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OE3 members **DYLAN SMITH, ROBERT EASON, BRANDON LILES** and **ANDREW PEREZ** (with new signatory R-2 Contractors) use a unique cable plow to get cable underground without having to trench it. This new method is proving effective for a giant solar farm near Patterson, Calif. Read more about this and new signatory Centerline Drilling, also involved on the project, on page 14.

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Scrapers dot the hills near Patterson, Calif., as members with **CENTERLINE DRILLING** ready the land for a giant solar farm.

## State of the Union/Semi-Annual Re-Cap

I think we can all agree that the March Semi-Annual Event was a success. We enjoyed a great turnout, met with great members, enjoyed some great information and then had some great food. Thanks to all who came out, even with the weather. If you weren't able to make it, some of the main takeaways from the meeting are below:

- \* Despite fears of a recession, Local 3's concerns involve finding enough people to fill the seats of the many jobs we have now and coming soon!
- \* Be sure to get your HAZMAT/HAZWOPER certifications (or renew the ones you have), so you can be ready to work on storm cleanup/repair work this year and beyond.
- \* While many of our candidates and measures fared well during the last election cycle, politics never really sleeps. In fact, the Primary Election is happening next March, so please help out your districts, when the call comes to volunteer with the Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program.
- \* Politics can be divisive, but not when we unite around Local 3's core values, which are things we can all agree on: Jobs, training for those jobs, wages we can afford to live on, the ability to collectively bargain our agreements, and retirement and healthcare that keep us healthy, while we work, and happy when we retire.
- \* Our membership numbers (including applicants) are continuing to grow – a direct result of our Organizing Department and the work you do in the field, by letting us know what you see and talking to non-union workers about what UNION means.
- \* In 2022, we paid more than \$405 million in Pension checks to our Retirees, and we are proud of our ability to take care of our own in their Golden Years. Through Dec. 31, 2022, our Pension Fund return (investments) is sitting at around \$4.9 billion, unaudited and preliminary. We enjoyed 36.3 million work hours last year and predict that number is going to increase. We are moving in the right direction with our Pension and plan to certify in the Green Zone this year, as has been previously reported.
- \* Our Health and Welfare Funds continue to remain strong, with our Active Health and Welfare Fund balance at \$655.5 million (through Dec. 21, 2022) and our Retiree Health and Welfare Fund at \$210.3 million.
- \* We have negotiated several great agreements last year and this year, including a \$13 increase over the next three years for the California Master Agreement.
- \* The new compliance entities we've partnered with in California and Nevada have done an incredible job at holding non-compliant contractors accountable, which has led to bids being awarded to our union signatories. For any questions you might have regarding compliance, please contact the NorCal Construction Industry Compliance (NCIC) for Northern California at (916) 993-2025, or the Northern Nevada Operating Engineers Contract Compliance (NNOECC) at (775) 857-4440.
- \* The Local 3 Headquarters and District 20 offices have moved to 3000 Clayton Road, Concord, Calif. The phone numbers all remain the same.
- \* Please make every effort to get out to your district's picnic this spring/summer, as we are so glad to be having them again!
- \* Check out Local 3's updated website ([oe3.org](http://oe3.org)) and social media platforms, such as Facebook ([facebook.com/groups/oe3members](https://facebook.com/groups/oe3members)), YouTube ([youtube.com/@OperatingEngineersLocal3](https://youtube.com/@OperatingEngineersLocal3)) and Instagram (@engineersnews).
- \* Local 3 continues to secure our work on renewable energy projects, such as solar farms, wind farms and offshore wind. Some of that work includes getting those projects funded.
- \* Get involved this year in your union, as you are only benefiting yourselves, your co-workers and your family by getting informed and engaged in what is happening in your union!

Let's work together to make the rest of this year a great one. Please be careful as you drive on our freeways, and look out for roadside crews. Slow down just a bit more and take a little extra time. I hope to see you at a picnic this summer!

*Dan Reding*



# Apprentices are our future

These days, it's rare for me to attend a district meeting without swearing new members into the union. I'm always happy to do it, as it shows just how hard our Organizing Department and our Apprenticeship Programs have been working to grow this union.

A lot of people know that our Organizing Department is focused on growing our membership, signing new employers to our agreements and increasing our market share, but they may not realize how big a role our Apprenticeship Program plays in doing the same thing. Of course, they are aware that recruiting new apprentices is vital to our growth and our ability to meet the demand for Skilled and Trained Operating Engineers, but our Apprenticeship Program does much more than that. It also helps bring in new employers, as they come to realize the connection between the success of their business and having access to workers who go through rigorous training to meet the latest safety requirements and the most up-to-date government and industry standards.

The benefits to our employers are clear, but the benefits to our union are impossible to fully measure. That's because the Apprenticeship Program isn't just about training workers to do their jobs well, it's also about teaching those workers about their workplace rights, their union and how to actively participate in it. I believe this is what truly makes our apprenticeship an invaluable resource to the union and its membership.

The most common misconceptions about our union come from people who are simply not familiar with what it does, how it does it and why. It's hard to have those misconceptions if you have personal experience with the union and how it operates. Fortunately, our

apprentices learn about the union by developing that personal experience, as the program requires them to actively participate in union activities. In doing so, they are much less likely to be persuaded by falsehoods that harm our union or undermine our shared goals of securing better wages, stronger benefits and safer workplace conditions. For example, anti-union talking points often portray union activities as being held behind closed doors, where "union bosses" conspire to engage in shady activities. However, anyone who's actually participated in union activities knows that it's a lot more boring than that. The union actually accomplishes its goals and purposes through the help of active members who attend

union meetings, show up to speak in city council meetings, write letters to elected officials, patiently share their knowledge and skills with younger members on the jobsite, or help coworkers file grievances or return bargaining surveys.

The truth is that our apprentices learn how to be good union members, and as I like to remind our apprentices, those who keep it up after they've journeyed out of the program are the ones who will someday lead this union. At some

point, they will serve the membership as business agents, district reps and officers themselves. Apprentices truly are the future of our union, a fact I am keenly aware of, as a member of the Nevada State Apprenticeship Council (NSAC), where I work with others to ensure apprenticeship programs in my home state meet the standards our employers, industry and economy require. We should all take pride in our Apprenticeship Program for training our workforce, while instilling union values into the next generation, so that they can someday carry us through whatever challenges come our way.



President Ingersoll swears-in new members at a recent District Meeting.

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EXTRA!**

# Labor News

A HIGHLIGHT OF RECENT NEWS ITEMS THAT ARE SPECIFIC TO LOCAL 3 AND THE BROADER LABOR MOVEMENT.

## Apprenticeship and pre-apprenticeship programs get a funding boost

Last month, during an event hosted by North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) and the National Urban League, U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh announced a \$20 million cooperative agreement between the Department of Labor and the TradesFutures non-profit to promote construction apprenticeship opportunities through the "Scaling Apprenticeship Readiness Across the Building Trades"

initiative. Thanks to this funding, the department will work with a coalition that includes NABTU, the National Urban League and TradesFutures to ensure veterans, women and minorities are prepared for, and have equal access to, construction apprenticeship programs, as well as the tools to succeed once accepted into them. "This cooperative agreement with the Department of Labor and the National Urban League will uplift people by recruiting and expanding building trades' workforce development

pipelines in communities that have been historically underrepresented in the trades while simultaneously meeting demand for unprecedented federal infrastructure investments," said TradesFutures Executive Director Nicole Schwartz. "We welcome this

opportunity to help recruit the next infrastructure generation and look forward to maximizing these investments to the greatest extent possible by empowering communities with a stronger, more diverse and skilled local workforce."



Apprentices like these will benefit from a funding boost!

# The work we do today keeps members working tomorrow

At the last round of District and Retiree Meetings, I heard reports of good politics and the jobs created from those same politics. It’s a known fact that every single job an Operating Engineer does has political ties to it somehow. Those ties include things like storm water plan permits, the change of zoning from commercial to residential or vice-versa, mitigation approval for endangered species (animals and plants), air quality permits, Project Labor Agreement (PLA) approvals and most importantly, funding. On public works projects, like roads, bridges, rail and dams, funding is most often the toughest political battle. Then when we get a PLA approved, the entire project is guaranteed to be built with 100 percent union labor. Local 3 is known as a political powerhouse in our State Capitols, as well as Washington, D.C., and these kinds of battles are around every corner. The officers and staff of Local 3 embrace these challenges, because we know that when we fight, we win.

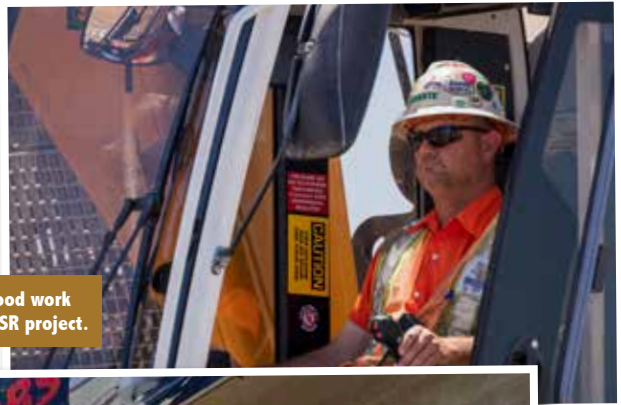
Some of the projects we heard about at this last round of meetings included High Speed Rail (HSR), which is currently keeping about 400 Operating Engineers working and will continue to do so for decades. We also heard about PG&E’s plan to underground 10,000 miles of high voltage power lines. (This could create about \$15 to \$20 billion worth of work). Then there’s the rail project in Utah that was said to need around 1,000 operators at its peak. We heard about the push for Off-Shore Wind development in Humboldt County and the thousands of jobs that it will create over the next 25 to 30 years. Finally, we heard about the multi-billion-dollar drydock project in Hawaii and the Lithium mines in Nevada.

These mega projects are just some of the highlights of these meetings. It seems every district had record work projections for the foreseeable future. None of these projects could have been possible if it weren’t for political successes at every level. This is not something one person or one department can do. It takes every single one of us to be this effective. Your officers, district staff, Political and Public Relations departments and all of our headquarters staff isn’t even enough. We need every member of Local 3 to engage. The bare minimum you can do is vote, but you can do more. We have the robust, member-based Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) volunteer program. Last year, we turned out almost 700 individual volunteers and had huge wins across our four-state jurisdiction, thanks to our VOTE volunteer efforts. This year and beyond will have plenty of opportunities for you to be a part of that success. If you want to learn more about how to help, go to our website at OE3.org, then click on the members tab and then politics.

The work we do today truly does keep our members working tomorrow!



Operating Engineers have been getting good work hours in the Central Valley because of the HSR project.



From left: Fresno District Rep. Wyatt Meadows, Business Manager Dan Reding and Treasurer Nate Tucker gather at the HSR project to celebrate the 10,000th construction job created during the project.

## 2023 Pre-Retirement Dates

The first round of the 2023 Pre-Retirement Call-In Meetings will be scheduled in the month of May. Mark the date for the call-in meeting in your district/jurisdiction. Please note: Call-in meetings for California districts have been consolidated and will not be scheduled by district. This means that **members in California, regardless of their 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.

- \* **CA: April 18 – 6 p.m. PST (all CA districts)**
- \* **CA: April 19 – 6 p.m. PST (all CA districts)**
- \* **CA: April 20 – 6 p.m. PST (all CA districts)**
- \* **UT: April 25 – 6 p.m. MST**
- \* **NV: April 26 – 6 p.m. PST**
- \* **HI: April 27 – 6 p.m. HST**

The Fringe Benefits Office is here to assist you with questions regarding your Health and Welfare and retirement. You can 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 to schedule a phone appointment.

## 2023 Retiree Picnic

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Retiree Picnic at the Dixon Fairgrounds on Saturday, June 10, 2023.** Come up Friday at noon and stay until noon on Sunday, if you wish. There will be a limited amount of parking for your self-contained motor homes and trailers on a first-come, first-served basis. Local 3 will pick up the tab for this event. We'll see you there!

## Pre-Retirement Phone-In Class

Each year, in the spring and fall, the Trust Funds Office, in conjunction with the Fringe Benefits Office, holds a series of phone-in, on-hour classes covering retirement from A to Z. These are held at the approximate time you receive your annual and semi-annual Pension statements. See the dates above.

Simply follow the instructions on the card that will be mailed to you: Dial the call-in number at 6 p.m., your time, and enter the access code. Have spouse, pencil and paper with you. Set aside one hour for the class.

**The topics/questions covered during the class include:**

- ▶ **How to read a Pension statement**
  - ▶ **Calculating values of Pension credits**
  - ▶ **What happens if a member dies before retirement?**
  - ▶ **Burial benefit**
  - ▶ **When do I apply for a pension?**
  - ▶ **When do I get my medical eligibility package (if applicable)?**
  - ▶ **When may I retire?**
  - ▶ **How much will I get when I retire?**
  - ▶ **Husband/Wife Pension retirement options**
- ▶ **Eligibility for Retiree Health and Welfare**
  - ▶ **Hours banks and possible three-month extensions**
  - ▶ **What does the standard Retiree Health and Welfare Plan cover?**
  - ▶ **Surviving spouse Medical/Dental coverage**
  - ▶ **Cost of Medical/Dental**
  - ▶ **Medicare enrollment at eligible time**
  - ▶ **Rules for working after retirement**
  - ▶ **Retiree work addendum**
  - ▶ **Delayed retirement incentive (Bonus Pension) eligibility and calculations.**

The transition into retirement is the fulfillment of a long-term dream, countless hard-earned hours and years of work. Please dial in and join us for this educational and informative class, so you make the right decisions entering your Golden Years!

## Individual consultations available through phone or Zoom

Please call **(707) 290-1834** or **(800)-251-5014** to arrange a phone or zoom conference to discuss your personal situation. We can help guide you through all phases of Trust Fund issues including:

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## Exciting, new leaders in Santa Clara County

By Lawrence Su, business representative

The County Employees Management Association (CEMA) and Operating Engineers Local 3 (OE3) have worked hard this past election season, and we are excited to see our work pay off with the election of new leaders in Santa Clara County. The Santa Clara County unit makes up a majority of CEMA. Therefore, it is mission-critical that CEMA/OE3 has allies in positions of power to assist with negotiations and offer assistance in resolving issues that can impact entire units or individual members. Having leaders who are open to creative solutions that allow both sides to reach a favorable agreement is exactly the type of problem-solving attitude that CEMA/OE3 appreciates.

CEMA/OE3 has been very present in recent public events to kick-off the new year. County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg gave an inspiring speech during her State of the County, outlining her plans and priorities that encapsulated the key issues of the community and how resources will be devoted to address these issues. Sheriff Bob Jonsen united the Sheriff's Office under his new leadership, where the County has not seen a new Sheriff since 1998. The diverse array of members in CEMA, including those in the Sheriff's Office, exemplifies the valued expertise needed in representation that CEMA/OE3 offers for our members. Sylvia Arenas, the newest face on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, provides new opportunities for CEMA/OE3, and is an ally we can count on to support underserved populations in the County.

CEMA continues to build its coalition for the benefit of its members, so we encourage CEMA members to reach out by emailing [membership@sccema.org](mailto:membership@sccema.org) to see how you can get involved.

County Supervisor Susan Ellenberg gives her State of the County speech.



County Supervisor Sylvia Arenas takes her oath of office.

## New PE business rep. introduces herself

By Shannon Starr, business representative

My name is Shannon Starr, and I am excited to be the new Operating Engineers Local 3 Public Employee business agent for Sacramento District 80. I want to introduce myself and give you a little background information about me.

I have known my husband for almost 30 years, and we have been married for more than 27 years. We have raised two wonderful children. Our daughter and her husband live in Australia, and our son lives in California.

I have spent almost 20 years working as a 911 Public Safety Dispatcher (PSD), and during the last 12 years, I worked as a PSD and PSD Supervisor for El Dorado County.

For the last 11 years, I have had the honor of serving as a Job Steward for the Operating Engineers Local 3 Public Employees Trades and Crafts Unit in El Dorado County, which helped me understand the importance of the union.

Answering 911 calls was an incredibly fulfilling career but one that can take a mental toll on a person. When I made the decision to leave my work as a first responder, I knew I wanted to continue to help others. Having worked firsthand with

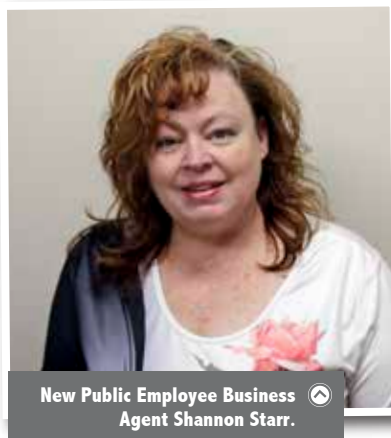
several business agents over the years, I realized I could still serve by helping those who serve the public as a Local 3 Public Employee business agent. Being a Job Steward has provided me with a great foundation to build this new career path on.

I am currently serving members of the following units (in alphabetical order):

Browns Valley Irrigation District Unit, El Dorado County Corrections Unit, El Dorado County Trades and Crafts Unit, El Dorado County Transit Authority Unit, Linda County Water District Unit, Olivehurst Public Utility District (OPUD) Unit, Plumas County General Unit, Plumas County Mid-Management and Supervisors Unit, Plumas County Public Works General Unit, Plumas

County Public Works Mid-Management and Supervisors Unit, Sierra County Misc. and Clerical Unit, Sierra County Road Workers Unit, Superior Court of Plumas County Unit (State of California), and Superior Court of Sierra County Unit (State of California).

I look forward to working with and representing the great members of Operating Engineers Local 3 Public Employees.



New Public Employee Business Agent Shannon Starr.

# Monterey ReGen changes the way we do trash

By Michael Moore, business representative

Every now and then, I find a place or group of people making a difference in the world. ReGen Monterey, formerly known as the Monterey Regional Waste Management District (MRWMD) is one such place.

So often we throw out our trash without the slightest thought on where it goes or even how it is processed. ReGen representatives want that practice to change by offering tours of their facility in hopes of enlightening the everyday customer about trash (where it goes, what it turns into and responsible ways of dealing with it for a better environment).

By recycling many of the materials that come into its gates in Monterey County, ReGen is a premier leader in turning trash into products, and our members are a huge part of

this. The facility’s mission is: “Doing more to waste less,” and hopes to be a leader in environmentally sustainable waste management that fosters and inspires a zero-waste culture in the areas it services:

Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Sand City, Seaside, and the unincorporated areas of Big Sur, Carmel Highlands, Carmel Valley, Castroville, Corral De Tierra, Laguna Seca, Moss Landing, Pebble Beach, San Benancio and Toro Park. (The population currently served is approximately 170,000.) The scope and scale of this facility is grand, and that’s an understatement! So whenever you have time, book a tour at ReGen. You will be *trash*formed.

Stay tuned for in-depth coverage of this facility, soon.



## UNIT 12

# Bridge operator makes river crossing possible

By Darrin Williams, business agent

Our Unit 12 members operate 14 draw bridges along the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. One of those members is Phil Pezzaglia. Phil operates the Helen Madere Memorial Bridge, commonly referred to as the Rio Vista Bridge, which is a continuous truss bridge with a vertical lift of 135 feet from the water line. Located on Hwy. 12, the bridge accommodates around 25,000 vehicles per day on Hwy. 12, and Phil is responsible for communicating with the

many heavy ships and pleasure crafts traveling up and down river, in order to plan for the opening of the bridge. He is also responsible for letting the traveling public know when it is safe to proceed across the bridge. The next time you use this crossing, whether on the road or on the water, remember that doing so is only possible because of the skills and knowledge of our Unit 12 brothers and sisters, like Phil.



The Helen Madere Memorial Bridge is commonly referred to as the Rio Vista Bridge.



Member Phil Pezzaglia operates the Helen Madere Memorial Bridge.

# Pile Drivers, Carpenters join OE3 apprentices for pile-driver training

For the first time ever, the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC) partnered with the Pile Drivers and the Carpenters to create a week-long pile-driver training class. Here’s what some of the apprentices had to say about the training, our Apprenticeship Program and the OE3 JATC:

## Apprentice Matthew Miguel

“I’ve been in the Apprenticeship Program for three years. I still have to get some hours, so I will probably journey out of the program in another year, year-and-a-half or two years. I’m working for Condon-Johnson, which is a drilling company that does a lot of foundation work in the Bay Area, but we’ve been getting more and more pile-driving jobs.

“I came in as an oiler on a pile-driving rig, so I’ve been around pile-driving for years, but it’s good to be here and be getting some seat time. Things are always moving on the jobsite and there’s not a lot of time to put apprentices in the seat, plus it can get a little dangerous, so this is really nice for me to get to work with this equipment and get some hands-on experience.

“Whenever I come back up here, they ask me what I’ve been doing. They knew I was working around pile driving and doing foundation work, so they lined me up with this part of the training program. It’s been great!”

## Apprentice Summer Tex

“I’ve been in the Apprenticeship Program for less than a year, but I’m already a third-step apprentice. I came in with my certs, because I had been working non-union, but as soon as I got the opportunity, I applied for the union’s Apprenticeship Program.

“I’ve been getting a lot of my hours working for Michels Tunneling, but all my crane experience was from doing bridgework for Security Paving. I got that experience running friction rigs, driving pile and running the vibratory hammer on a job where we were building a bridge over the San Joaquin River. We had some really good pile-driving foremen out there, and they gave me the opportunity to do it.

“My coordinator is always wanting to make sure I’m getting the experience I need, and there wasn’t even a crane on my last jobsite, so he asked, ‘Do you feel like you’re going to be able to get your crane experience doing this?’ and I told him ‘No.’ The first thing he says is, ‘Well, we’ll put you somewhere you’re going to get it,’ and here I am. Like I said, I already had my certs, but if I didn’t come out here for this training, then I wouldn’t get to know how to do it the right way and be as safe as possible. This is the first time they’ve ever done the pile-driver training with Pile Drivers Local 34, and what they’re trying to do is make sure that we know exactly what we’re doing.

“There’s two different types of pile drivers we’re learning on. One is a swing lead and the other is a fixed lead. There’s also a vibratory power pack over there, which we haven’t gotten into yet, but we will. We’ll be out here for a full week, learning all of this with some great Pile Drivers from Pile Drivers Local 34. It’s great, because if you don’t have good Pile Drivers around, you’d never know what to do and wouldn’t be able to get the job done right.

“The people from the training center, like our coordinators, and the union are always concerned about what’s best for you. If you need them, they are there for you, and that’s not just for the standout people. They know everybody, and they just want everyone to do good, make a good living and get the training they need. They’ll give you their phone number. They’ll give you their email. And if you can’t do any of that, but you can get up to the training center, you can always find them here and willing to help. I’ve even come out on Fridays to get some seat time on the lattice boom, in order to get my certs, and they’ll stop what they’re doing, come out and fill in so that I can do what I need to. If you use them, they are always there for you.”



Operating Engineers, Pile Drivers and Carpenters participate in a joint training class for pile driving at the OE3 JATC.



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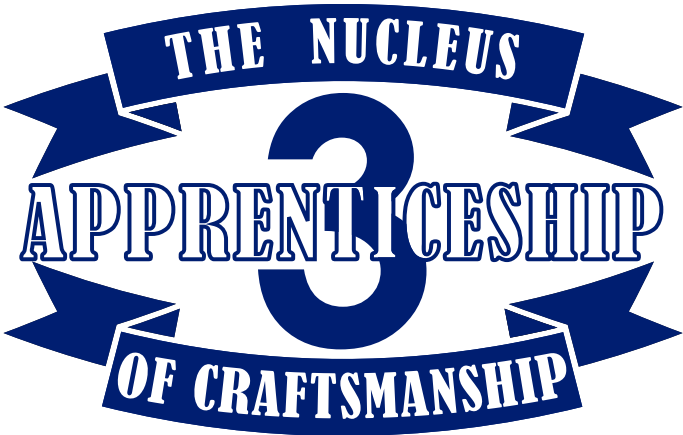
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# NORTHERN NEVADA APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM GRADUATES



Congratulations to the 21 Northern Nevada Operating Engineers Apprenticeship graduates who journeyed out in February. These talented new journeymen become close to one another through the program and close to the Northern Nevada Operating Engineers Joint Apprenticeship Committee (JAC) staff, who do much more than just instruct! Oftentimes, life skills are gained in this process, and graduates will keep in touch with training center staff, long after they've moved onto the next job. This is the beauty of being an Operating Engineer.

Special thanks to the award presenters: Business Manager Dan Reding, President Steve Ingersoll, Financial Secretary Dave Harrison, OEFCU Chief Business Development Officer Ron Poff, Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto Rep. Bill Chan and Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC) Interim Dean Kreg Mebust.

Special recognition goes to Grading and Paving Apprentice of the Year Michael Moore, Lube Tech Apprentice of the Year Anthony Perez, 2022 Employer of the Year Q&D Construction (accepted by Rob Bagley) and 2022 Supervisor of the Year David Weaver, also from Q&D Construction.

May we see you in the field!

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From left: Business Manager Dan Reding hands a certificate of completion to graduate Timothy Curran.



Sparks City Council member Dian VanderWell and Nevada Sen. Catherine Cortez Master Rep. Bill Chan.



From left: Sierra Nevada Superintendent Jeff Barker, President Steve Ingersoll and Q&D Construction General Superintendent Rob Bagley.



From left: Northern Nevada Apprenticeship Director of Training Brian Prather, Nevada state Secretary Cisco Aguilar and Northern Nevada Building and Construction Trades Council Secretary-Treasurer Rob Benner.

## CLASS OF 2022



Zachary Armentrout



Christopher Cartier



Jonathan Collins



Timothy Curran



Cody Fagg



Zachary Hubbell



Austin Marcum



Theodore Merrill



Dylan Miller



Michael Moore



Micah Nauck



Anthony Perez



Matthew Porter



Luis Sanchez-Herrera

NOT PICTURED: Travis Chambliss, Andrew Hansberry, Blain Jarman, Robert Leedom, Nicholas Morelli, Daniel Patterson, and Derek Yakimow.



From left: Hillside Drilling operators Sean Gentile and Steven Hrones.



Wahlund Construction Operator Bob Figas.



A Wahlund Construction operator performs hydro-excavation work.



From left: Gradesetter Tom Bascochea and Superintendent Josh Rasmussen work for Wahlund Construction.



Hillside Drilling operators Sean Gentile and Steven Hrones install footings for a new structure.

# UPGRADES IN THE MARSHLANDS

After more than a decade of planning, Local 3 members have started work on the first phase of the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility improvements project in Arcata, Calif. Much of the facility has been kept in operation since the 1980s through ongoing maintenance, but updates to the aging infrastructure were needed to improve water quality, meet modern standards and comply with new regulatory requirements from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). Those regulations are intended to prevent certain man-made chemicals found in industrial and household products from entering the water supply. Violations of the new requirements are not only hazardous, but can result in hefty fines for the City, so preventative maintenance on outdated equipment and facilities was not going to cut it anymore. A major upgrade to the facility was needed.

That's where Local 3 members came in, as their skills and knowledge were needed to perform a variety of tasks, from demolition to utility work, as well as the construction of new buildings and structures, improvements to roads and levees and the installation of new equipment. When Engineers News visited the jobsite, Operating Engineers with Wahlund Construction, which

is the general contractor on the project, were potholing for utilities. Since the facility is located in the wetlands of the Arcata Marsh, the construction of a planned electrical building requires a deep foundation system, so members with Hillside Drilling were also onsite, drilling 72-feet deep for the installation of new foundation piers.

The current phase of this project will continue with excavation and contouring, the installation of a new discharge pipe and an ultra-violet (UV) disinfection system, construction of the new electrical building, placement of structural fill to elevate an existing roadway, rehabilitation of an existing footbridge, the addition of rooftop photovoltaic panels and the raising of levees to meet municipal and federal emergency preparedness requirements. Design of the second phase is on hold until a feasibility study is completed, but is expected to include the construction of a new oxidation ditch and two new secondary clarifiers, as well as a new alkalinity feed system. Depending on the final scope of Phase 2, the project is expected to provide Operating Engineers with ongoing work over the next two to three years.

# Full Solar Force

OE3'S NEW SIGNATORY  
HITS IT BIG WITH SOLAR

Centerline Drilling, a general contractor based out of Oregon, saw an opportunity to get into solar in California with a big project near Patterson, (Stanislaus County). The giant solar project called for the clearing and grading of many acres for solar arrays capable of generating renewable energy for local homes.

Centerline Drilling is known for being a specialist in, well, drilling, specifically for the power line industry, but could the company find the manpower for a job in California, requiring scrapers, dozers and excavators? Enter Operating Engineers. In true organizing form, Stockton Organizer Brent Hewitt went to work explaining that not only could Operating Engineers provide Centerline (and its sister machine plow company, R-2 Contractors) with a local Skilled and Trained Workforce – if Centerline and R-2 became signatory to Local 3 – they could also access a whole pool of job opportunities in the Golden State.

Centerline jumped at the opportunity, and Local 3 went to work filling dispatches for the project, which currently employs about 40 Operating Engineers between the two companies. The general foreman tasked with keeping everything in line, Jose Vargas, has been an Operating Engineer since 1999 and attested to the power of the union workforce that came in force to fill the seats. The Stockton

District Office, including Business Agent Juan Orozco, and OE3 organizers, also began sourcing non-union workers, many of whom signed up with the union right away to work locally.

One of these included Centerline Grading Foreman Andrew Alejo, who had worked non-union for close to 20 years, prior to signing with Local 3 about eight months ago. The Fresno resident is happy to be working so close to home and decided to sign-up with the union because of the possibilities of this new industry.

“It was the right thing to do at this time,” he said. “There’s an opportunity here with solar.”

Centerline Blade Operator Mike Colston (from Half Moon Bay), has been an OE3 member for more than two years, and because of this job, he was able to buy a home in Newman, Calif.

Because of the relatively new nature of this industry, most operators will fully admit they aren’t experts in solar, but they have been happy to learn, particularly about the kind of work R-2 Construction, which is providing the plow rig, is doing. The company lays the Medium Voltage (MV) cable underground with conduit for fiber optics.

“We pull the plow rig itself with a 1050K dozer with a D9 dozer and then we come back with a blade, we back-fill the plow, we whack it, and that’s pretty much the process,” said R-2 Contractors Foreman

R-2 Contractors Operator  
Andrew Perez.



R-2 Contractors Operator  
Daniel “Wade” Bandini.



Centerline Grading  
Foreman Andrew Alejo.



R-2 Contractors operators use a D9 dozer to pull a 1050K, as it rips and threads the cable.



Centerline Drilling  
General Foreman  
Jose Vargas.



R-2 Contractors (above) and Centerline Drilling operators (below) are enjoying this new solar field and getting good, local hours.



Dylan Smith. “It’s basically getting the cable underground without having to trench it. Once we get the cable underground, we’re plowing the cable ... The plow also puts our dig tape in the ground on top of that. It’s a start-and-go kind of thing.

Eight-year member/R-2 Foreman Rob Eason explained that he has never done cable-plowing before this job, so, “It’s pretty exciting for all of us,” he said. “We’re moving forward. This is a very efficient way to do it.”

Vargas helped solidify the entire flow of the work from the start and will see it to completion.

“We’re very grateful with Local 3 because they have provided amazing people, amazing workers that are so excited about this new project,” he said. “We have nothing but young people working and all of them are really pushing forward. They really want this thing to explode.”

“Centerline is just excited about working with Local 3,” Vargas said. “They are impressed by how the union has been able to help in

all these areas. R-2 also likes this culture of training the generation of new people to work in this area and having the training that we have with Local 3 ... especially knowing they went through the Apprenticeship Program is a great deal. I can never emphasize that enough.”

This idea of training the next generation and holding everyone accountable is a philosophy Vargas has used to make this project so successful. It helps that he not only views his crews like family, but that some of them actually are. Site Superintendent Gustavo Vargas and Operator Abraham Vargas are his brothers, and Christopher Vargas is his son.

The opportunities are boundless for this line of work, both for all Operating Engineers, and particularly Centerline and R-2, which are reaping the benefits of being Local 3 signatories every day.

The project is expected to continue for more than two years on this portion. And yes, this is just the beginning! *Look for more on this project and find videos of the work at Local 3’s official YouTube page.* ✨





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<b>BURLINGAME</b>	<b>01</b>	828 Mahler Road, Suite B, Burlingame, CA 94010	(650) 652-7969	Charles Lavery

Title

## Members work on new school in Mission Bay neighborhood

Report

Construction is booming in San Francisco’s Mission Bay neighborhood. Just south of Oracle Park, at Parcel 14, a new school, which has been in the making for over 25 years, is finally going up and should be completed by August 2025. The school will serve residents from the new housing nearby, educating 550 students from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade. Our members with **Goodfellows Bros.** are performing the demolition and underground work. So far, they’ve off-loaded about 150 loads of asphalt and removed underground utilities. Foreman **Hugo Bucio** is on the job with Gradesetter **Adam Snow**, excavator operators **David Horton** and **Simon Ponce Nieves** and apprentices **Phillip Stewart** and **Charles Michael**.

At San Francisco City College, our members with **Rudolph and Sletten** are putting up a new Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) building. The work is being done under a strict Project Labor Agreement (PLA), which guarantees the use of an all-union workforce. **Drill Tech** worked on the tie-down anchor piles for the building pad. **McGuire and Hester** did the cut and cap on the existing utilities. **Jos. J. Albanese** has excavator operators **Jose Dominguez** and **Francisco Sanchez** digging for footings and elevator pits.

At Golden Gate Avenue and Laguna Street in the Fillmore District, **Michael O’Shaughnessy Construction** is replacing sewer mains. Excavator Operator **Robert Ortiz** is onsite to place

and pull shoring walls with a 314E CAT on wheels with a shaker attachment. Excavator operators **Julio Alfaro** and **Alec Morgan** are also onsite.

In the Mission District, **J. Flores Construction** is doing sewer laterals with Excavator Operator **Jorge Campos**. On 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Guerrero Street, **JMB Construction** has Excavator Operator **Ignacio Ochoa** and Skid Steer Operator **Arturo Valdovinos** making street improvements that include new concrete and ADA-approved handicap ramp returns.

In Burlingame, **Hathaway and Dinwiddie** has our members working on a massive project at 1699 Old Bayshore Hwy. **Teichert** is onsite with operators **Juan Amador** and **Alexander Hernandez** moving 7,000 yards of dirt. **McGuire and Hester** is also onsite, installing water lines, sewer mains and storm drains with Excavator Operator **Feroz Mohammed**. **Kier and Wright** is providing the surveying with Party Chief **Matthew Jordan** and Chainman **Joshua Clayton**.

In Oyster Point, **Teichert** has operators **Jason Whitaker**, **Joe Brasil**, **Brock Esquivel**, **Steve Brasil**, **Matt Hartman**, **Oswaldo Palomino**, **Pat McCoy**, **Angel Guzman**, **Noe Diaz** and **Antonio Diaz** placing a clay cap on an old landfill, and operators **Bob Castro**, **Carlos Acosta**, **Glenn Killingsworth**, **Chris Marcio**, **Charles Knudsen** and **Troy Watts** mass excavating 10,000 yards of dirt and bedrock.



Operators Adam Snow, Phillip Stewart, Hugo Bucio, David Horton, Charles Michael and Simon Bonce work for Goodfellow Bros.



Operator Alexander Hernandez works for Teichert.



Excavator Operator Alec Morgan works for Michael O’Shaughnessy Construction.

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
<b>REDDING</b>	<b>70</b>	20308 Engineers Lane, Redding, CA 96002	(530) 222-6093	Jason Chipley

Title

## Klamath River Dam removal underway

Report

After years of litigation, the \$250 million Klamath River Dam removal project is finally moving forward. The work will start off small, with approximately 30 to 40 operators working on the project by June, but it will be ramping up and putting over 100 operators to work by the summer of 2024. There will also be about \$250 million of restoration work on this project.

### A note from former district rep. Dave Kirk

“I retired on March 31 and would like to thank our membership, the staff of District 70 and the OE3 officers for allowing me to serve them. Without Local 3, who knows what path my life would have taken, but with Local 3, I had an outstanding career and am now



able to retire with dignity. It was an opportunity beyond any expectations I could have ever had, and my career with Local 3 has been an amazing ride. I also made some amazing, lifelong friends along the way. I have done and seen so many amazing things over the years that it would take more space than I have to share them all. I thank so many of you for touching my life, and I thank my family most of all. They made many sacrifices through the years, including all the games, events and time I missed spending with them. I look forward to attending my union meetings as a proud Local 3 Retiree! I welcome new District Rep. **Jason Chipley**, who will serve this membership well!”

From left: New Retiree Dave Kirk and new Redding District Rep. Jason Chipley.

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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Projects resume, after being stalled by winter weather

Report

On Hwy. 20 near Ukiah, our members with **Myers and Sons** have resumed work on a more than \$50 million bridge replacement project. Recent storms caused the creek to rise, temporarily shutting down the jobsite. Subcontractors, like **Ghilotti Bros., Mike Brown Electric, Highway Specialty** and **Jarrett Foundation**, have also been putting our members to work on this project, and that's just to name a few. In Cloverdale, **Rege Construction** is renovating a playground and a parking lot at Cloverdale City Park. The company will also be keeping our members busy on a private, tribal housing project at the south end of town over the next few months. Caltrans has been awarding emergency work in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties, mostly along Hwy. 1. **Granite Construction** and **Argonaut Constructors** were awarded some of these emergency projects just north of Jenner, with a couple more near Fort Bragg.

As for future projects that will employ our members, **J. F. Shea Construction** was recently awarded a \$4.9 million bridge project just south of Cooks Valley at the Humboldt/Mendocino County line. The work, which was originally scheduled to start last December but was pushed back due to severe weather, includes

construction of concrete barriers, polyester concrete overlay and some asphalt work. **MCM Construction** has been awarded an \$8.5 million bridge widening project on Hwy. 162 near Covelo, which will include upgrades to the bridge rail.

At the Sonoma County Airport in Santa Rosa, our members with **Q&D Construction** are on the tail-end of a \$40 million terminal expansion project. The ground work was done by our members with **Ghilotti Bros.**, and most of the subcontracted work went to signatory contractors. The terminal is now in use, but there are a few punch-list items left to complete. With more improvement and expansion projects planned for the airport, we are happy to report that the airport's management team has been very impressed with the work performed by Operating Engineers and other union workers.

Our District Picnic is on April 2 at the Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds in Petaluma. Bring the family, catch up with old friends and enjoy some great food. There will be entertainment for the kids and raffle prizes that you might be lucky enough to win!



District <b>NEVADA</b>	Number <b>11</b>	Address 1290 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502	Phone Number (775) 857-4440	District Representative <b>Scott Fullerton</b>
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Member's misclassification results in major payout in back wages

Report

From Reno

**Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC)** is putting our members to work on several new projects in the area, including the \$1.8 million City of Reno Patch Program, a \$1.4 million City of Sparks street rehabilitation project, a \$2.3 million Regional Transportation Commission street rehabilitation project, a \$5 million City of Fernley street reconstruction project and numerous warehouse projects. **Q&D Construction** is working on several new projects, including \$16.5 million of seismic retrofit work on several bridges along I-80 near Fernley for the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), a \$7.5 million bridge replacement project in Pershing County, a \$1.4 million street rehabilitation project for the City of Sparks and a \$2.3 million street rehabilitation project in Reno for the Regional Transportation Commission (RTC). The company is also working on several subdivisions and warehouse projects. **Granite Construction** has been awarded the \$58.3 million Hwy. 445 project for NDOT in Sparks and continues to work on the RTC's \$44.1 million Oddie Boulevard project.

From Elko

**Acha Construction** is keeping members busy on the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' temple project and continues to work on the new Love's Travel Center project in Jackpot. **Ames Construction** is working on the Meickle Mine crusher

site in Carlin. **Granite Construction** has been awarded a solar project at the T. S. Power Plant in Argenta for Nevada Gold Mines (NGM), which will keep our members busy through summer. **N. A. Degerstrom** is working on the Gold Bar Mine project in Eureka and the Cortez Mine and is bidding on new projects in the area. **Q&D Construction** has been working on I-80 in Battle Mountain and keeping crews busy at the Hunter aggregate facility in Elko. **Road & Highway Builders** continues to work on a couple of box culvert replacement projects and has been awarded other jobs in the Elko area. The company was also awarded a new project on I-80 in Battle Mountain, as well as a new on-ramp/climbing lane on I-80 East at the Beowawe exit.

While preparing for contract negotiations with NGM, Local 3 discovered that a member should have been upgraded to the next Tech Level more than two years ago. After contacting the member and confirming her Tech Level, a grievance was filed on her behalf. Staff met with NGM representatives and were able to get her promoted to the proper Tech Level and secured an additional \$12,767.17 for her in back wages.

At the time of this writing, gold is at \$1,836.89. Our local business agents have been visiting members at NGM parking lots and are looking forward to talking with our members while visiting underground line outs this month.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Elko Hall at (775) 753-8761. Have a happy Easter!

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## Members meet high demand for Caterpillar engines and rebuilds


Report

**Wheeler Machinery** started as a Caterpillar dealer in Utah in 1951 and signed with OE3 in 1963. Today, the company has 11 different locations across Utah, and OE3 represents 600 employees. The northernmost location is in Logan, just 20 miles from the Idaho border, the southernmost location is in Hurricane, just 20 miles from the Arizona-Nevada border and the easternmost location is in Vernal, just 30 miles from the Colorado border. The location in Ely, Nev., services the westernmost part of Utah. Other branches are located in Ogden, Lindon, Cedar City, Moab, Salina and Huntington, and each one focuses on a specific part of **Wheeler Machinery's** business.





These days, **Wheeler Machinery's** Power System Division (PSD), which covers any and every industrial product with a Caterpillar engine, has an unprecedented amount of work, thanks to an oil and gas boom that put Caterpillar engines and engine rebuilds in high demand. Customers need as many engines as Wheeler can supply, from 3512s and 3516s all the way up to Caterpillar's largest engine series, the 3600, which is 60 times larger than the engine in a Ford Mustang and has a footprint the size of a tiny house. These engines also vary in type of combustion, from diesel and natural gas to Dynamic Gas Blending (DGB), and require a substantial amount of work hours to repair and rebuild. For example, the 3512 takes 375 hours to rebuild, while a 3616 takes 800 hours to rebuild. **Wheeler Machinery's** SPEC shop and Power Systems shops are both in Salt Lake City, and our members there also work on these engines, as do our members at the Vernal and Hurricane branches, before returning them to the Salt Lake City headquarters for a Dyno run.

### Retiree spotlight

Retiree **Stephen Barrowman** started his career at **Wheeler Machinery** in May 1979. He continued to work for the company at its Salina branch for the next 43 years, before retiring last April. Steve reports that he is loving retirement!



Retiree Stephen Barrowman.



Wheeler Machinery's Power System Division maintains and rebuilds a variety of engine sizes.

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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## Introducing your new Apprenticeship Administrator

Report


District 17 welcomes newly-appointed Apprenticeship Administrator **Aaron Tilton**. Aaron has been a member of Local 3 for 17 years and has been on staff for the Apprenticeship Program for 12. His career started when he became a gradesetter, and later a foreman, for **Royal Construction Company**, one of Hawaii's largest signatory contractors. After gaining experience in the field, Aaron became an Instructor/Coordinator with the Apprenticeship Program, where he helped train our apprentices. He later became the Senior Instructor. We wish Aaron success in overseeing the training of future generations of Local 3 brothers and sisters.

The Empowering Operating Engineers (EOE) event on Oahu will be held next month. Please see the information at right for more details. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



From left: President Steve Ingersoll and Hawaii Apprenticeship Administrator Aaron Tilton.

## 2023 EMPOWERING OPERATING ENGINEERS EVENT



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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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## Vallejo’s Measure P leads to negotiations for city-wide PLA

Report

Winter storms created more than \$2 million worth of ongoing emergency road repair work in Solano County. Our members with **O. C. Jones** are currently performing patch-repair paving work on Hwy. 12 from Fairfield to Rio Vista, while another crew is working nights to repair Hwy. 113 from Hwy. 12 into Dixon. Our members with **Gordon N. Ball, Inc.** are currently repairing washed-out roads along Pleasant Valley Road, including Mix Canyon Road and Brazelton Ranch Road.

With support from OE3 and the efforts of our local Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) volunteers, voters approved Measure P in Vallejo last November. The measure is expected to bring in \$18 million a year for addressing community priorities, like maintaining critical city services and infrastructure. As a result of this funding, our members will start seeing an increase in work on city projects, including road repair and pipe replacement jobs. Passing Measure P was a priority for OE3, as it ensures local work for Operating Engineers. However, those efforts also helped open

the door to negotiations for a city-wide Project Labor Agreement (PLA) between the City of Vallejo and the Napa-Solano Building and Construction Trades Council. The City recently offered a PLA workshop to highlight the agreement and get suggestions for the negotiations. This is great news, as Vallejo has some of the worst roads in the Bay Area. Over 400 lane-miles of local roads, which is more than half of Vallejo’s streets, have an official rating of “poor” or “very poor.” These ratings are determined by independent experts using the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers’ pavement standards. Fortunately, Resolution 22-133 of the City Council approves the use of funds generated by Measure P for priorities, like pothole repairs, pavement maintenance and more, which residents have identified as a priority for such spending. This means more projects for our signatory employers, good work hours for Local 3 members and increased contributions to our members’ Pension and Health and Welfare Funds.



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## Members work on big courthouse project

Report

Work on the new, \$245 million Stanislaus County Courthouse project in Modesto is being done under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Once completed, the new structure will replace the existing courthouses in Modesto, Ceres and Turlock, as well as the Hall of Records building in Modesto. **Maxim Crane Works** has operators **Robert Mackey** and **Shane Speer** erecting all the steel. **McCarthy Building Companies** signed a project agreement with OE3 and has operators **Martin Chavez** and **Lisa Anderson** onsite to operate the elevators. **RMA Group** has members **David Hassel, Dean Robbins, Ron Laform, Clint Wardlow, Anthony Smith, Andrew Clarke, Byung Baek, Christopher Montoya** and **Bret Urias** performing all welding, steel erection, reinforced concrete, anchor and bolt tension, roofing, proofing and waterproofing inspections for this massive structure.

In Tracy, **United Pavement Maintenance** and **Badger Daylighting** has operators **Brandon Dehart, Virgil Barber, Mario Gomez** and **John Gillman** working on an emergency

road repair project on South MacArthur Drive, after heavy rains washed much of it away. **BHM Construction, Waller** and **Harris Backhoe Service** are keeping operators **Josh Passama, Adam Peterson, Kasey Alen, Cesar Campos** and **Ron Harris** busy working on the new Corral Hollow Elementary School. In Turlock, **George Reed Construction** has operators **Scott Bialach, Montana Cobb** and **John Gruber** working on the Lander Avenue rehabilaition project.

Our annual Stockton District Picnic is back this year and will be held at Micke Grove Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m on Sunday, May 7. OE3 staff and volunteers will be preparing and serving tri-tip, asparagus, beans, salad, French bread, hot dogs, ice cream and free beverages. Bring your family, as there will be a horseshoe contest for the adults and a jump house for the kids. See page 28 for further details. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the District Office in Stockton. Call the Hall, if you have any questions. We appreciate your support and hope to see everyone there!



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## Snowfall at sea level causes project delays

Report

In the last few weeks of February, snow fell at sea level in Eureka, which caused quite a few issues with our work. The heavy snowfall resulted in the closure of Hwy. 101 at Garberville and Hwy. 299 at Willow Creek. The snow also slowed our work along Hwy. 101 to the Oregon border in Del Norte County. Our members with **Stewart Engineering** and **Drill Tech** on the Last Chance Grade project had to adjust their work schedules. The project in Smith River with subcontractor **GeoStructural Engineering** kept moving forward, but very slowly. **MCM Construction** plans to be here in May, but as always, that's all dependent on weather. **Mercer-Fraser** continues to pick up projects and was able to keep our members with the company busy through the bad weather. Tree removal was able to move forward in preparation for **Granite Construction's** Bayside Cutoff project. So long as the weather cooperates, we should see some projects get going.

Our HAZWOPER Refresher class went off without a hitch, thanks to Instructor **J. D. Friend**. This year's Crab Feed turned out to be an amazing event! District Rep. **Jeff Hunerlach** made sure we had great crab, picked out all the raffle prizes and made all the hard decisions. We thank him and all of our volunteers for making the whole thing happen. Save the date for next year's Crab Feed, which will be held on Feb. 17, and be sure to call early and get your name on the reservation list, as we sold out a month early this year. You don't want to miss out!

Retiree Ron Roman and Vice President Justin Diston enjoy their crab dinner.



» This year's Crab Feed volunteers included, from left, Brian Bishop, Dennis and JoAnne Moreland, Yoshi Yashiki-Jansen, Cody Freitas, Yvonne Lasserre, Brandy and Matt Taylor, Chuck Adamson, Harry Herkert, Justin Bochmann, Cory Allbritton, Danny Roles, Richard Marks and Sal Flores.



» From left: Member Services Manager Jennie Armstrong-Hayner, Organizer David Hayner, Retiree Angelo Cellini, Retiree Randy Bryson and Patti Bryson visit during the Crab Feed.

District <b>FRESNO</b>	Number <b>50</b>	Address 1635 Shaw Ave., Ste. 101, Clovis, CA 93611	Phone Number (559) 229-4083	District Representative Wyatt Meadows
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## Agee Construction: Building on the legacy of the Central Valley

Report

**Agee Construction** is headquartered in Clovis and has been signatory with Local 3 since 1991. Since then, the company has consistently provided work for hundreds of Operating Engineers in the Central Valley, with many having established their entire careers with the company. Our members with **Agee Construction** recently completed the \$1.5 million Traver Canal Bridge replacement project on Road 424 just east of Avenue 56 in Dinuba. Like many of the bridges in this area, the old Traver Canal Bridge was in dire need of replacement, as it was no longer viable for today's traffic. Work on the project began last October and wrapped up last month, keeping operators busy through most of the winter.

With an understanding that our apprentices are the future, **Agee Construction** has two representatives on our Apprenticeship panel, ensuring that our apprentices have the support they need to meet the highest standards. Like many of our district's longtime employers, **Agee Construction** continues to prove that perseverance, hard work and a willingness to work hand-in-hand with our Apprenticeship Program pays off. Operating Engineers Local 3 thanks **Agee Construction** for its dedication, and we look forward to partnering with the company for many years to come!



» Excavator Operator Dave Sampson works for Agee Construction.



» Operator Craig Servadio works for Agee Construction.

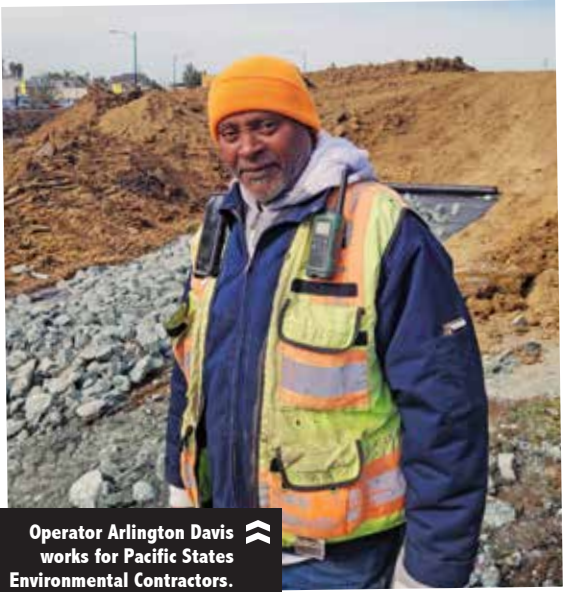


District <b>CONCORD</b>	Number <b>20</b>	Address 3000 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94519	Phone Number (510) 748-7446	District Representative Richard Krimm
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Title  
**More housing in Hayward**

Report

On Mission Boulevard in Hayward, **Pacific States Environmental Contractors** has members **Arlington Davis** and **Greg Simonson** working on two, four-story buildings. The buildings will have 76 condos, with more than half of them set aside for senior citizens, which will allow them to conveniently live near the South Hayward Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) station. **DPI** is also onsite with member **Vince Morales**. **Goodfellow Bros.** is also in Hayward, where members **Steven Villareal**, **Adam Snow**, **Alex Diaz** and Apprentice **Armando Escobar** have been working on a housing project on Mission Boulevard and across the street from Moreau Catholic High School.



Operator **Arlington Davis** works for **Pacific States Environmental Contractors**.

Once completed, this project will result in eight, four-story buildings with 46 townhouses.

With an increase in demand for operators in our area, it is very important that you keep your registration current on the Out-of-Work List. If you didn't take advantage of upgrade-training at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC) this winter, you may still have a chance to get some classes in. Training schedules are available on the OE3 website at [oe3.org/training-schedules](http://oe3.org/training-schedules). Please call the Hall or stop by our new District Office in Concord, if you have any questions.

District <b>SACRAMENTO</b>	Number <b>80</b>	Address 3920 Lennane Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834	Phone Number (916) 993-2055	District Representative John Rector
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Title  
**Big projects move ahead, thanks to infrastructure funding**

Report

Our signatory employers continue to be awarded new projects, as we enter the beginning of another work season, and projects held up by permitting issues at the beginning of the year are now being released. The development of subdivisions in Lincoln, Folsom, Natomas, Woodland and surrounding areas is keeping many of our members with **Goodfellow Bros.**, **DeSilva Gates**, **Teichert**, **Independent**, **D. W. Young Construction**, **Mozingo** and **Marques Pipeline** busy. As the housing market remains strong and several public works projects get ready to begin, our work picture looks great.

Work around the Sacramento International Airport is still booming, with massive tilt-up warehouses going up for several different companies. The airport itself continues to expand, providing work for our members on the new projects. It was recently announced that there will be \$1.3 billion of work at the airport, which will keep our members busy over the next 10 years. This work includes a new, expanded rental car area, ground transportation infrastructure, an exit road for Terminal A and a 5,000 space parking structure for Terminal B. Expect more projects to be announced in the future.

Work along the Delta has been steady. Along the Hwy. 160

corridor, **Foundation** is working with **Asta Construction** on new towers for Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E). **Dutra** is performing levee repairs and shoulder work. **Goodfellow Bros.** was awarded the \$32 million Fremont Weir and salmon habitat project, which is keeping around 15 operators and apprentices busy. **Weber General Engineering** continues to land several tilt-up projects in West Sacramento. The latest is a \$3.9 million project, which includes grading and paving.

This year's work picture continues to improve, as infrastructure money is released into the Bridge and Highway Fund. Over \$200 million has been released this year to fund work on I-80 and Hwy. 50 in the West Sacramento area, creating many jobs for our members. We are watching these projects, as they come out to bid, and are prepared to dispatch our current members, while our Organizing Department is doing an incredible job of recruiting new members and signing new employers to our agreements.

If you are not currently working, remember to keep your registration up-to-date on the Out-of-Work List. That means renewing your registration every 84 days, if you are an existing member, and every month, if you are a new applicant. Have a great season and be safe.



Members with Bigge Crane work on a tilt-up warehouse project near the Sacramento International Airport.

District <b>YUBA CITY</b>	Number <b>60</b>	Address 468 Century Park Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991	Phone Number (530) 743-7321	District Representative Casey Tull
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Title

Retiree spotlight: John Bramlage

Report

Retiree **John Bramlage** is a second-generation Operating Engineer who joined Local 3 when he was 17. He now has over 70 years of service in his union. In 1952, John became an OE3 member, but he was soon drafted into the Army and served in 1957 as a tank mechanic in Germany. In 1959, he returned to the United States and went back to work as an Operating Engineer.

Throughout his career, John’s employers included **Coast Pipeline, Guy F. Atkinson Construction, L. C. Smith Construction** and **Teichert Construction**. Some of the larger projects he worked on include the original Oroville Dam, Sly Creek Reservoir, Ponderosa Reservoir and Bullards Bar Dam.

Retiree John Bramlage and his wife, Giggi. »



In his spare time, John rebuilt custom cars and became a proud member of the car club known as the Oro Dam Cruisers. He even built his own service truck, which he worked out of for many years. These days, he can be found tinkering around his house, reminiscing with old friends and enjoying retirement with his wife of over 60 years, **Giggi**.

We extend our respect and gratitude for John and Retirees like him. These members built this union into what it is today and are the backbone of our union. Without their hard work and dedication, we wouldn’t have the wages, benefits and safer working conditions that we have now. If you have the privilege of meeting John or one of our Retirees, shake their hand and thank them for all they’ve done for Local 3.

District <b>MORGAN HILL</b>	Number <b>90</b>	Address 325 Digital Drive, Morgan Hill, CA 95037	Phone Number (408) 465-8260	District Representative Neils Ash
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Title

Unit 12 members clear roadways following severe weather

Report

Over the past several months, much of our state was hammered by severe weather, resulting in rock slides, flooded roads, fallen trees and downed power lines. The damage from these storms made it impossible for many to travel to and from work, or for emergency vehicles to reach their destinations, so our Caltrans members were called upon to clear the roadways and perform some emergency work. These members worked around the clock, often near traffic and in wet conditions, putting their own safety at risk to remove fallen trees, clear flooded storm drains and remove debris from mudslides, so the public could travel safely.

These members are part of bargaining Unit 12, which entered negotiations with the state in February. They are hoping to get a successor agreement in place before their current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) comes to an end. Economic factors will be their main focus, based on the results of member surveys returned by Unit 12 members, which helped the bargaining team identify their shared priorities. Other concerns, such as workplace safety, will also be addressed by the bargaining team during these negotiations.

Unit 12 members clear downed trees from the roadway on Hwy. 9. »



» From left: Unit 12 members Jacob Casas, Joseph Villabrille, Christian Marin and David Rangel work out of Caltrans’ Cupertino Yard.



From left: Unit 12 members Omar Jimenez, Moises Espinoza, Jose Ramirez, Carlos Uribe, Matthew Ruiz and Ryan Bombaci work for Caltrans. »

» Caltrans workers clear trees and debris from Hwy. 9 following severe weather.



# Meet new Director of Safety and Training

New Local 3 Director of Safety and Training J. D. Friend is no stranger to Operating Engineers ... or training them! He joined Local 3 in January of 2000 as a mechanic for Holt of California and became involved in the union, after becoming the Job Steward for the shop. As a Job Steward (a position he held for nine years), he helped negotiate contracts and helped his co-workers with grievances and any safety concerns they had; he also enjoyed being mentored and then mentoring other mechanics through Holt's ThinkBIG training program. So, when the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC) needed a mechanic instructor in 2014, he knew he would be a good fit.

"I had had many good instructors ... mentors, so I wanted to give back," he said.

While at the OE3 JATC, Friend taught the mechanic apprentices, and then in 2017, he became the training center's safety director and curriculum coordinator. He also taught hundreds of classes (OSHA 10 and 30 and Hazmat Refreshers).

Chances are, if you've taken a Hazmat Class or a Hazmat/Hazwoper Refresher Class, it was taught by Friend, who quickly became known as an instructor who could turn boring subject matter into something more interesting and engaging. He was also single-handedly responsible for getting hundreds of operators certified to work on the slew of fire cleanup work throughout Northern California in 2016 and 2017.

In his new role, Friend will continue teaching Refresher courses and assisting the training centers with safety classes, but he will be involved more with Local 3's employees and members on the jobsite, something he said was one of the reasons he took the job.

"I am excited about working with OE3 itself and helping our local thrive," he said. "There's a lot of good things going on here, and I am happy to be a part of it."

Friend will now provide accident investigations for the union, and if a member has any safety concerns, Friend is the one to contact. He will also be dealing with the safety aspects of the union's facilities and employee injuries.

Friend will also be assisting the union's Human Resources Department with onboarding new employees, updating policies, providing employee compliance trainings and hopefully adding his flare to some of these classes!

When asked about his current safety concerns for all Local 3 members and staff, he mentioned the severe weather we've been having.

"Right now, everything points to driving," he said. "We've had some really nasty weather and people are getting more impatient on the roads. I just lost a good friend in a driving accident, so I just want people to take their time and be aware while they are on the roads."



OE3's new Director of Training and Safety J. D. Friend (second from left) instructs members in Eureka District 40 during a HAZWOPER Refresher training.



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**OPERATING  
ENGINEERS**  
LOCAL 3



DISTRICT MEETINGS



All meetings convene at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

April 04.23

No meetings scheduled.

May 05.23

8<sup>th</sup> **District 17: Kapolei**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
2181 Lauwiliwili St.

June 06.23

1<sup>st</sup> **District 11: Reno**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1290 Corporate Blvd.

1<sup>st</sup> **District 12: Sandy**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
8805 South Sandy Parkway

5<sup>th</sup> **District 04: Suisun City**  
Veterans Memorial Building  
427 Main St.

5<sup>th</sup> **District 30: Stockton**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1916 North Broadway Ave.

5<sup>th</sup> **District 60: Yuba City**  
Sutter County Office of  
Education  
Boyd Hall  
1895 Lassen Blvd.

6<sup>th</sup> **District 50: Clovis**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1635 Shaw Ave.

6<sup>th</sup> **District 70: Redding**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
20308 Engineers Lane

6<sup>th</sup> **District 80: Sacramento**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
3920 Lennane Drive

7<sup>th</sup> **District 20: Concord**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
3000 Clayton Road

7<sup>th</sup> **District 40: Eureka**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1330 Bayshore Way, Ste. 103  
(Room 106)

7<sup>th</sup> **District 90: Morgan Hill**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
325 Digital Drive

8<sup>th</sup> **District 01: Foster City**  
Carpenters Local Union 217  
1153 Chess Drive, Ste. 100

8<sup>th</sup> **District 10: Rohnert Park**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
6225 State Farm Drive

TOWN HALL MEETINGS



April 04.23

1<sup>st</sup> **District 17: Kauai**  
Meeting: 10 a.m.  
Lydgate Beach Park  
4470 Nalu Road  
Kapaa

12<sup>th</sup> **District 12: Spanish Fork**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.;  
Dinner to follow meeting  
Ponderosa Meeting Room  
475 South Main St.  
Spanish Fork

13<sup>th</sup> **District 12: Ogden**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.;  
Dinner to follow meeting  
Ogden Eccles  
Conference Center  
2415 Washington Blvd.  
Ogden

15<sup>th</sup> **District 12: St. George**  
Lunch: noon; Meeting to follow  
Washington Historical Society  
100 West Telegraph St.  
Washington City

May 05.23

9<sup>th</sup> **District 17: Kauai**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Kauai Beach Resort & Spa Hotel  
4331 Kauai Beach Drive  
Lihue

10<sup>th</sup> **District 17: Kona**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Courtyard King Kamehameha's  
Kona Beach Hotel  
75-5660 Palani Road  
Kailua-Kona

11<sup>th</sup> **District 17: Maui**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
Maui Beach Hotel  
170 W. Kaahumanu Ave.  
Kahului

June 06.23  
No meetings scheduled.

BUSINESS HOURS



In California, Hawaii, Nevada and Utah,  
office hours will be as follows:

**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 February 2023 and have been  
determined to be eligible for Honorary  
Membership effective April 1, 2023,  
unless otherwise noted.

**John H. Brymer**  
**2046960 District 11: Nevada**

**James Jones**  
**1588952 District 12: Utah**

**Paul Lameman**  
**2005744 District 12: Utah**

**Wallace Lewis Jr.**  
**2051482 District 30: Stockton**

**Philip Lusinski**  
**2373203 District 12: Utah**

**Charles T. Ortega**  
**1875296 District 04: Fairfield**

**Joe P. Rodgers**  
**1956214 District 30: Stockton**

**Robert D. Scott**  
**1878408 District 20: Concord**

**Keith B. Stubbs**  
**1913204 District 12: Utah**

**Robert S. Tibbs**  
**2019536 District 80: Sacramento**

**Michael A. Wakeling**  
**2014074 District 11: Nevada**

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.

UPCOMING PICNIC INFO



**District 17: Hawaii (Kauai)**  
**Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Location: Lydgate Beach Park Pavilion  
 4470 Nalu Road, Kapaa  
 Menu: To be determined  
 Cost: Free

**District 10: Rohnert Park**  
**Sunday, April 2, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Location: Sonoma-Marin Fairgrounds (Behrens Park)  
 175 Fairgrounds Drive, Petaluma  
 Menu: Tri-tip, hot dogs, beans and salad  
 Cost: Adults: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door; Retirees: \$5; Children ages 12 and under: Free

**District 50: Fresno**  
**Sunday, April 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Location: Fresno County Sportsman’s Club, 10645 N. Lanes Road, Fresno  
 Menu: Tri-tip, rice pilaf, green beans, rolls, salad, ice cream, nachos, drinks, beer and margaritas  
 Cost: Adults: \$10; Retirees: Free; Families: \$40 for more than four people; Children ages 12 and under: Free  
 Other: Bounce house, cornhole and raffle prizes

**District 90: Morgan Hill**  
**Sunday, April 16, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.**  
 Location: Christmas Hill Park (Mulberry East & West Areas)  
 7050 Miller Ave., Gilroy  
 Menu: Trip-tip, hot dogs, chili beans, salad, garlic bread and soda  
 Cost: Adults: \$10; Retirees: Free; Children ages 10 and under: Free  
 Other: Water, beer and wine (\$2 wristband required)

**District 17: Hawaii (Honolulu)**  
**Saturday, May 6, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Location: Kualoa Regional Park  
 49-479 Kamehameha Hwy., Kaneohe  
 Menu: TBD  
 Cost: Free

**District 01: Burlingame**  
**Sunday, May 7, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.**  
 Location: Coyote Point County Park (Eucalyptus Picnic Areas 1 & 2)  
 1701 Coyote Point Drive, San Mateo  
 Menu: Tri-tip, salad, chicken, sausages, hot dogs, cake, soda, water, beer, wine and lots more  
 Cost: Adults: \$15; Retirees: Free; Children ages 18 and under: Free  
 Other: Parking: \$6

**District 30: Stockton**  
**Sunday, May 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (lunch served from noon - 1 p.m.)**  
 Location: Micke Grove Park, Delta Shelter (off Hwy. 99 and Eight Mile Road, just south of Lodi)  
 11793 N. Micke Grove Road, Lodi  
 Menu: Tri-tip, asparagus, beans, salad, French bread, hot dogs, ice cream and beverages  
 Cost: Adults: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door; Retirees: \$5; Children ages 6 and under: Free  
 Other: Raffle prizes, bounce house and horseshoe contest

**District 80: Sacramento**  
**Sunday, May 21, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Location: Lew Howard Park  
 7100 Baldwin Dam Road, Folsom  
 Menu: BBQ, burgers, ribs, brisket, hot links, chicken, mac & cheese, asparagus, hot dogs, water, soda, beer, White Claws and Trulys  
 Cost: Adults: \$10 presale, \$12 at the door; Retirees: \$5; Children ages 12 and under: Free

**District 11: Nevada (Sparks)**  
**Saturday, June 3, noon - 3 p.m.**  
 Location: Lazy 5 Park (Sunrise and Sunset Pavilions, Cottonwood Room)  
 7100 Pyramid Way, Sparks  
 Menu: BBQ pulled pork, beans, coleslaw, rolls, fruit salad  
 Cost: Adults: \$10; Retirees: Free; Families: \$25; Children ages 6 and above: \$10; Children ages 5 and under: Free

**District 12: Utah (Riverton)**  
**Saturday, June 3, 9 a.m. - noon**  
 Location: Riverton City Park  
 1452 W 12800 S, Riverton  
 Menu: Eggs, bacon and sausage  
 Cost: Adults - \$5; Retirees - Free; Families: \$10

**District 04: Fairfield**  
**Sunday, June 4, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (lunch served 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.)**  
 Location: Pena Adobe Park  
 4699 Pena Adobe Road, Vacaville  
 Menu: TBD  
 Cost: Adults: \$12 presale, \$15 at the door; Retirees: \$5; Children ages 5 to 12: \$5; Children ages 4 and under: Free  
 Other: Bounce house, raffle at 1:30 p.m.; Beer tickets: \$1 per person

**District 70: Redding**  
**Sunday, June 4, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**  
 Location: Anderson River Park (BBQ #1 & Gazebo Areas)  
 2800 Rupert Road, Anderson  
 Menu: Tri-tip, chicken, beans, bread, salad, ice cream and refreshments  
 Cost: Adults: \$12; Retirees: \$5; Children ages 6 to 12: \$6; Children ages 5 and under: Free  
 Other: Band, raffle, bounce house/water slide, corn hole, frisbee, football and horseshoes

**District 11: Nevada (Elko)**  
**Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
 Location: VFW Hall  
 731 VFW Way, Elko  
 Menu: Tri-tip, chicken, beans, paella, salad, fruit, ice cream and refreshments  
 Cost: Free

**District 60: Yuba City**  
**Sunday, July 16, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (note: date change)**  
 Location: Foothill Lions Community Center, 5667 Fruitland Road, Loma Rica  
 Menu: BBQ lunch, potato salad, water, soda and beer  
 Cost: Adults: \$10 presale, \$15 at the door; Retirees: \$5; Children ages 12 and under: Free



**\*\*Effective December 2022**

Acosta, Ben	CA	Garcia-Hermosillo, Isidro
Agaton, Rustico	HI	Ginter, Michael
Aguilar, Oscar	NV	Gray, Mark
Albright, Douglas	CA	Hall, Anthony
Allabach, Anthony	CA	Held, Robert**
Allen, Kirk	CA	Houle, James
Amberson, Peter	WA	Hummel, Alvin
Anderton, Clayton	UT	Jenkins, Kenneth
Andrews, Scott	CA	Kashka, Robert
Begay, Hannah	UT	Kennedy, Steven
Bohny, Troy	CA	Killgore, Dwayne
Bradford, Gary	CA	King, Marti
Brewer, Kenneth	NV	Kohl, Michael
Brickey, Matthew	CA	Ledesma, Rick
Butler, James	CA	Leedom, Robert
Ceniceros, Robert	CA	Lemasney, Timothy
Ceniceros, Victor	CA	Lira, Raul
Chidester, Brian	UT	Manni, John
Clark, Robert	HI	Marlar, Rock
Clubb, James	NV	Matsumoto, Jason
Coronado, Donald	CA	McKindley, David
Coronel, Andres	CA	McPherson, Robert
Costello, Sharon	CA	Mendoza, Kenneth
Cravalho, Lionel	HI	Miner, Kurt
Danielson, Michael	HI	Montgomery, Thomas
Dericco, Richard	CA	Montoya, Alfred
Domenden, Alejandro	HI	Noreen, Robert
Drendell, John	CA	Okawa, Patrick
Dubie, Rick	NV	Ollendick, Kathy
Dudoit, Charles	HI	Olney, Michael
Eggener, Michael	CA	Palola, Ernesto
Emery, Carl	CA	Piper, Larry

OR	Prost, Darryl	ID
CA	Reynolds, Charles	OR
CA	Rich, Barry	UT
CA	Riggs, Bryan	CA
MT	Rohloff, Brad	KY
UT	Schuster, Brett	ID
CA	Scott, Robert	CA
CA	Shattuck, William	HI
CA	Siri, Richard	CA
WI	St. Germain, Roby	HI
CA	Styczinski, Steven	CA
NV	Tichenor, Jeffrey	NV
LA	Trainer, Kenneth	CA
CA	Trask, Mark	MT
CA	Unbehaun, Robert	CA
NV	Victor, Christopher	CA
CA	Waite, Donald	NV
CA	Widener, James	MO
CA	Williams, John	CA
ID	Willis, Robert	CA
CA	Wollbrinck, Steven ▼	CA

New Retiree Steven Wollbrinck.



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# Our Sincere Condolences...

## Deceased Dependents

Baldrige, Amy Spouse of Baldrige, Travis 1-24-23	Floisand, Nada F. Spouse of Floisand, Trygve (dec.) 2-5-23	Harrigan, Jared Stepson of Hartin, Christopher 12-11-15	McQueen, Martha Spouse of McQueen, Paul (dec.) 1-27-23	Ruether, Gerda Spouse of Ruether, William A. (dec.) 1-1-23	Tarrant, Suzanne Spouse of Tarrant, Joseph (dec.) 9-25-05
Corless, Jan Spouse of Corless, Michael R. 1-10-23*	Fritz, Martha Spouse of Fritz, Robert (dec.) 1-10-23	Judd, Maile Spouse of Judd, Francis (dec.) 2-5-23	Morris, Linda Spouse of Morris, Robert (dec.) 1-24-23	Sears, Bonnie Spouse of Sears, John 12-27-22	Thomas, Dolores Spouse of Thomas, Gordon (dec.) 1-20-23
Curtis, Sharon Spouse of Curtis, James 12-20-22	Galli, June Spouse of Galli, Roy (dec.) 1-2-23	Kana, Charlene Spouse of Kana, Jacob Sr. 12-24-22	Nicholson, Jeanette Spouse of Nicholson, Elmer (dec.) 2-1-23	Setzer, Margaret Spouse of Setzer, William 12-4-22	Wentz, Norma Spouse of Wentz, Peter (dec.) 1-1-23
Elias, Isabel Spouse of Elias, Reynaldo 1-4-23	Gonzales, Dorothea Spouse of Gonzales, Raymond (dec.) 2-8-23	Lane, Barbara Spouse of Lane, Donald D. (dec.) 12-26-22	Olsen, Nanci Spouse of Olsen, Wesley R. (dec.) 1-19-23	Simmons, Paulette Spouse of Simmons, Waynard E. 6-29-22	Williams, Grace Spouse of Williams, Frank B. (dec.) 1-31-23
Fine, Jessie Spouse of Fine, Robert 2-10-23	Griffin, Lynn Spouse of Griffin, Robert 1-15-23	McLelland, LeClaire Spouse of McLelland, Estle (dec.) 1-27-23	Rodrigues, Clara Spouse of Rodrigues, Tony (dec.) 1-3-23	Stowe, Marilyn Spouse of Stowe, Nelson (dec.) 11-22-17	Yokomichi, Dorothy Spouse of Yokomichi, Roy (dec.) 1-20-23

\*Correction

## Departed Members\*

Adams, David A. Elverta, CA 1-30-23	Chaidez, Sylvester Riverbank, CA 1-14-23	Heriford, Michael Santa Rosa, CA 2-6-23	Macias, Antonio Castroville, CA 1-24-23	Opheim, Keith Sparks, NV 1-18-23	Tarrant, Joseph R. Chico, CA 1-19-23
Beans, Daniel Dixon, CA 1-14-23	Christy, Christopher D. Fremont, CA 1-19-23	Hesselgesser, Don R. Fallon, NV 1-23-23	Mackie, Patrick G. Hollister, CA 12-31-22	Pond, Harry M. Fortuna, CA 1-21-23	Teesdale, Rick D. Oroville, CA 1-5-23
Bertanzoni, Phil J. Janesville, CA 1-18-23	Cripps, Erwin E. Dixon, CA 1-5-23	Hilton, Bill D. Mariposa, CA 1-19-23	Marr, Robert P. Brentwood, CA 1-15-23	Reynolds, Alfred R. Payson, UT 1-15-23	Turner, David G. Fowler, CA 1-25-23
Bettis, Kenneth Oroville, CA 1-20-23	Edwards, James San Jacinto, CA 1-20-23	Hood, Don R. Fernley, NV 1-16-23	Monroe, Edward J. Valley Springs, CA 2-8-23	Rodrigues, Douglas W. Sparks, NV 1-11-23	Viramontes, Robert W. Lower Lake, CA 1-13-23
Bowers, George A. Clearlake, CA 12-27-22	Fanfa, Joseph G. San Lorenzo, CA 1-19-23	James, Willie Yuba City, CA 1-27-23	Morford, James Livermore, CA 1-1-23	Sullivan, Robert Rapid City, SD 1-15-23	Willis, Ralph Yuba City, CA 2-2-23
Bryant, Floyd T. Yuba City, CA 1-30-23	Hathaway, John Cave Junction, OR 2-4-23	Kagy, Ted C. Marquette, MI 1-9-23	Nathan, James Santa Rosa, CA 1-22-23	Sullivan, Ronald West Valley, UT 2-2-23	Wolf, Charles Grass Valley, CA 1-18-23
Bush, David C. K. Sr. Pearl City, HI 12-2-22	Hayes, Bradford West Sacramento, CA 1-31-23	Kahakauwila, Samson Kahului, HI 1-8-23	Onaga, Clifton Kapolei, HI 10-30-22	Sun, Layton Kapolei, HI 1-19-23	Worthley, John Live Oak, CA 1-7-23

### \*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

Ads are offered free of charge to members in good standing for the sale or trade of personal items and/or real estate. Please notify the office if your item has been sold. Business-related offerings are not eligible for inclusion in Swap Shop. *Engineers News* reserves the right to edit ads. Ads received by the 1st of the month will run the following month. Limit two ads per issue. Must be 60 words or less.

To place an ad, type or print legibly. Then, pick 1, 2, or 3.

1. MAIL  
Operating Engineers  
Local Union No. 3  
3920 Lennane Dr.  
Sacramento, CA 95834  
ATTN: Swap Shop\*

2. CALL  
916.993.2047, ext. 2503

3. E-MAIL  
rsparks@oe3.org

\*All ads must include Member Registration Number.

FOR SALE: 2013 Coleman 27' travel trailer. Features: 2 slides, AC, 2 TVs, AM/FM stereo/DVD/CD player, Serta queen mattress, electric awning, sofa/bed, dinette, stove/oven, microwave. Good condition. \$18,500. Call Chuck at (707) 528-9782. Reg# 1661097.

FOR SALE: Victory 3-wheel electric mobility scooter. Costs \$3,600, asking \$1,800. Located in Pleasant Hill. Call for pictures (925) 699-0687. Reg# 1199157.

FOR SALE: 1929 Ford AA cab and chassis. Photos available. Four new 600x20 tires, 8 extra wheels, 4 new tubes with boots, extra hood and front fenders, rear brake shoes and bands. Relined. \$1,500. Call Sandy at (707) 363-3075. Reg# 1562992.

FOR SALE: 2008 Harley Davidson Anniversary Edition. 1200 CC. Black/orange. Detachable windshield included. Excellent condition, only rode a few times. 10,800 miles. \$6,500 cash OBO. Call (209) 534-3263 or (209) 484-9717. Reg# 1928908.

FOR SALE: 1998 Chevy 2500 Silverado extended cab long bed 4x4 with Vortec 7400 engine. New tune up, tie rods, brakes, etc. Leather interior with bucket seats up front and bench seat in back. Summit White paint with matching newer Snugtop. All in great shape. \$21,500. Call or text (408) 210-1430. Reg# 1677552.

FOR SALE: 1989 Dodge 250 camper van. All original, in very good condition. Features: new modern refrigerator, thermostat-controlled heater, 110-volt AC, 5,000 miles on tires. Water pump/lights/outlets/stove all in good working order. Sleeps 2 adults, 2 children. 173,000 miles. Asking \$17,500. Call or text for pictures (650) 436-7064. Reg# 1251275.

FOR SALE: 2022 Kubota mini excavator. Model KX033-4. 23 hours on it. 12-and 18-inch buckets. \$52,000. Call Tom or Chris (408) 799-6510. Reg# 1786480.

FOR SALE: 2020 Honda CRF 125F Big Wheel. \$3,000. 2019 KTM 250 XC-W TPI. \$8,500. Less than 10 hours on each bike. Call (209) 631-8378 and leave a message if interested. Reg# 2596298.

FOR SALE: 2008 Raptor Toy Hauler. One owner. 33' overall length. Features: 2 axles, 10' garage, fuel station, 1 slide out, electric awning, outside shower, two queen beds in garage, sleeps 8, Onan 5.5 generator, 110 gallon fresh water tank, A/C, heater, hot water heater, refrigerator, oven, microwave, stereo and TV. \$18,500. Call James (916) 628-5072. Reg# 2500013.

FOR SALE: 2005 Chevy Duramax Silverado 2500HD LS Extended Cab. Well maintained. All new: radiator, transmission cooler upgrade, turbo, steering box, power steering pump, brake booster assembly, headliner upholstery. Body, paint and interior in good condition. 240,000 miles. Runs excellent. \$13,500. Call Jamie at (209) 323-0074. Reg# 2389868.

FOR SALE: Various tools, mostly wrenches and specialty items. Serious buyers only. Call Ignacio at (559) 403-9058 or email ignaciogee@gmail.com. Reg# 2443714.

FOR SALE: Quonset hut corrugated steel building. 16' wide x 12.5' tall x 21' long. Fireproof. Never been used. Paid \$11,000, but asking \$7,000. Call Dave at (530) 908-4154. Reg# 1584195.

FOR SALE: 2019 Chevrolet 3500 Dually. Features: flatbed, 4X4, Firestone airbags. Odometer at 14,000. \$67,000 OBO. 2023 Southland 5'x10' dump trailer. Never used, bumper pull. \$8,500 OBO. 2020 Big Tex gooseneck 8'x20' dump trailer with equipment ramps. \$25,000 OBO. Call or text (209) 914-9474. Reg# 4197024.

FOR SALE: 1947 custom built stucco home in Reno, NV. 1,188 sq ft. 3 bed/1+ bath. Features: natural gas, forced heat and air, basement for laundry and storage, one-car garage, room for RV and toys. All schools and shopping within walking distance. \$425,000. Call Ed (775) 786-8961 for location and appointments. Leave message if no answer. Reg# 1296063.

FOR SALE: 1989 Bronco 2 Eddie Bauer. Features: new tires, new battery, complete oil service, new clear coat wax. \$15,000 OBO. Must see, like new. Call Jim (408) 857-9309. Reg# 1235515.

FOR SALE: Steel rack for camper (41.5 x 80.5 x 33.5") \$100. Homemade aluminum toolbox (19x49x23") \$150. 2 ceiling fans with light kit (flush mount 14" blades, 32" diameter). Call evenings (408) 842-6215. Reg# 1071005.

FOR SALE: Vintage 1971 Thomasville dining room set. French Country pecan wood, medium color. Oval table with rose emblem carved. 4 chairs and 2 armchairs. Two-piece hutch with glass shelves, lights, 4 doors. Close to perfect. \$2,300 for both items. Call or text (209) 931-2058. Reg# 1022395.

FOR SALE: 2 female cows, each with calves. 1 male and 1 female calf. Call to see the cows. Located at 9950 Brittany Lane, Acampo, CA 95220. Call (209) 210-2492. Reg# 1317611.

FOR SALE: 20-foot welded aluminum boat w/ 90 HP outboard. Well-maintained, seldom used. Set up for fishing. \$9,500 OBO. Text (925) 525-5157 for pictures. Reg# 1842971.

FOR SALE: 15 Motorola SP50 radios. 7 UHF. All communicate on at least one channel. 3 sets VHF. 1 set UHF different channel. 8 external mics, box full of batteries, chargers, belt clips, and extra antennas. \$350 for all. (925) 525-5157. Reg# 1842971.

FOR SALE: KR1000 Snap-On tool box including Snap-On tools and others. Good condition. \$3,700. Call (510) 919-4519. Reg# 2260355.

FOR SALE: Vintage long rifle, semi-automatic. Stevens model USA Savage Arms 87A. 1938-1965. Excellent condition. \$300. Call or text (209) 931-2058. Reg# 1022395.

FOR SALE: Solid maple furniture. Includes: men's upright dresser, women's dresser with mirror, dining table with 6 chairs and 2 leaves. Bought in 1964, still in very good condition. Would like to sell as a package deal; will accept solid offers. Asking \$1,500. Call (209) 229-5235. Reg# 2193846.

FOR SALE: Wesco Jobmaster Boots. Men's size 11-D. RW 110100. Lace to toe. Hand built to stock size (11-D) in Scappoose, OR. Excellent condition. Boots sell for \$450 new; will sell for \$200. Call (510) 283-8930. Reg# 1774642.

FOR SALE: 76-acre property in Nevada County. Owner will finance. Borders the town of Floriston. \$250,000 OBO. Call for information. (530) 418-8364. Reg# 1261969.

FOR SALE: 1993 Fleetwood Pace Arrow 331 motorhome. Great condition inside and out. 70k original miles. 460 V8 engine. Ford chassis. \$16,000. Call or text Kurt for more info at (408) 639-5803. Reg# 2437828.

FOR SALE: 1997 Massey Ferguson MF390 tractor. 4WD, front-end bucket/scrapper, 2,046 hours, 70HP at PTO, 80HP at engine. \$22,500 OBO. Located in Red Bluff. (530) 567-8435. Reg# 1082385.

FOR SALE: 1990 F250 project/parts truck. Single cab pickup, 4x4, 5-speed manual trans w/OD. 351w engine is currently out of the truck as well. Trans was great, ran without issue. Engine had oil leaks and unknown mileage. Brand new catalytic converter and new tires. Some rust. Call Lucas (414) 405-9685. Reg# 4183540.

FOR SALE: Stock 1970 Scout 800A pickup. Needs upholstery and body work. Includes new and rebuilt features. Rebuilt: 304 V8, transfer case, 3-speed automatic Borg Warner transmission, front and rear end and driveline. New: twin saddlebag gas tanks, painless wire system, dual exhaust, radiator, brakes and lines all the way around, custom rear bumper, tires and Holley carburetor. \$14,000 OBO. Call or text (707) 834-7251. Reg# 2583860.

FOR SALE: 1992 Coronado Fleetwood motorhome. 29 feet long. Very clean. Features: queen bed, powerful engine, sink, stove, bathroom. 37,000 miles. Fully contained. \$14,000 OBO. Located in Sacramento. Call (916) 549-6201. Reg# 2320516.

FOR SALE: Victor Pattern Torch DC2400. Mounted on heavy rolling leveling table. 4'x6'x32". \$700. Borg Warner T19-148 4-speed transmission for F-350. 2 PTO ports. Low miles on rebuild. \$700. Call (559) 917-4244. Reg# 1514852.

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WANTED: 1984-1985 Toyota axles and springs. Text (530) 249-3346. Reg# 2077229.

WANTED: Cessna-style 25 GPM 2-bolt hydraulic pump to fit a Ford 745 front loader. Text (530) 249-3346. Reg# 2077229.

FOR SALE: Various tools, including: Snap-On, Mac, OTC and other misc. tools. Call for details (530) 346-2918. Email jimannjar@gmail.com. Reg# 1271053.

FOR SALE: 16-foot steel shovelnose flat bottom hull and frame with trailer. Includes: 283 V8 engine, motor mount, rudder, prop shaft. Mahogany wood deck, floor, and sides. Needs assembly. \$750. No trades. Text for pictures. (209) 470-7029. Reg# 1774822.



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