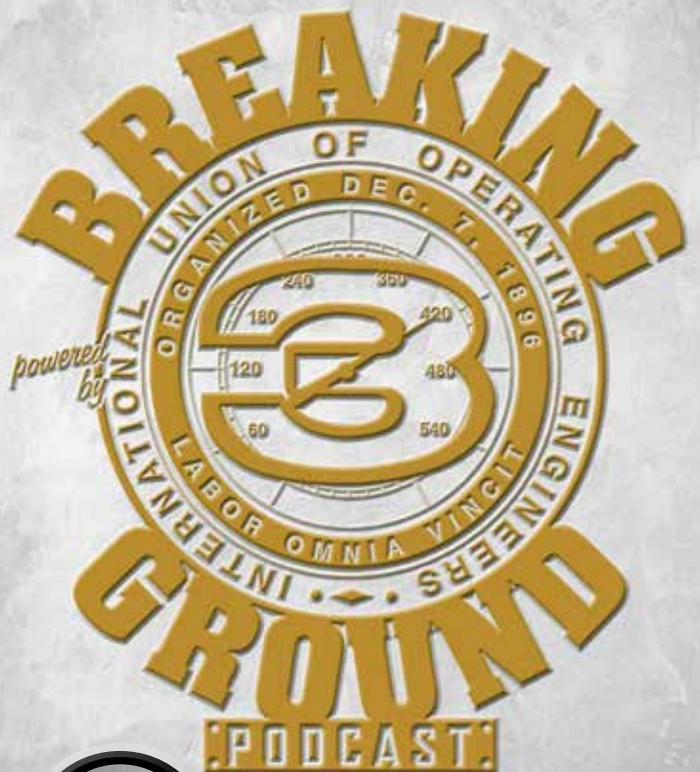
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**2022 POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE ELECTION**

Recording-Corresponding Secretary Bruce Noel has announced that in accordance with Article X, Section 9 of the Local Union Bylaws, the election of Political Action Committee (PAC) members will take place at the first District Meeting of 2022 in each respective District.

**THESE ELECTIONS ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2022 IN MAY. PLEASE CHECK BACK HERE AND WITH YOUR DISTRICT OFFICES, AS MEETING TIMES AND DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

No Member shall be eligible for election, be elected, or hold the position of PAC Member:

1. Unless he or she is a continuous member in the parent local union for one (1) year preceding nomination, not suspended for nonpayment of dues during that one year and a registered voter (with proof of current voter registration) in the district where he or she is seeking nomination;
2. If he or she is retired, is an officer of, or is on the payroll of the local union or a related entity;
3. If he or she is an owner-operator or a contractor;
4. No member shall be nominated unless he or she is present at the meeting, or unless he or she has filed, prior to the meeting with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary or to the District Meeting secretary on the day of the meeting before the meeting commences, a statement in writing, signed by him or her, to the effect that he or she is eligible to be a PAC member and will accept the nomination if nominated.

Please see pages 28 and 29 for the schedule of meetings at which these elections will be held.

**PROOF OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR PAC NOMINEES**

To be eligible to hold office, all PAC nominees must bring a copy of voter registration proof to the district meeting at which nominations take place. You can obtain this proof by going to your county Registrar of Voters' or County Clerk's office. If you are unable to bring it to the district meeting, you may fill out a voter registration card at the meeting, before it begins. You may also fill one out online and print a copy of it prior to the meeting by finding your state's voter-registration link on our website at [www.oe3.org](http://www.oe3.org).

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**BRUCE NOEL** RECORDING  
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Dear brothers and sisters:

As you all know, our local union is large and encompasses four large states. All official union business, including the nomination and election for union-wide offices, bylaws, elections and Political Action Committee (PAC) delegates, will be conducted at locations close to the main district office in your specific home area.

As a result of the large geographic jurisdiction of Local 3, the business manager can, at his discretion, establish subcommittees. Business Manager Dan Reding has currently authorized four subcommittees to be located in Elko, Nevada and Hilo, Kauai and Maui, Hawaii. These subcommittees will have their own PAC to deal with local concerns. Please note: The payment of dues for subcommittee PAC members will be at the discretion of the business manager.

If you are interested in becoming a PAC member, the business manager strongly encourages you to attend your second quarter District or Town Hall Meeting (see next month's edition for meeting dates and locations), so that you may be nominated and then elected.

Fraternally yours,

Bruce Noel  
Recording-Corresponding Secretary

**DISTRICT MEETINGS**



**SCHEDULES MAY CHANGE.  
CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT OFFICE.**

**APRIL 04.22**

No meetings scheduled.

**MAY 05.22**

- 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT 11: RENO**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1290 Corporate Blvd.
- 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT 80: SACRAMENTO**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
3920 Lennane Drive
- 2<sup>ND</sup> DISTRICT 04: SUISUN CITY**  
Veterans Memorial Building  
427 Main St.
- 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT 20: OAKLAND**  
Teamsters Local 853  
7750 Pardee Lane
- 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT 30: STOCKTON**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1916 North Broadway
- 3<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT 40: EUREKA**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1330 Bayshore Way  
Suite 103 (Rm 106)
- 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 10: ROHNERT PARK**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
6225 State Farm Drive
- 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 50: CLOVIS**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1635 Shaw Ave.
- 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 70: REDDING**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
20308 Engineers Lane
- 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 01: FOSTER CITY**  
Carpenters Local 217  
1153 Chess Drive, Ste. 100
- 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 60: YUBA CITY**  
The Harvest Room at  
New Earth Market  
1475 Tharp Road
- 5<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 90: MORGAN HILL**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
325 Digital Drive

**23<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT 12: SANDY**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
8805 South Sandy Parkway

**23<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT 17: KAPOLEI**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
2181 Lauwiliwili St.

**UPCOMING PICNIC INFORMATION**

**DISTRICT 30: STOCKTON**  
**When:** Sunday, May 1, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
(lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.)  
**Where:** Micke Grove Park, Delta Shelter  
11793 North Micke Grove Road  
Lodi (off Hwy. 99 and Eight Mile Road,  
just south of Lodi)  
**Menu:** Tri-Tip, asparagus, beans, salad,  
French bread, hot dogs, ice cream and free  
beverages  
**Cost:** Adults: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door;  
Retirees: \$5; Children ages 6 and under:  
Free; Parking: \$6  
**Other:** There will be raffle prizes, a jump  
house and a horseshoe contest.

**DISTRICT 04: FAIRFIELD**  
**When:** Sunday, May 22, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
**Where:** Peña Adobe Park  
4699 Peña Adobe Road, Vacaville  
**Menu:** Fuddruckers (hamburgers, veggie  
burgers, hot dogs, fries, salad and dessert.  
**Cost:** Ages 13 and up: \$12 presale, \$15 at  
the door; Retirees: \$5; Children ages 5 to  
12: \$5; Children ages 4 and under: Free;  
Beer tickets: \$1  
**Other:** Lunch will be served from 11:30  
a.m. to 1 p.m. Raffle starts at 1:30 p.m.  
There will be bounce houses, games and  
more.

**DISTRICT 12: UTAH**  
**When:** Saturday, May 21, 9 a.m. to noon  
**Where:** Riverton City Park  
1452 West 12800 South, Riverton  
**Menu:** Eggs, bacon and sausage  
**Cost:** Attendants: \$5; Retirees: Free;  
Families: \$10

**BUSINESS HOURS** 

In California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah,  
office hours will be as follows:  
**OFFICE HOURS:**  
**MONDAY-FRIDAY: 7 A.M. TO 5 P.M.**

**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**



Retirees with 35 or more years of service  
in Local 3 are eligible for Honorary  
Membership. Eligible Retirees will  
receive their Gold Membership Card  
and a reduction in dues. To find out if  
you are eligible or to apply for Honorary  
Membership, please contact your district  
office or the Recording-Corresponding  
Secretary (RCS) office at (510) 748-7400

The following Retirees have 35 or more  
years of membership in Local 3 as of  
Feb. 1, 2022 and have been determined  
to be eligible for Honorary Membership  
effective April 1, 2022, unless otherwise  
noted.

- STEVE C. BRASHEARS**
- 1958014 DISTRICT 99: OUT OF AREA**
- ORVAL E. FARMER**
- 1975445 DISTRICT 99: OUT OF AREA**
- BOB T. GILL**
- 2019494 DISTRICT 60: YUBA CITY**
- DANIEL HALFORD**
- 1673514 DISTRICT 70: REDDING**
- JOHN HRIBOVSEK**
- 1839978 DISTRICT 99: OUT OF AREA**
- BRUCE E. LITZ**
- 2226193 DISTRICT 80: SACRAMENTO**
- GLENN E. MILLER**
- 2005560 DISTRICT 11: NEVADA**
- KARL J. PEDERSEN**
- 1883271 DISTRICT 01: BURLINGAME**
- ROCKY L. PROPS**
- 1993034 DISTRICT 80: SACRAMENTO**
- BRIAN T. SCHMIDTHANS**
- 2017188 DISTRICT 99: OUT OF AREA**
- ELDEN SHURTZ**
- 1359602 DISTRICT 12: UTAH**
- RAY SOJOT**
- 1812621 DISTRICT 17: HAWAII**
- WAYNE A. TAVARES**
- 1993876 DISTRICT 30: STOCKTON**
- DARREN ISERI**
- 1993003 DISTRICT 17: HAWAII**
- GUY IWATA**
- 2023956 DISTRICT 17: HAWAII**

**NEW RETIREES**



- ATTRIDGE, SHELLY - CA
- AULTMAN, DAVID - CA
- BECK, MICHAEL - CA
- BENNETT, ERNEST - CA
- BUTTACAVOLI, MICHAEL - CA
- CUMMINGS, KEITH - UT
- CURRAN, SHAWN - CA
- DIPPEL, KENNETH - CA
- DU BOIS, OWEN - CA
- ESTOCADO, DARRYL - HI
- FARLEY, TIMOTHY - NV
- FEUERBACH, KENT - CA
- FISHER, MATHEW - CA
- FURUGEN, KIP - HI
- GIOVANNONI, ROBERT - ID
- GONZALEZ, GENARO - CA
- GUENDNER, DAVID - CA
- HAYES, ROBERT - CA
- HOGUE, RODNEY - CA
- HRIBAR, ROBERT - CA
- IBARRA, PEDRO - HI
- JEPSEN, DENIS - ID
- JESTES, JAMES - CA
- JOHNSON, MICHAEL - CA
- KEDRO, MICHAEL - HI
- KELLER, MARK - CA
- KINION, KELLY - CA
- KLOPSON, GARY - CA
- LIDDICOAT, ALAN - CA
- MASCARENAS, HAROLD - UT
- MATTEIS, MICHAEL - CA
- MERCHANT, WAYNE - CA
- MIRANDA, ALLEN - CA
- MORRISON, PATRICK - CA
- NOONKESTER, DALE - CA
- OSHIRO, BOBBY - HI
- PALAMA, DEAN - HI
- PANG, JORDAN - HI
- PARKER, JONATHAN - CA
- ROBBINS, KIM - UT
- ROSS, SCOTT - MT
- SADO, CLAYTON - HI
- SATO, RODNEY - HI
- STROMBERG, ROLAND - NV
- STROUD, MARK - CA
- TENCATI, DON - CA
- TETZEL, KENNETH - CA
- WATERS, DAVID - CA

Effective December 2021

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS**



*SCHEDULES MAY CHANGE.  
CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT OFFICE.*

**APRIL 04.22**

**1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT 17: MAUI**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Maui Beach Hotel  
170 W. Kaahumanu Ave.  
Kahului

**6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 12: OGDEN**  
Dinner: 6 p.m.;  
Meeting to follow  
Ogden Eccles  
Conference Center  
2415 Washington Blvd.  
Ogden

**7<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 12: SPANISH FORK**  
Dinner: 6 p.m.;  
Meeting to follow  
High Chaparral  
(Rodeo Grounds)  
475 S. Main St.  
Spanish Fork

**9<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 12: WASHINGTON**  
Lunch: noon;  
Meeting to follow  
Washington Historical Society  
100 West and Telegraph St.  
Washington

**ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS  
[EXTENDED DEADLINE]  
JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2022**

- 2 SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$15,000
- 2 SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$12,500
- 2 SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$10,000
- MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
- 25 SCHOLARSHIPS OF \$2,000

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**MAY 05.22**

**24<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 17: KAUAI**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Kauai Beach Hotel  
4331 Kauai Beach Drive  
Lihue

**25<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 17: HILO**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Nani Loa Hotel  
93 Banyan Drive  
Hilo

**26<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 17: KONA**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Courtyard King Kamehameha's  
Kona Beach Hotel  
Honu Lawn  
75-5660 Palani Road  
Kailua-Kona

**27<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT 17: MAUI**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Maui Beach Hotel  
170 W. Kaahumanu Ave.  
Kahului

**SERVICE PINS** 

In honor and remembrance of years of service in Local 3, service pins are available to members with 25 or more years of membership. These pins come in five-year increments from 25 through 75 years of service. Please contact your district office to receive your pins.

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Looking to make a year-end charitable donation and get a TAX BREAK? Donating to the Local 3 Scholarship Foundation may fit the bill!

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JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup> 2022!**

# Our Sincere Condolences...

## Departed Members\*

Akima, Henry Wailuku, HI 2-1-22	Dean, Charles Modesto, CA 1-18-22	Huerta, Richard Yuba City, CA 12-31-21	McGinty, Thomas Grass Valley, CA 2-2-22	Olofson, Robert Ogden, UT 2-7-22	Smith, Gary Fernley, NV 1-22-22
Anderson, Hal Spanish Fork, UT 12-27-21	Dresser, Boyd San Mateo, CA 1-21-22	Johnson, Loren Lima, MT 2-5-22	Miller, Rex Carmichael, CA 1-17-22	Orozco, Anastacio Fowler, CA 1-16-21	Spence, William Stockton, CA 2-8-22
Balbirona, Jerry Pahrump, NV 1-26-22	Ence, Douglas Cedar City, UT 1-27-22	Kelleher, Daniel San Francisco, CA 2-10-22	Mitchell, Donald Sanger, CA 1-24-22	Patrick, Garold Shingle Springs, CA 1-28-21	Stebbins, Carl C. Livermore, CA 2-4-22
Bergsen, Ronald Lower Lake, CA 12-31-21	Fujiyama, Oliver Honolulu, HI 12-17-21	Kmitt, Stanley Livermore, CA 1-4-22	Madruga, Buck Central Point, OR 2-9-22	Re, John III Hanksville, UT 1-20-22	Sykes, Michael Antioch, CA 2-3-22
Brand, Charles Oakhurst, CA 2-2-22	Gauldin, Donald Garden Valley, CA 1-13-22	Kobata, Edward Hawi, HI 1-8-22	Nelson, Richard Solvang, CA 1-29-21	Rogers, Steven El Dorado, CA 1-23-22	Troxel, Jay Coarsegold, CA 1-31-22
Clark, Michael Pahrump, NV 1-31-21	Hernandez, Ramon Mountain View, CA 2-2-22	Kuntz, Kelly Valley Springs, CA 1-26-22	Noonkester, Dale Danville, CA 1-24-22	Rushing, David Sutherlin, OR 1-30-22	Ussery, Charles Arroyo Grande, CA 2-6-21
Croft, Gerald Modesto, CA 1-25-22	Horne, Henry Redmond, UT 11-30-21	Menefee, David Lemoore, CA 1-23-22	Notter, James Forestville, CA 1-26-21	Sala, Clement Castro Valley, CA 1-16-22	Warnow, Charles Eureka, CA 1-30-22
Cuillard, Leonard Herber, UT 1-26-22	Horton, Frank Salt Lake City, UT 1-26-22	McCampbell, Robert Bullhead City, AZ 2-10-22	Oliver, Robert Clovis, CA 1-14-22	Smith, Blaine Provo, UT 2-5-22	Wickum, Wallace Stockton, CA 1-27-21
					Wright, Jack Palermo, CA 2-8-22

### CORRECTION:

Departed member Rene Rueda Tellez was misidentified in last month's edition.

## Deceased Dependents

Albright, Debra, Spouse of Napoleon, Frank (dec.) 1-28-22	Diaz, Lupe Spouse of Diaz, Lynn (dec.) 1-7-22	Gouldsmith, Mary Spouse of Gouldsmith, Darrell 1-18-22	Kamiya, Alice Spouse of Kamiya, Paul (dec.) 1-14-22	Mansfield, Linda J. Spouse of Mansfield, Michael (dec.) 12-22-21	Patlan, Rose Spouse of Patlan, Vidal 4-16-17
Baker, Lori Spouse of Milde, Brian 3-18-16	Easley, Lucille Spouse of Easley, Willie (dec.) 1-8-22	Hampton, Roberta Spouse of Hampton, Paul (dec.) 1-18-22	Karcich, Valena Spouse of Karcich, Ray 2-10-22	Maple, Helen Spouse of Maple, Glen (dec.) 1-28-22	Petrocchi, Joyce Spouse of Petrocchi, Chester 12-17-21
Burneson, Priscilla Spouse of Burneson, Robert (dec.) 1-15-22	Fassett, Claudia Spouse of Fassett, Gary (dec.) 12-27-21	Hanson, Rebecca Spouse of Hanson, Jack 1-4-22	Lolmaugh, Zelma Spouse of Lolmaugh, Carl (dec.) 10-17-21	McBroome, Betty Spouse of McBroome, Sidney (dec.) 1-9-22	Tapps, Betty J. Spouse of Tapps, George (dec.) 2-6-22
Byerly, Barbara Spouse of Byerly, William (dec.) 2-1-22	Gorman, Maxine Spouse of Gorman, Sam 1-11-22	Johnson, Winno Spouse of Johnson, Thomas (dec.) 11-25-21	Luna, Virginia Spouse of Luna, Benny 1-30-22	McDonell, Vera Spouse of McDonell, Robert (dec.) 2-3-22	Zamora, Anna Spouse of Zamora, John (dec.) 7-30-21
Cordner, Claire Spouse of Cordner, Leroy (dec.) 2-4-22		Kam, Linda Spouse of Kam, Warren (dec.) 1-22-22			

### \*Member Obituaries

Family members of a recently deceased Local 3 member may contact the member's local district office for a brief obituary to be included in the Engineers News district reports section. Contact information for the district offices is on pages 18-24 in this edition.



# SWAP SHOP

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FOR SALE: 2004 Ditch Witch RT40 Trencher. (1005 hours.) Deutz air cooled. 42 HP. Trenching boom with side shift capabilities. Operating weight is 4,200 lbs. Trench depth is 63 inches, or 5 foot 3 inches. 64-inch backfill blade. Meticulously maintained. Oil filter changed at 1,000 hours. New front tire. \$8,800. Serious inquires only! Email: wolfnoir69@aol.com Reg# 2571223.

FOR SALE: 1992 Custom 4x4 Quigley GMC Vandura G2500 conversion van. 5.7L V8. DANA 44 front end. 10,000 lb winch. Custom front and rear bumpers w/tow hitch. 33" tires. Custom raised magna flow exhaust. Lifted roof, seats 7, electric fold down queen bed. Solar. Loaded. Excellent camper/crawler. Rocklin, CA. Contact arzullcik@gmail.com or call (408)-472-6800. \$47,500. Reg# 2437833.

FOR SALE: 12.9 acres of olive trees. Healthy, well cared for, and produces. Includes a 3-bed, 2-bath mobile home, domestic well, septic tank, 30x40 shop with 2 roll up doors and power. Home sits at top of grove with beautiful views. \$460,000 OBO. Call (559) 287-6510. Reg# 2382509.

COMING SOON: Super-labrador puppies. We have raised both mother and father. Mother is AKC-registered purebred English Lab. (69 pounds) Father is AKC-registered English Lab/AKC-registered Bull Mastiff (115 pounds). Puppies will have strong hunting, water sport, fetching and protection instincts, as well as VERY CALM. Please call Mike, if interested. (916) 548-1178. Reg# 2553692.

FOR SALE: Winnebago Adventurer motorhome. 35 feet. Features: two slides, new brakes and tires, solar panels, inverter, two TVs, VCR/CD player, queen bed in rear, couch and easy chair, satellite. Exterior is brown multicolor, interior is beige. Good condition. \$35,000. Call Chuck (707) 528-9782. Reg# 1661097.

FOR SALE: 2013 Polaris XP900 Razor. Looks and runs great. Lots of extras. Roof, half windshield, rear view mirrors, jack and holding brackets, fire extinguisher and holding bracket, spare tire and ice chest rack, front winch, pro armor doors and skid plates. \$12,000 OBO. Call Mike at (510) 715-6889 or (925) 727-4642. Reg# 1966032.

FOR SALE: Steel rack for under a camper. Forks for tractor. Call evenings at (408) 842-6215. Reg# 1071005.

FOR SALE: Mac wrenches: 1 7/8", 1 5/8", 1 1/2", 1 1/16". \$10 each. Nocker wrenches: 1 7/8"-2 1/2". 8 in all. \$20. Decoy ducks, all kinds. \$150. Call (530) 272-4497. Reg# 1054933.

FOR SALE: Dodge 2500 diesel truck. 4 speed automatic. 2 extra wheels. Camper shell. 5th wheel hitch. Radio and cassette player. New fuel pump. New injector pump. Extended cab. \$18,500. Call (530) 272-4497. Reg# 1054933.

FOR SALE: Dodge engine heads. 3.9L V6. Completely rebuilt. No cracks. \$275. Call (209) 505-2618. Reg# 1082402.

FOR SALE: Fresno County property in the Squaw Valley area. Located off Hwy. 180. Two adjacent 5-acre parcels. Asking \$70,000 each. Call Mark at (530) 320-7705. Reg# 1829140.

FOR SALE: Spectra Physics dual slope laser. \$1,000. Two Spectra Physics laser eye. \$175 each. Two RT25 receiver masts. \$150 each. 12-foot tripod. \$300. 15-foot grade rod. \$50. Magnetic receiver. \$200. Three MM2E masts. \$100 each. Call (209) 329-3795. Reg# 2014063.

FOR SALE: Wine and beer making supplies, including: oak barrel, wine press, must plunger, thermometer, bottle dry tree, bottle cappers, beer and wine bottles, cleaning supplies, floor corker, reference books. Please email Jeff for detailed listing and prices. mixpix33@yahoo.com. Purchase all equipment with added extras for \$1,210. Crush, ferment tubs, buckets will be added for free, if the whole lot is purchased. Reg# 2312911.

FOR SALE: 1987 COMET 48' flatbed trailer. \$7,500 OBO. 1990 Fruehauf end-dump trailer. \$12,000 OBO. 1987 Robin end-dump trailer. \$10,000 OBO. \$24,000 takes all 3. Call Brent (209) 914-9474. Reg# 4197024.

FOR SALE: 2002 F-350. Red crew cab. Power stroke. 7.3 diesel. 4X4. Long bed. Miles: 222,000. Leveling kit and programmer. Asking \$18,500. Call Brian at: (408) 821-3550. Reg# 2011067.

FOR SALE: 2011 Chevy Aveo Limited Edition. 5-speed transmission. Hatchback. Excellent on gas. One owner. Call (208) 755-0256. Reg# 1812603.

FOR SALE: 26 acres in Amador County with pasture and perfect building sites. Perfect for a getaway, camping or building dream home. Private and secluded. Easy access from Sacramento, Jackson, Placerville and Lake Tahoe. Electricity close by and wells in good area. Seasonal pond. \$299,900. Call (208) 755-0256. Reg# 1812603.

FOR SALE: 2,000 sq ft house in Seadrift, TX 77983. 3 bd/2 ba on 3 lots (1/2 acre). Octagonal shape built on concrete pilings with decking all around the house. Parking under the house. Large open rooms with high ceilings. Close to fishing, hunting, boating and awesome sunsets. 6 blocks from San Antonio Bay. \$289,900. For more info, call (361) 772-8002. Reg# 1354860.

FOR SALE: Various tools. Box-end and open-end wrenches. From 1" to 1 5/8". 20" P&C and 16" proto adjustable wrenches. 24" Walworth pipe wrench. 8# sledge. Misc. bars. Cheater pipe. Slide hammer. S&K 3/4 drive socket set. From 1" to 1 5/8". Owatonna pullers plus misc. pullers. \$500 for all. All US made, very usable. Email for pictures: oldcat35o@sbcglobal.net. Reg# 1188038.

FOR SALE: 2016 RAM 3500 Cummins complete tier 4 exhaust. Includes DPF, SCR, EGR cooler/valve, DEF tank and DEF injector, and all sensors. \$1,000 OBO. Call Miles with questions or offers, call (209) 641-5066. Reg# 4245469.

FOR SALE: Ford 9N tractor, 3-point, PTO, runs and operates. Rebuilt carburetor, fresh service, new battery, radiator and one front tire with tube. No implements. \$2,000 OBO. Call (916) 756-6140. Reg# 1904007.

FOR SALE: 1982 Honda Silver Wing 500. Excellent condition. 30k miles. Not a speck of rust. New battery and tires. Removable paniers and dual seat. Nice bike but too heavy for me in my golden years. \$2,000 or trade straight across for 350 class. Call (775) 623-6924. Reg# 1500057.

WANTED: Antique bottles. Paying up to \$5,000 for embossed whiskey and bitters bottles. Also want other antique bottles and obsolete casino chips from Nevada and California. Will give operators free appraisals on antique bottles. Richard Siri, P.O. Box 3818, Santa Rosa, CA 95402. Call (707) 481-5423 or (707) 542-6438. Reg# 1025301.

FOR SALE: 2007 Raptor toy hauler 5th wheel trailer, 36 foot with 2 slide outs. Features: built-in microwave, TV, stereo, bathroom w/ shower, awning, generator (needs repair), electrical cords. Sleeps 10. Portable black water tank & hoses. Asking \$22,000. Contact Tom (530) 906-7360. Reg# 2529977.

WANTED: Parts for a 1938 John Deere "A" tractor. Especially interested in iron cleated wheels. Call or text (775) 910-9625 or email antiquevail@hotmail.com. Reg# 2269569.

FOR SALE: Falcon 2 tow bar with 2 safety cables, drop hitch, electrical wires and 2 receivers. \$450 OBO. Call Ron at (209) 367-1142 or (209) 224-7697 (cell). Reg# 1737629.

FOR SALE: 1-inch drive impact gun. Chicago Pneumatic model CP797 with 20 sockets. \$300. Tahoe area. Text (510) 366-9885. Reg# 1820915.

FOR SALE: 16-ft steel boat hull and frame with trailer. Includes motor mount, rudder, prop shaft. Asking \$400. No trades. Call (209) 470-7029. Reg# 1774822.

FOR SALE: 12x56 mobile home in good condition. Located in Fairfield 55+ park. Park is quiet and \$410/month. Located in the hills by Manuel Campos exit. Live closer to the Bay without the million dollar price tag. 45 minute commute to SF at 5 a.m. \$140,000. Call (707) 703-7134. Reg# 2348821.

FOR SALE: Mobile mechanic tools. Snap-on, Mac, and other assorted name brands. Including ratchets and sockets, from 1/4-inch to 3/4-inch sets. Wrenches from 1/4-inch to 2 inches. Multiple specialty tools. Air tools, cutting torch and tank set. Many more tools, too many to list. Selling all together for \$22,000. Call (707) 953-7804. Reg# 1654092.

FOR SALE: Wall mount Dyson DC59 motorhead cordless vacuum. Manual. Used very little. New and complete accessory parts. Runs excellent. \$250. Call (209) 931-2058. Reg# 1022395.

FOR SALE: 8-foot camper shell with carpet kit. LED lights inside. Brand new. Asking \$1,500 OBO. Call (831) 524-2661. Reg# 2599457.



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