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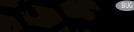
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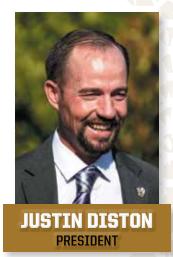
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#### **ON THE COVER**

Operating Engineers with Kiewit provide mass excavation at the Iron Gate Dam site in June. By September, all four dams were decommissioned, and the Klamath River flowed freely for the first time in more than a century. Get the details inside.



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# OCTOBER 2024 CONTEN

#### **UNIT 12 MECHANICS WITH CALFIRE**

Particularly right now, in the state of California, wildfires are traumatic for so many. Read here about the Heavy Equipment Mechanics (HEMs) we represent who work for CalFire at the Davis Equipment Facility. These members outfit the dozers that help cut fire breaks, clear trees and open access roads during fires.

#### PRE-RETIREMENT **CALL-IN MEETINGS**

Get the details here about the call-in meetings for any member considering retiring soon. Important information, including timelines and answers to questions will be available during the hour-long meeting, so don't miss it!

#### **OE3 GENERAL ELECTION ENDORSEMENTS**

Find your state, your union district and then your county, and then consider using these recommendations when you vote. Every candidate and measure has been vetted, meaning those on this list intend to secure and protect Local 3's core needs.

#### **HAZMAT SCHEDULES**

HAZMAT Refresher courses are being offered starting this month. Check the schedule and contact your District Office to sign-up. Access to fire cleanup requires these certifications, so it's worth it.



#### A summary of our State of the Union

It was so great to see you all at the last Semi-Annual Event. We hope to run some photos of the day here and on our social media accounts, so keep an eye out. A lot of important information was shared at this event, and so, in case you were unable to attend, I want to summarize some of the key details below.

Our work hours are up in all four states, and much of this work is a result of the Biden-Harris Administration's Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act (IIJA), which has secured \$1.5 trillion in infrastructure across five years, with much of that for construction projects alone. Local 3 has been a huge beneficiary of that money. Some of the largest projects employing our members within our fourstate jurisdiction include:

- ★ CA: San Jose: Silicon Valley BART Extension CP-2 \$13
- \* NV: 395 North, McCarren to Golden Valley widening -\$230 million
- **❖ UT: TransWest Express Powerline (future) \$3 billion** (2025)
- \* HI: Honolulu Rail Project \$12.5 billion (PLA)

All of this work doesn't just drop out of the sky. The funding to make these projects possible results from sometimes decades of political work. Remember, Local 3 is a coalition of more than 40,000 members who share similar goals as they relate to our jobs. These shared needs include access to jobs and training, protection or expansion of our benefits and collective bargaining rights, and the ability to secure a decent wage and dignified retirement. Because of these specific needs, we, along with the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) are endorsing Harris-Walz for president, and a whole host of federal, state and local candidates that have been vetted by your member-elected Political Action Committees (PACs), Labor coalitions and our Political Department. Find our endorsements on pages 10-12, then find your district and VOTE UNION.

Other notable points of the State of the Union, include that our Pension is doing well. Through June 30, 2024, our Pension Fund total (invested) is at \$5.13 billion (with a 4.1 percent net for the first six months of 2024), and with our work picture doing so well and such big projects on the horizon, we are confident we will weather any volatility just fine. The preliminary, unaudited return through July 31, 2024, is at 5.9 percent net, so it's moving in the right direction. Our Pension work hours for the first six months of 2024 were at 17.4 million. And these hours also feed into our Funds.

Regarding our Health and Welfare Funds, Through June 30, 2024, our CA Active Health and Welfare Funds are at \$527.5 million. That's about 21 months of reserves for the California Plan. The Health and Welfare Funds for our Retirees through June 30, 2024, are at \$259.9 million, which is about 23 months of reserves. We are also pleased to announce that due to the strength of these funds, our Retirees who are 65 years or older (Medicare age) and in the Pensioned Operating Engineers Health and Welfare Plan are going to receive a \$125 savings each month for their healthcare costs, which equates to a \$1,500 savings a year.

We are strong because of the size of our members and their skillsets, as well as the jobs we secure, which feed into our funds. All of this relates to politics but also organizing. Our organizing numbers from January 2024 to Sept. 1, 2024 include:

- **\* 60 Master Agreements across our jurisdiction**
- 194 Total New Dispatches from New Agreements
- 67 Project Agreements as of 9/1

We have been sharing many of these notable organizing successes on social media, so please check out those platforms!

The compliance organizations that we work closely with in Nevada and California are holding the non-union accountable, and when fines and penalties are waged against those companies, sometimes that opens up more work for our union (and compliant) contractors. The NorCal Construction Industry Compliance (NCIC) and the Northern Nevada Operating Engineers Contract Compliance (NNOECC) have accomplished much since the start of the year, including the assessment of \$1.4 million against non-compliant contractors (NCIC) and providing \$16,000 in back wages owed to employees (NNOECC).

Regarding the union's training, we enjoyed large apprenticeship graduation ceremonies this year in Utah and Nevada and some of the data from the California Training Center is below:

As of Jan. 1-Aug. 9, 2024, the total training hours for CA are 81,030 compared to the 77,940 training hours from Jan. 1-Aug. 17, 2023. The OE3 JATC anticipates more hours this year than 2023. In 2024, the OE3 JATC held four 240-hour Probationary Orientation Period (POP) classes and a 40-hour POP class, with a total of 268 new apprentices for the year.

What's ahead for the rest of the year? Tons of opportunities for you to get involved in our Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program, including paid trips to Reno, Nev., to precinct walk in that swing state. Please call your District Office to see how you can participate and make a huge impact in your union. Then, make sure to vote UNION Nov. 5! A few more district and Town Hall Meetings occur this month, and for a full list of these, as well as Retiree Meetings, etc., please read through this magazine.

We ask a lot of you, but we NEED your participation to improve and strengthen this union, because it belongs to you. Please stay connected, get informed by reading this, subscribing to our social media platforms, reading your union emails, attending your meetings and opening the mail you receive from us. If we all do this, we will be unstoppable.

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#### **What Unites Us: Our Union Membership**

We officers get to go to jobsites to see our members in action, and we rely on the work of the agents in the field to remind us of all that our members do across such a wide range of not just construction skills (operating heavy equipment, surveying, dredging, repairing, inspecting) but also within our many Public Employee/Caltrans units, where members are fire captains, police officers, nurse case managers, maintenance crews, tree-trimmers, managers and more. Then, you look at the

diversity of cultures and belief systems within our four states, California, Nevada, Utah and Hawaii, and then even within those states, there is diversity within each county and each city, where we have members in small towns like Angels Camp in Calaveras County (population: 3,500), and members who live in major cities like San Francisco (population 874,000). The question remains, how do we best come together as one coalition, one union, Operating Engineers Local 3? At the end of

the day, this union membership is what unites us. It unites all of us, from the operators who sort garbage for Monterey County, to the nurse case managers in Santa Clara County.

We are united because we all want the same basic things within our jobs. We want access to work, we want access to training, so that we can move up in our jobs, we want a good wage as an outcome of the collective bargaining process and healthcare and retirement benefits. We want to know that our union has our back and that we are not alone. We recognize that without our status as union members, we have very little power regarding our working conditions, safety, Labor laws, disciplinary actions and grievances.

Local 3 is an amazing organization. There are very few ways to get so many different people, from so many different walks of life, so many different geographic locations and so many

> different skillsets, to unite as one. But we do that. That is Local 3. That was perhaps most evident at this last Semi-Annual Event, where every state within our jurisdiction was represented by members, staff, their families, our Retirees and many organizations that work directly with us and provide us benefits.

> As Election Day draws near, it's so easy right now to focus on the differences, to engage in divisive conversations. But if we want to continue to remain united, and therefore stronger, we must focus

on what connects us: We 40,000 people are all Operating Engineers. We want the same things as it relates to our employment. We are more alike than you realize! Take these ideas with you in your communities. Talk about what unionism means to you. And then, when you vote, think about what Labor's needs are. Likely they are YOUR needs.





#### The hidden heroes of firefighting

By Timothy J. Haigh, business representative

Heavy Equipment Mechanics (HEMs) working for CalFire at the Davis Equipment Facility have been preparing dozers for the battle against wildfires. These D5 dozers are first purchased by the State of California then come straight to the shop, where our members install extra lighting, glass protection, fire shields, plates, guards, hose protection and boxes that encase sensitive parts. Custom fabrication work is needed for the upper portion of the dozer blades, which is all done in-house by these Unit 12 members. Once the dozers have been prepared for firefighting efforts, CalFire uses them to cut fire breaks, clear or make access roads, remove large tree stumps and boulders that block firefighters from reaching the fire and topple trees that risk spreading the fire to the surrounding forest canopy.

These members are highly skilled and specialized in what they do, and although most people probably don't think of mechanics when they think of firefighting efforts, our firefighters could not do the important work of protecting life and property without them. We thank these members for providing such a vital service to our state and to our communities. We are proud to represent them as part of our union family.



#### Pre-Retirement Call-In Meetings happening this month\*

The second round of the 2024 Pre-Retirement Call-In Meetings are scheduled in late October. Be sure to mark the date for the call-in meeting in your jurisdiction. More information regarding the login credentials for these meetings will be mailed to you at your home address on file with the union.

CA: Oct. 21, 6 p.m. PST (All CA Districts) ► UT: Oct. 22, 6 p.m. MST

► NV: Oct. 23, 6 p.m. PST ► CA: Oct. 24, 6 p.m. PST (All CA Districts)

\* There is no call-in meeting for Hawaii, during this round of meetings.

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

#### OE3FUNDS

By Bob Miller, fund representative/client services

#### **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 phonein, one-hour classes covering retirement from A to Z. These are held at the approximate time your receive your annual semi-annual Pension statements. See the Fringe Benefits schedule 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 an hour for the class.



The transition from retirement is the fulfillment of a longterm 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!

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?
- **Huband/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

#### Individual consultations available through phone or Zoom

Please call (707) 290-1834 or (800) 251-5014 to arrange a telephone or Zoom conference meeting to discuss your individual situation. We can guide you through all phases of Trust Funds benefits, including retirements, Health and Welfare issues, Annuity questions, medical claims, eligibility, prescriptions, new enrollments, reciprocal Pension credits, death benefits, surviving spouse benefits, etc.

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



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Our credit union, OE Federal, is **just like us - union**. Created by and for Local 3 over 60 years ago, they uphold the same cherished union values. OE Federal understands our lifestyle, offering loan underwriting that respects seasonal work and credit cards with strike relief. They are here to support you!

As a **member-owned cooperative**, their profits go back to you through lower loan interest rates and fewer fees. Your hard work inspires them, and OE Federal is dedicated to keeping more of your money in your pocket.

OE Federal is deeply rooted in the *union community*, supporting Local 3 union events and charities because giving back is at the heart of what unions do.

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#### Organizing opportunity with Regional Medical Center acquisition

By Lawrence Su, business representative

The County of Santa Clara has announced yet another hospital acquisition: Regional Medical Center (RMC). With the finalization of the acquisition, RMC will be joining the County's three other hospitals (Valley Medical Center, O'Connor Hospital and St. Louise Regional Hospital) and 14 clinics under the Santa Clara Valley Healthcare network. Despite the operational challenges and other impacts that all bargaining

units would need to prepare for, this acquisition provides another opportunity for OE3/County Employees Management Association (CEMA) to grow its membership.

Currently, OE3/CEMA has over 380 dues-paying members at Valley Medical Center and the 14 clinics, and after the relatively recent acquisition of O'Connor and St. Louise in 2019, that number increased by 70 more dues-paying members. RMC, with an estimated 1,670 employees and over 500 physicians, has the potential to bring in over 150 members that OE3/CEMA represents, and we would be so proud to grow union strength in a hospital that serves East San José and the surrounding community. Excellence in union work has been a



continuing source of pride for our members, and so with RMC already being in the top 5 percent of hospitals nationwide for overall clinical performance, this hospital and its workforce will fit in just fine.

Although the acquisition of RMC adds another fiscal challenge to the County's budget, the County stepped in and preserved services for its most vulnerable residents in East San José, just as it previously saved healthcare services

in Gilroy and Morgan Hill. Patients who receive healthcare by the County are often uninsured or are covered by Medi-Cal or Medicare, which together accounts for more than 8 out of every 10 County hospital stays and clinic visits. OE3/CEMA wishes the County a successful, definitive purchase agreement, which the County anticipates will conclude in the first quarter of 2025.

As OE3/CEMA has done before, we are committed to working with the County in ensuring a smooth transition with minimal disruption to healthcare services for both community members and hospital employees, many of whom will be new union members.

#### Units recognized and contract update for El Dorado Transit Authority

By Shannon Starr, business representative

I have gained some units within my territory and want to start by recognizing them and express how much I look forward to working with them. These include the City of Angels Camp Firefighters Association, City of Angels Camp Police Officers Association, City of Angels Camp Miscellaneous Employees, Central Sierra Child Support, Central Sierra Child Support – Supervisor Unit, Oakdale Irrigation District, Oakdale Police Officers Association, Oakdale Miscellaneous Employees, Port of Stockton Police and Rancho Murieta Community Services District.

Recently, I completed a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)/contract for El Dorado Transit Authority Operators (Drivers). With the help of a great negotiating team, we were able to secure a three-year contract in which the employees received the following:

- ▶ 8 percent increase in base wages, effective July 1, 2024
- 4 percent increase in base wages, effective July 1, 2025
- Another 4 percent increase in base wages, effective July 1, 2026
- A \$1 differential for all hours operating any vehicle with air brakes
- A \$2 differential for all hours covering the Amtrak route from Sacramento to South Lake Tahoe
- An additional \$1 per hour for all hours worked on Saturday or Sunday
- > The Juneteenth Holiday was converted into Floating Holiday hours that can be taken at the employees' discretion

In addition to these items, we worked out a deal to help newer employees with the cost of medical premiums. Longtime employees recognized how the expensive medical premiums for new hires were a hindrance to hiring more staff. They voted for a change that increased their premiums but drastically lowered those for newer employees. Prior to this agreement, employees hired before September 2019 were Tier 1, and those hired after, paid higher rates at Tier 2. For 2024 healthcare, the employer will now pay \$1,100 toward any OE3 employee-only plan. For employees needing two-party or family coverage, the employer will pay \$1,100 plus 80 percent of any difference above that. For future years, the employees and employer will split the increase 50/50 for the OE3

to any OE3 health plan in the same way.

This contract was a win for our members. I especially want to thank the longtime employees who agreed to an increase in what they pay for premiums to make it even across the board and help newer employees. This is why we are a union.

Plan A coverage and apply that new base amount

We take care of our own!





#### Healthcare cost increases are a factor in negotiations

By Ralph Handel, business representative

Increasing healthcare costs have cut into our members' wages at the negotiations table for the past three years. Several of my units have even seen mid-year increases. They have a premium share percentage, and this affects the wage increase they receive after we have the agreement in place. I am adjusting my future negotiations to prevent this from happening or mitigate the mid-year increase. I want to explain why healthcare costs keep increasing, so we are aware and can possibly mitigate them in the future.

One significant driver of escalating healthcare costs is technological advancement. While medical innovations lead to better diagnoses and treatments, they often come with hefty price tags. Cutting-edge equipment, pharmaceuticals and procedures contribute to rising expenses.

Another factor is the aging population. As people live longer, they typically require more medical care, including treatments for chronic conditions like diabetes and heart disease.

Furthermore, administrative expenses play a role. Healthcare systems are complex, requiring extensive paperwork, billing and compliance with regulations. This contributes significantly to overhead costs.

Additionally, poor diet, lack of exercise and substance abuse contribute to the prevalence of chronic diseases, consuming a substantial portion of healthcare spending.

Moreover, pharmaceutical costs are a significant component of healthcare expenditures. The development of new drugs often involves substantial research and development costs, which are passed on to consumers. Additionally, patent protections allow pharmaceutical companies to set high prices for medications, limiting competition and affordability.

Inadequate access to primary care also drives up costs. Without timely preventive care and management of chronic conditions, patients may resort to emergency rooms for treatment, which is more expensive and less efficient. Addressing disparities in healthcare access could reduce overall costs by promoting preventive care and early intervention.

Finally, global health crises, such as pandemics, highlight vulnerabilities in healthcare systems and can strain resources, leading to increased spending on emergency response and preparedness.

Addressing the rising cost of healthcare requires a multi-faceted approach. Enhancing transparency in pricing and reimbursement practices can promote competition and reduce unnecessary spending. Investing in preventive care and public health initiatives can mitigate the prevalence of chronic diseases, reducing long-term healthcare costs.

Improving access to primary care and integrating mental health services can enhance patient outcomes, while reducing reliance on expensive emergency care.

Promoting health literacy and encouraging individuals to adopt healthy lifestyles can prevent the onset of chronic diseases, ultimately reducing healthcare costs. Collaborative efforts among policymakers, healthcare providers, insurers and patients are essential to developing sustainable solutions to mitigate the escalating cost of healthcare.

The complex interplay of factors contributing to the rising cost of healthcare demands comprehensive strategies for containment. By addressing technological advancements, demographic shifts, administrative expenses, lifestyle factors, pharmaceutical costs, access to care, regulatory impacts and global health crises, stakeholders can work together to promote affordability, accessibility and quality in healthcare delivery. Through innovation, education and policy reform, we can navigate these challenges and build a more sustainable healthcare system for future generations. This will affect negotiations in the coming years, as public employee units have endured steady increases to healthcare costs. Hopefully, this informs you on why healthcare costs continue to rise, and perhaps with this knowledge, we can leverage solutions without bearing the individual burden!

#### Storer Transportation workers want to go union

By Ossee Desmangles, business representative

Operating Engineers Local 3 has been working tirelessly to bring Storer Transportation workers into our Local 3 family. The unit is based out of Yuba City and is among the lowest paid workers in Northern California. As such, they have reached out to us to inquire about joining Local 3! As a result, we have held many meetings with the workers, explaining to them what Local 3 stands for and what it represents. Now, we are organizing different sections of Storer workers to sign them up before full bargaining. Stay tuned for future updates! It's a very exciting time for the Local 3 Public Employee Department!





#### **OE3 General Election Recommendations CALIFORNIA, NEVADA, UTAH, HAWAII**

The following candidates and propositions are endorsed by Operating Engineers Local 3, so keep these in mind when voting in the **GENERAL ELECTION ON NOV. 5**. Also, if you have not registered to vote, please do so, as soon as possible. Most importantly, **VOTE UNION**. More endorsements will be forthcoming here, in mailings you will receive and online at oe3.org. Please pay attention to all of these materials, as they directly affect your jobs, your paycheck and your union. If a district or proposition is not listed, this means there is no endorsement at the time of printing. Check online, as this may change.

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CALIFORNIA STATEWID	E 49/3/2	State Senate		Board of Supervisors		Ballot Measures
		Chris Cabaldon	District 03	Marjan Philhour	District 01	Measure BB (City of Redwood City
U.S. Senate		Jerry McNerney	District 05	Danny Sauter	District 03	Business License Tax) YES
Adam Schiff		Jesse Arreguin	District 07	Bilal Mahmood	District 05	Measure CC (City of Menlo Park Transient
		Tim Grayson	District 09	Myrna Melgar	District 07	Occupancy Tax) YES
Congressional		Scott Weiner	District 11	Roberto Hernandez	District 09	Measure DD (City of Belmont Business
Jared Huffman	District 02	Josh Becker	District 13	Michael Lai	District 11	License Tax) YES
Jessica Morse	District 03	Dave Cortese	District 15	<u> </u>		Measure EE (Pacifica School District
Mike Thompson	District 04	🔰 John Laird	District 17	San Francisco City Col	lege Board	Parcel Tax) YES
Ami Bera	District 06	× ×		Alan Wong		Measure GG (Burlingame School District
Doris Matsui	District 07	California Statewide Propositions		× ×		Parcel Tax) YES
John Garamendi	District 08	× ×		Bay Area Rapid Transi	it (BART)	Measure HH (Bayshore Elementary
Josh Harder	District 09	Proposition 2 (Includ	les \$10 billion in	Board of Directors		School District Bond) YES
Mark DeSaulnier	District 10	funding with Project Lo	abor Agreement	Joe Sangirardi	District 09	Measure J (Millbrae Elementary School
Nancy Pelosi	District 11	(PLA) for construction	and repairs for K-12	×		District Bond) YES
Latifa Simon	District 12	schools)	YES	🖇 San Francisco School B	Board	Measure K (Cabrillo Unified School
Adam Gray	District 13	<b>X</b>		Matt Alexander		District Bond) YES
Eric Swalwell	District 14	Proposition 4 (Total	of \$10 billion, with	Parag Gupta		Measure M (City of Pacifica (Transient
Kevin Mullen	District 15	\$4 billion for water-re	lated programs, as	🖇 Jaime Huling		Occupancy Tax) YES
Evan Low	District 16	well as wildlife/forest	management and	🚶 John Jersin		Measure N (Cabrillo Unified School
Ro Kahanna	District 17	coastline resilience)	YES	<b>\$</b>		District Parcel Tax) YES
Zoe Lofgren	District 18	<b>\$</b>		Ballot Measures		Measure P (Belmont-Redwood Shores
Jimmy Panetta	District 19	Proposition 5 (Make	s it easier for voters	Prop. A (Schools Improv	ement and Safety	School District Bond) YES
Jim Costa	District 21	of the City, County or S		Bond)	YES	Measure Q (City of San Bruno Bond)
David Valadao	District 22	pass a bond to fund p	ublic infrastructure,	Prop. B (Healthy and Vi	brant SF) YES	YES
		affordable housing or		Prop. H (Firefighters Re	-	Measure R (City of Half Moon Bay Sales
State Assembly		supportive housing pro		<u> </u>	•	Tax) YES
Heather Hadwick	District 01	ķ		SAN MATEO COUNTY		Measure S (Ravenswood City School
Chris Rogers	District 02	Proposition 35 (Mak	es permanent a	<u> </u>		District Parcel Tax) YES
James Gallagher	District 03	tax on certain manage	•	Board of Supervisors		Measure T (City of San Mateo City
Cecilia Aguiar-Curry	District 04	fund services for patie	•	Lisa Gauthier	District 04	General Plan Amendment) YES
Joe Patterson	District 05	Medi-Cal; includes fund	•	<u> </u>		Measure U (Menlo Park City School
Maggy Krell	District 06	development and impa		Belmont City Council		District Bond) YES
Porsche Middleton	District 07	rural areas)	YES	Cathy Jordan	District 02	Measure V (City of Foster City Business
Heath Flora	District 09	<u> </u>		Tom McCune		License Tax) YES
Stephanie Nguyen	District 10	Proposition 36 (Incre	eases drua crime and	×		Measure W (City of South San Francisco
Lori Wilson	District 11	theft penalties and giv	•	Daly City City Council		Business License Tax) YES
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#### **Apprenticeship Spotlights**

For the next several months, we will be highlighting apprentices who have gone above and beyond what's asked of them. These were provided by their coordinators, who work very closely with them during their apprenticeship.

#### **Construction Equipment Operator (CEO) Craig Branson**

Craig is a fifth-step apprentice who learned about the Apprenticeship Program through his grandfather, who was an Operator Engineer. He is an exceptional, all-around apprentice, as he learns techniques very quickly. He is very responsible with his apprenticeship obligations and keeps in great communication with his Apprenticeship Coordinator. He operates several pieces of equipment and continues to sharpen his gradesetting skills.





#### **Crane Operator Brian Marques Perez**

Brian completed his first six weeks of Probationary Orientation Period (POP) in March 2022. He had one of the best interviews, as he was confident and extremely knowledgeable about his chosen branch of training. He was a roofer before he came into the program, and he already had his Crane Rigging and Signal card, because he worked around cranes. He wanted to be a crane operator, so he got his Class A license before he came into the program, and the rest is history!



Dawson quickly distinguished himself as a natural leader and an invaluable team player, when he started his apprenticeship with Ghilotti Brothers. Dawson absorbs advice from journey-level operators to improve his skills and takes on the responsibilities of a leadman to get projects completed. He attends district meetings and communicates well with his coordinator, and his evaluation scores are high.





#### **CEO Travis Boehm**

Travis is the type of apprentice every coordinator and employer wants. He is a natural on all the equipment and operates at a journeymen level. He also leads his crew by example and prioritizes safety. He never turns down an opportunity to grow or be challenged, and his evaluations illustrate that. Comments about him include, "He's the best apprentice I've ever seen!" Travis' life, however, hasn't always been so uplifting. About eight years ago, Travis found himself homeless and an addict on the streets of Fresno. This wasn't the life he wanted. He entered himself into an outpatient program and then a housing program. Then he was accepted into the Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC) Pre-Apprenticeship Program. In 2018, he joined the Laborers. He knew this was temporary, because his goal was to be an Operating Engineer. In June of 2021, that goal was met. (He averaged over 2,200 hours a year.) Travis doesn't hide his past; in fact, he embraces it and is willing to talk to anyone who is facing the same types of struggles he did.

# HSTORIC KLAMATH RIVER DAMS GOME DOWN

The largest dam removal project in the United States was finally completed last month along the Klamath River, as Operating Engineers spent most of the last two years beating back water, difficult seasonal weather, remote work zones and tons of rock and dirt, until the final dams, Iron Gate and Copco 1, were broken open. The Klamath River flows freely today, after about a century of stagnation.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued the final approval for the removal of the lower four Klamath River dams in 2022, and removal started shortly thereafter.

Engineers News caught up with our operators on the California, Oregon border several months ago at the Iron Gate Dam portion of the project. Operators at the Iron Gate site included second-step Apprentice Jonathan Searl, Heavy

At the Iron Gate Dam site in June, operators with
Kiewit provide mass excavation for the dam removal.

Duty Repairers (HDRs) Alex Morse and Andy Van Tassel,
Blade Operator Chris Smith, dozer operators John Evans,

Duty Repairers (HDRs) Alex Morse and Andy Van Tassel, Blade Operator Chris Smith, dozer operators John Evans, Steve Mirabella and Jon Norred and excavator operators Jason Brooks, Craig Elliott and Jason Huff. Safely, slowly and surely, these operators provided mass excavation at these sites, with the total at Iron Gate alone, being just under 1 million cubic yards. Due to the project's location, many operators stayed at a camp near the furthest dams. To the right is a timeline of events that led up to this historic project. (For more photos, see pages 3, 16, 17 and 32).

For video footage of the project (Swiftwater Films), photos and more, visit Local 3's official Facebook Group, Instagram and YouTube. \*











#### **EVENTS LEADING TO THE PROJECT**

1905 PacificCorp's Klamath Hydroelectric Project is authorized.

**1918** Copco 1 Dam, a 120-foot tall hydroelectric concrete gravity dam, becomes operational.

**1925** Copco 2 Dam, a 35-foot tall hydroelectric concrete gravity dam, becomes operational.

**1958** J.C. Boyle Dam, a 60-foot tall hydroelectric combined earth-fill and concrete gravity dam, becomes operational.

**1962** Iron Gate Dam, a 162-foot tall earth embankment dam becomes operational, built to regulate flows from the hydroelectric dams upstream.

**2000's** Tribal-led advocacy for dam removal begins in earnest after a catastrophic fish kill downstream of Iron Gate Dam was caused by water mismanagement and low flows. An estimated 30,000 to 70,000 adult salmon perish along the Klamath River.

**2005** Multi-party negotiations result in the beginning of the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement and the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement, whose final forms were signed in 2010. When PacificCorp's licensing agreement expired in 2006, the company chose to remove the dams over repairing and updating them.

**2016** The U.S. Departments of the Interior and Commerce, PacificCorp, and the states of Oregon and California sign an agreement to remove Copco 1, Copco 2, J.C. Boyle and Iron Gate from the Klamath River, through a process administered by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The nonprofit Klamath River Renewal Corporation (KRRC) is created to oversee the Klamath Dam removal project.

#### **PROJECT TIMELINE**

**2022** Federal regulators approve the plan to raze the dams.

Operating Engineers with Kiewit remove the smallest of the four dams, Copco 2. Crews then began releasing water from the dams' reservoirs, which was necessary before dismantling the last remaining dams.

**Early January 2024.** Starting with the Iron Gate Dam, the decommissioning process for removing the final three dams begins.

**Jan. 11, 2024.** The gate of Iron Gate Dam is opened to a higher flow, slowly draining the reservoir over the course of a few weeks, in anticipation of dam removal beginning that spring.

**Jan. 16, 2024.** A 10-foot diameter tunnel is blasted at the base of J.C. Boyle Dam, initiating reservoir drawdown before dam removal.

**Jan. 23, 2024.** A 12-foot diameter tunnel is blasted at the base of Copco 1 Dam, initiating reservoir drawdown.

**June 18, 2024.** *Engineers News* captures operators working on removing Iron Gate Dam.

**August 28, 2024.** Construction crews breach the final two dams on a California section of the Klamath River, clearing the way for salmon to swim freely through a major watershed near the California-Oregon border for the first time in more than a century.









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#### Bayview-Hunters Point gets upgrades from our operators

Report

In San Francisco, the Parks and Recreation Department is finishing the India Basin Shoreline Park in the Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood. The waterfront park has two new public piers, a new floating dock, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)compliant walkways, a new restroom and two basketball courts. **Kingdom Pipelines** is installing a 16-inch domestic waterline with Foreman Mario Ornelas and third-step Apprentice Jose Marquez. Hoseley Corp. is the grading contractor, with excavator operators John Kendrick and Patrick Matau, Dozer Operator Eduardo Pena and working Foreman Santiago Moran. This last phase of the project should be done by the summer of 2026

On Jerrold Street, the Southeast Water Treatment Plant has been going on for three years. Bertco, Inc. is doing concrete demolition with Foreman Juan Carrillo and Excavator

Operator Mike Borges. Minerva Construction

is excavating up to eight-feet deep for the road section, with Niall O'Brien running the drill and setting beams, assisted by John Coyle and Apprentice Bernard Daye.

In Burlingame and Millbrae, Interstate Grading and Paving is grinding and paving streets with Roller Operator Jose Grandos, Paver Operator Steven

Marsili and Screed Operator Richard J. Fischer. In Burlingame, Tyler Clarke is operating a truck crane for West Coast Crane, and Oiler Evan Jones is moving huge electrical panels.

In South San Francisco on South Linden, A & B Construction, Inc. is replacing 1,200 feet of 10-inch waterline with Juan A. Becerra loading trucks.

At the San Mateo Water Treatment Plant, **Evans Bros, Inc.** is providing the landscaping. Francisco Munoz is running a 303 Cat Excavator and loading a Swivel-Tip Dump Truck operated by Dakota L. Montgomery. Badger Daylighting is also onsite, opening a trench to fix a leaking 16-inch main. Joseph Dusan and George A. Locklear III are running the Super Sucker-Vac Truck.

Make sure to read through our endorsements on pages 10-12 and Get Out to Vote in the General Election on Nov. 5.







From left: Francisco Munoz and Dakota L. Montgomery work for Evans Brothers at the San Mateo Water Treatment Plant.

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SMART funds re-released; work begins again

Excavator Operator 🕿

for Bertco, Inc.

Mike Borges works

The work picture in our district continues to progress. Stacy Witbeck has ramped back up on the Sonoma-Marin Area Rapid Transit (SMART) project from Airport Boulevard in Santa Rosa to the Town Green Center in Windsor. This project has been on hold due to a lawsuit over funding, but the court deemed the funding mechanism valid and released the funds for SMART to use on the projects that it was intended for. Therefore, the project is on track to be completed by the end of this year or spring of 2025. Subcontractor Ghilotti Construction is performing all the

released is the new train station in Petaluma and a pedestrian/ bicyclist path to travel along the rail line.

grading work for the new section to the Town Green Center. Another project that has started thanks to this funding being



From left: Gradesetter Kevin Todd, Foreman Ken

Caselli and Finish Blade

perator Matt Matej work

for Ghilotti Construction.

Excavator Operator William Alex Velasco.



On equipment: Operator Jake Spaletta. Front row, from left: Manuel Udave Mata, Foreman Gary Bradford, Gradesetter Federico Resendiz and Operator Andres Quezada work for Ghilotti Bros.

Gordon N. Ball was awarded an \$8 million bridge replacement on Old Geyser Road east of Cloverdale. Subcontractor Pacific Coast Drilling Company (PCDC) is performing the drilling for new piles to be installed.

Myers and Sons is close to wrapping up the new bridge replacement project on Hwy. 20 near Calpella/Ukiah. Subcontractor **Ghilotti Brothers** is performing all the dirt and paving work on this project. Work in our district will continue to the end of this year, weather permitting.

Until then, stay safe!









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Costco and much more coming to Napa Valley

Report

Teichert Construction has been busy performing work in Solano County this summer. The company has completed the widening of Clay Bank Road and is also working off Fry Road in Vacaville for new pads and roadwork on the next phase of the Roberts Ranch subdivision. Ghilotti Construction and O. C. Jones and Sons are working on the third year of the Lagoon Valley housing project and the I-80 widening through Solano County. Both projects will continue into next year. Clark Bros. has finished the wind turbine replacement project off Hwy. 12 in Rio Vista, and more wind turbine work will be coming next year.

Napa County will be enjoying its first ever Costco in Napa Valley. The site was originally an old, abandoned, unincorporated area, that, for several years, was just the subject of talk and ideas. Thanks to the expertise of our Local 3 members, those proposed conversations have now come to fruition, and not only with the new Costco and gas station, but also with a new community of single- and multi-family homes and a park. The project also includes a bridge to direct traffic into American Canyon. Joseph J. Albanese, Inc. broke ground in May with the grading for the Costco pad, gas station and parking lot. The company is in collaboration with Bullert Industrial Electric and Waller Construction, Inc. West Coast Cranes is helping with the installation of the underground storage fuel tanks. This Costco is expected to be in operation later this month or in early November.





Dozer Operator
Joe Fales works on
the Roberts Ranch
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Vacaville.



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Jobs shut down and others start for the new season

Report

#### From Reno

It was a busy summer in District 11, as we had many projects finish and several start. **Granite** is working at the Reno-Tahoe Airport, **RHB** and **Q&D Construction** are busy on the joint-venture projects they have at Golconda Summit and on Hwy. 395 in Reno. **Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC)** is busy all over Reno with street rehab projects and on the Washoe County Patch Program. **Reno-Tahoe Construction** continues to work off of USA Parkway, keeping many members busy.

#### From Elko

As we roll into the fall season, work is starting to slow down a bit, while the new projects awarded in the area have been going well. There are a few new projects currently out for bid, and we hope to see our signatory contractors pick up that work later this year.

**Acha Construction** is finishing up on the parking lot rehab project at Spring Creek High School and has been awarded

additional work at the school installing a meat packaging plant to give the students a new career path in the meat-processing

Twenty-year Local 3 member Sonny Ogden receives her service pin from

Business Agent Lyman Hatfield, upon her

retirement. Congratulations, Sonny!

field. The company is also continuing work on the new Boys and Girls Club in Elko and is bidding additional work on that project.

N. A. Degerstrom, Inc. has been keeping members busy at the Gold Bar Mine project in Eureka, Nev., and will keep members working throughout the fall season. The company also has continued work at the Rossi Mine and is bidding on new projects in the area. Q&D Construction has picked up a few projects in the Elko area. SNC has continued work in Eureka, which will keep members working through the fall season, as well. Sterling Crane has also been keeping our members busy.

At the time of this writing, gold is at \$2,485. Your Nevada Gold Mine (NGM) business agents have been attending line-outs and safety meetings across the properties. We will also be attending some night shifts and weekend line-outs. Keep an eye on your union boards for information and updates on what's going on, including when the union meetings are taking place. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. If you have any

questions or concerns, stop by the Hall at 555 W. Silver St., Ste. 104, or call your business agents any time.





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#### Member highlights benefits of union career through social media

Report

Journeyman spotlight

Brock Bowman works for Bigge Crane and Rigging and oversees the company's tower hoist operations from the Dakotas all the way to the west coast. When he was still very young, Brock's father joined Iron Workers Local 27, and he still remembers the positive difference this had on their home life. That difference was so notable, that it was part of the reason Brock would go on to become a union member himself.

Brock's career in the crane industry started in 2006. That's when he started working for multiple contractors as an Iron Worker himself. He started working for **Bigge Crane and Rigging** and switched over to Operating Engineers Local 3 in 2021. He immediately joined the effort to build a relationship between Local 3 and his employer. This ultimately led to **Bigge Crane and Rigging** becoming a signatory contractor in Utah in 2022. As

a result of this partnership, OE3 has been able to get some stand-out operators in the seats of Bigge's tower cranes. This includes Foreman Johnny Kooker, Steward Andy Lowe and operators Kurt Warkenthien, Nate Howes, Logan Daugherty and Brandon Martinez.

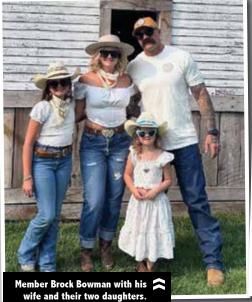
Brock is a veteran of the U. S. Navy and has many hobbies and interests. He plays hockey, restores vehicles and is a social media phenomenon, highlighting his trade through his popular accounts on Instagram and Tik Tok, where he can be found with the handle @the\_blue\_collar\_dad. In this role, he also serves as a brand ambassador for Troll Clothing, Elusive Eyewear and the Prison Blues clothing line.

"My social media accounts are about showing others the lifestyle that you are able to create for yourself and your family by working hard, staying positive, living a healthy lifestyle and – last but not least – doing it all for a union company and with a union career," he said.

He also added that his social media presence allows him to highlight the value of union apprenticeship programs, like OE3's.

"While I am able to live a good life for my family, created through union work, I see peers who took the college education route and are unable to pay off student loan debt, don't feel confident about their retirement years, and in a lot of cases, not even using the degree they went to school for," he said.

After spending 10 years living on the road for months at a time, Brock now puts the highest priority on spending time with his family. He and his wife have been together for 14 years and have two daughters, ages six and eight. We wish him and his family the best going forward and thank him for representing our union and his trade well!





Member Brock Bowman works on a crane in this popular post featured on his social media accounts.

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#### Members replace empty lot with much-needed housing

Report

Our members with **KDW Construction** are working on a project in Pinole that is replacing an empty lot on Appian Way with 26 buildings. Once constructed, these buildings will contain 154 units of stacked flats and townhomes. Thirty-one of those units will be affordable units for low and moderate-income households.

Work on this project began this past spring when our members with **KDW Construction** started the rough grading portion of the project using four 627 scrapers, a brand-new D8 dozer, an 815 compactor, a couple of 740 articulating haul trucks and a 336 excavator. Early on, this work involved deep keyway excavations and the stockpiling of material, but that work soon shifted to burying 1,200 feet of sub drains and the placement of filter fabric and drain rock in order to handle water seeping through the hills. Initially, parts of the keyway were too wet for the scrapers to run through, requiring the use of two haul trucks for the removal of any wet material. Once the keyways were finally backfilled, our members began building pads for the future structures.

It was great seeing everyone who attended the Semi-Annual Meeting last month! Thank you for coming out and participating in your union.









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Members ratify agreement that includes five-years of good raises

Report

Our Master Construction and Master Paving contract was successfully negotiated and ratified by our membership! As a result, our members will be able to allocate a total of \$18.10 in raises over the next five years. That's \$4 for the first year, \$4 for the second year, \$3.50 for the third year, \$3.30 for the fourth year and \$3.30 for the fifth year. Thank you to our Negotiations Team and Political Action Committee (PAC) for helping our members' secure this great, five-year contract!

Our members deserved every penny of these new increases, as they continue to be the most highly skilled workers out there. Let's continue to show our employers why we are worth it by utilizing our local training site, as well as the International Union of Operating Engineers' (IUOE's) International Training and Education Center in Crosby, Texas. The assurance that our members will be a great asset for any company is the reason we can continue to organize and expect to negotiate great contracts in the future!

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Project will strengthen local power grid

Report

Sukut Construction has operators Jason Shepherd, Ty Busi, Bryce Barden, David Barnhart, Chris King, Juan Guzman, Joseph Fisher, Jared Bozeman and George Little working on the Griffith Energy Storage project in Tracy. This is a 400-megawatt battery storage facility on a 106-acre site that is being built all-union, thanks to a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Once completed, this project will benefit the region by providing flexible and reliable power to the local electrical grid.

United Pavement Maintenance operators Jose Antonio Mejia, Greg Drake, Ernesto Ruvalcaba, Zach Porterfield, Carmelo Reyes, Juan Franco, Rogelio Chavoya, Guillermo Losano, Ruben Rollaceli and Miguel Lopez are working on a water line replacement project in Turlock. Mozingo Construction has been keeping members Tyler Freeman, Kyle Lester, Angel

Acevedo, Kyle Field, Matthew Hudson, David Salari, Patrick Decoste, David Cardinalli, Troy Anderson, Josh Van Meter, Gole Stemler, Freddy Alarcon and Arthur Terrasas busy on the \$30 million J. M. Pike Park storm and water line project in Modesto.

Election Day is coming up, so register to vote, if you haven't already, and then vote to support our work this November. Doing so makes it possible for us to secure projects that employ our members right here in their local area. With support from pro-union elected officials, we are also able to secure PLAs that ensure those projects are done all-union, using our Skilled and Trained Operating Engineers. Before casting your ballot, check the endorsements made by your local, member-elected Political Action Committees (PACs) on pages 10-12, then VOTE UNION!







EUREKA

Number 40

Addres

1330 Bayshore Way, Suite 103, Eureka, CA 95501

Phone Number

(707) 443-7328

District Representative

Jeff Hunerlach

#### TWIC cards needed for work at Humboldt Bay

Report

West Coast Contractors (WCC) continues to keep our members busy on the Rowdy Creek restoration project in Smith River and the Hog Island Dock rehabilitation project on Humboldt Bay in Eureka. Golden State Bridge (GSB) is paving for Caltrans across Humboldt County, as part of a \$3.5 million project. Members working for Mercer-Fraser have been putting in long hours on a \$32 million cold plane and paving project on Hwy. 36. They are also performing subgrade work for a subdivision in McKinleyville, raising the elevation of the parking lot at the Eureka/Arcata Airport and installing a tank for the McKinleyville Community Service District with **DN Tanks**. **MCM Construction** is working on the demolition of the old Dr. Fine Bridge over the Smith River in Del Norte County. Wahlund Construction is making progress on Phase 4 of the infrastructure upgrade project for the Town of Scotia, as well as the Community Stadium upgrade at College of the Redwoods, the Arcata Wastewater Treatment Facility and Measure Z paving projects throughout Humboldt County. Granite **Construction** has completed the subgrade on the east side of Hwy. 101 and is bringing in base rock and shifting traffic over at the Indianola Undercrossing project, as they prepare for the paving. Our members with the company are also paving and installing guard rail on Hwy. 299, as part of a \$15 million Department of Transportation (DOT) project.

With some of the work planned for the Humboldt Bay Harbor, a Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) card would be a good credential to have. Depending on a project's location or the scope of work being performed, a TWIC card may even be required for access. Your TWIC card is only valid for five years, so make sure it is up-to-date and on file with the District Office. Call the Hall for more information.

Our annual, in-district HAZMAT Refresher class will be in Eureka on Friday, Feb. 14. Contact the Hall, if you'd like to get on the list for the class. As we head into the winter months, now is also a good time to take advantage of upgrade-training available at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC).

With Election Day just around the corner, it's time to get involved with the Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program and support candidates and ballot measures that support Labor. Call or visit the District Office to get signed up for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of **Harold Grant**, which occurred in August. Harold was a member for 62 years and celebrated his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday the day before he left us. Our deepest condolences go out to his son, his daughter-in-law and the rest of the Grant family.





FRESNO

50

Address

1635 Shaw Ave., Ste. 101, Clovis, CA 93611

Phone Number

(559) 229-4083

District Representative

Wyatt Meadows

#### Members tackle solar projects, big and small

Report

Since July, **D. H. Blattner and Sons, Inc.** has been keeping our members busy on the Luna Valley Solar project near Cantua Creek. This 200 megawatt solar farm is half the size of the Rexford Solar project, which **D. H. Blattner and Sons, Inc.** finished earlier this year.

"Every job, no matter the size, presents its own challenges," said Foreman **Nick Dodson**, who praised our members for coming out and doing a great job, whether with **D. H. Blattner and Sons, Inc.** or with subcontractors **Clark Brothers** and **Ventura Directional Drilling**.

At its peak, this project is expected to dispatch 30 members, before winding down early next year.

MCM Construction and Granite Construction finished three projects on Hwy. 41, which had kept the highway heading south toward Pismo Beach closed for most of the summer. Thanks to the work of our members, this nearly 25-mile stretch of highway now has a brand-new bridge over the Kings River in Stratford and is much smoother to drive on.

There's a lot of asphalt paving throughout the Central Valley, so we need quality screed operators. If you are qualified to perform that work, make sure the Hall has that information on file, and if not, consider taking advantage of the journeyman-upgrade training available at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC). Call the District Office for more information.











YUBA CITY

Number 60

Address

468 Century Park Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991

Phone Number

District Representative

(530) 743-7321 Casey Tull

#### HAZMAT-certified operators needed in wake of regional disasters

Report

At the time of this writing, there hasn't been much of a drop in work hours for our district, and there are still plenty of projects going out to bid that should keep our members working into the future. Sadly, we are also experiencing multiple wildfires in the region. Hundreds of structures have already been lost, and that number may increase by the time this goes to press. If you want to help our local communities, are interested in fire clean-up work and have your current HAZMAT certifications, call the Hall to get on the clean-up list. If you would like to register for our in-district HAZMAT class on Nov. 9, please contact the District Office and register now, as seating is limited. See page 25 for more details.

As you know, this is an election year, and next month we will be making choices at the ballot box that have a direct impact on our training, employment, wages, benefits and rights as union members. Your local, member-elected Political Action Committee (PAC) has vetted all the candidates who are running for office in our district and have only endorsed those who support Operating Engineers and our work. If they cannot back our work and defend our union rights, they cannot earn an endorsement from our union. If you want politicians to take these issues seriously and are interested in joining others who want to help our union, consider volunteering with the Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program. Call the Hall at (530) 743-7321 to see how you can help, before it's too late. Have a happy and safe Halloween with your friends and family!

REDDING

Number 70

Address

20308 Engineers Lane, Redding, CA 96002

Phone Number

District Representative

(530) 222-6093

Jason Chipley

Title

#### More projects awarded, as crews finish this year's work

Report

The North State was hit, once again, with large-acreage wildfires that affected our members in many ways. The stress and worry of being in a fire's path is something no one should have to experience, and we offer our condolences to anyone impacted by these disasters. Beyond the destruction caused by the Park Fire, projects employing our members were postponed, as there were several roads and freeways that were closed, as was Lassen Park itself.

Projects continue to go up for bid that will be putting our members to work next year. **J. F. Shea** is the low bidder on a paving and soldier pile wall project on Hwy. 299 West in Trinity County at \$18.8 million. **Myers and Sons**' work on the \$32.4 million Horse Creek Bridge project on Hwy. 96 in Siskiyou County continues. **Steve Manning Construction** is performing the dirt work. **S. T. Rhoades** is working on the Old Alturas Bridge project in Redding and the Hwy. 99 West roundabout project in Gerber. **Walsh/Myers Joint Venture** (**JV**) is finishing some concrete paving on I-5 in the Dunsmuir/Mount Shasta area. **Q&D Construction** is performing bridge deck overlay work in Trinity County on Hwy. 3, Hwy. 36 and Hwy. 299.

If you are interested in journeyman-upgrade training, contact the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentices Training Center (OE3 JATC) at (916) 354-2029. Take advantage of this member benefit to get certified as Skilled and Trained or take some great classes, like OSHA 10/30 and 40-hour HAZWOPER.

A good portion of our work this year has been in outlying areas of our district. When you put yourself on the Out-of-Work List this year, be sure to ask to be put on it for both the Area 1 and Area 2 locations, so you don't miss out on upcoming work. If you are currently on the Out-of-Work List, be sure to renew your registration every 84 days for A or B hire and the first of every month for C hire.

Operator Frank McGarvin works for Myers & Sons.

Operator Mike Salters











#### **SACRAMENTO**

80

3920 Lennane Drive, Sacramento, CA 95834

(916) 993-2055

John Rector

#### Local companies benefit from partnership with OE3

Report

Recently, 29-year member Randy Jordan was hired by Flint. He wasted no time helping the company sign with Operating Engineers Local 3. By taking this huge step forward, Flint can now expand its market share and utilize the resources available to our signatory employers and members. That includes our nationally-recognized training center, the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC), which can help signatory employers meet apprenticeship standards and Skilled and Trained Labor requirements set by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) on Public Works projects. The company can also work with our staff as a partner in the construction industry. This is a tremendous benefit, as Local 3 is dedicated to increasing our employers' market share in order to create new and ongoing opportunities for our members and their families.

It's been 30 years since Local 3 signed Pacific Excavation, Inc., which was a small electrical company out of Elk Grove at the time. Today, with Local 3 as its business partner, Pacific Excavation, Inc. has become a leader in the electrical and intelligent transportation industry. The company has nearly 100 employees and has successfully completed over 2,300 projects, while committing to

the core values of safety, integrity, quality and teamwork and conducting business in line with the company motto, which is "Walking the walk on work ethic, hard work, determination, and respect for others!" Guided by these core values and abiding by that motto, Pacific Excavation, Inc. has been able to retain its employees well, with over 60 percent of its current employees having been with the company for over 10 years, and many others having been with the company for over 20 years.

Next month, it will be exactly eight years since MJD Engineering signed with Local 3 out of Sacramento. Recently there has been a passing of the torch within the company, with Mario De Souza Sr. putting the company in the hands of Mario De Souza Jr. Since signing with Local 3, MJD Engineering has grown significantly, establishing a strong presence in the Sacramento region.





**MORGAN HILL** 

90

325 Digital Drive, Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Phone Number

District Representative

(408) 465-8260

Neils Ash

Big transportation, water and housing projects keep crews busy

On the east side of San Jose, MCM and Railworks have teamed up on the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority's (VTA's) Eastridge Light Rail Connector project. This \$450 million, 3.5year project is being done all-union, thanks to a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). MCM is driving piles in the center divide on Capitol Expressway, and falsework and decking will soon follow.

Our members with Reliable Tree Experts, DeSilva Gates, Steve P. Rados, Bay Area Commercial Sweeping, MVE, Inc. and Central Concrete have also been getting work on this project.

On the west side of San Jose, Duran and Venables and Campanella Corp. are keeping our members busy on a three-year project for San Jose Water Company. This project involves the removal of two existing embankment reservoirs and replacing them with two new, prestressed concrete tanks, which will provide 16 million gallons of potable water storage, once completed. Our members with D&N Tanks and Sarott Construction Company will also be onsite.

In downtown San Jose, numerous

housing projects are underway, with more planned for the future. These developments include Dry Creek Crossings on Bascom Avenue, Parkmoor HUB on Meridian Street and Julian Street Apartments. These projects include everything from demolition, grading, underground and hoisting and will provide our members with plenty of work opportunities.

Election Day is on Nov. 5, and voter registration closes on Oct. 21. If you are not currently registered, visit registertovote.ca.gov and get that taken care of. Our district has a lot of local races that are key to securing future work for Operating Engineers, so take the opportunity to get involved with the Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) program, earn some awards and strengthen your union. Contact the District Office for more information on how you can help.







## **HAZMAT** Refresher

# HAZMAT refresher courses are being offered at your district offices



Classes in all locations will be held from 7:30am to 4:00pm (with ½ hour for lunch)

#### Please contact your District Office to register for class.

District	Location	Date
30	Stockton	Saturday, Oct. 19 2024
60	Yuba City	Saturday, Nov. 09 2024
01	Burlingame	Saturday, Dec. 07 2024
04	Fairfield	Saturday, Dec. 14 2024
80	Sacramento	Saturday, Jan. 04 2025
10	Rohnert Park	Saturday, Jan. 11 2025
70	Redding	Saturday, Jan. 25 2025
20	Concord	Saturday, Feb. 01 2025
40	Eureka	Friday, Feb. 14 2025
90	Morgan Hill	Saturday, Feb. 22 2025
50	Fresno	Saturday, Mar. 01 2025
30	Stockton	Saturday, Mar. 08 2025
80	Sacramento	Saturday, Mar. 22 2025
20	Concord	Saturday, Apr. 05 2025

# Please bring your current HAZMAT card with you to class.

For further questions regarding other classes, please contact the Training Center at (916) 354-2029



#### **DISTRICT MEETINGS**

P.M.

ALL MEETINGS CONVENE @ 7 P.M UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

#### October 10.24

No meetings scheduled.

#### November 11.24

No meetings scheduled.

#### December 12.24

#### 2nd District 04: Suisun City

Veterans Memorial Building 427 Main St.

#### 2nd District 30: Stockton

Operating Engineers' Building 1916 North Broadway Ave.

#### 2nd District 80: Sacramento

Operating Engineers' Building 3920 Lennane Drive

#### 3rd District 10: Rohnert Park

Operating Engineers' Building 6225 State Farm Drive

#### 3rd District 50: Clovis

Operating Engineers' Building 1635 Shaw Ave.

#### 3rd District 60: Yuba City

Sutter County Office of Education Boyd Hall 1895 Lassen Blvd.

#### 4th District 40: Eureka

Operating Engineers' Building 1330 Bayshore Way Ste. 103 (Room 106)

#### 4th District 70: Redding

Operating Engineers' Building 20308 Engineers Lane

#### 4th District 90: Morgan Hill

Operating Engineers' Building 325 Digital Drive

#### 5th District 01: Burlingame

Best Western Novato Oaks Inn 215 Alameda Del Prado

#### 5th District 20: Concord

Operating Engineers' Building 3000 Clayton Road

#### 9th District 11: Reno

Operating Engineers' Building 1290 Corporate Blvd.

#### 9th District 12: Sandy

Operating Engineers' Building 8805 South Sandy Parkway

#### 9th District 17: Honolulu

Ala Moana Hotel 410 Atkinson Drive

#### **SERVICE PINS**



In honor and remembrance of years of service in Local 3, service pins are available to members with 20 or more years of membership. These pins come in five-year increments from 20 through 75 years of service. Please contact your district office to receive your pins. See pages 10-13 for this month's pin spread.

#### **BUSINESS HOURS**



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

Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 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 August 2024 and have been determined to be eligible for Honorary Membership effective Oct. 1, 2024.

#### **Dick Criner**

2067238 District 30: Stockton

Francis Ganon

2023092 District 17: Hawaii

**Henry Kanahele** 

2077241 District 17: Hawaii

Eric N. Pessagno

2093135 District 04: Fairfield

**Gregory D. Silva** 

2007478 District 60: Yuba City

Scott A. Souza

2062739 District 17: Hawaii

**Gregory A. Williams** 

2093163 District 80: Sacramento

#### **NEW RETIREES**



EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Ackerman, Richard	CA
Aglanao, Mamerto	HI
Anger, Charles	CA
Avalos, David	CA
Balaam, Herb	CA
Batista, Antonio	CA
Bravo, Robert	CA
Budiao, Austin	CA
Burnet, Edward	NV
Chavez, Martin	CA
Collard, Rex	CA
Dugan, Darrell	NV
Faiva, Etuate	CA
Fortie, Jeffrey	UT
Foti, David	CA
Furugen, Kip	HI
Gaidosh, Joseph	CA
Gaspar, Cesario	HI
• •	NV
Gillespie, Brad	
Gonzalez, Robert	CA
Grace, Bryan	HI
Grigg, Kent	CA
Guillory, Herman	CA
Hartman, Rick	CA
Henard, Richard	CA
Horning, Kim	CA
Johnasen, Dane	HI
Johnson, David	TX
Kohler, David	UT
Kranzusch, Ray	CA
Lopez, Alan	CA
Lopez, Sergio	CA
McKeegan, James	CA
Meza, Rafael	CA
Parker, Michael	CA
Parrott, David	CA
Parshall, Arthur	CA
Paulsen, Larry	UT
Rapal, Jason	HI
Reaves, Dwayne	CA
Rodriguez, Rogelio	CA
Ruff, Buckley	CA
Sanchez, Keno	NV
Semore, Darren	CA
Shahan, David	CA
Stoppenbrink, Gary	CA
Stuber, Jonathan	CA
Teixeira, Don	HI
Todd, Eric	CA
Treasure, Steven	CA
Valencia, Israel	CA
Valencia, israer Vega, Jvan	CA
Whitney, Gerald	CA
Woods, Timothy	CA
Wray, Michael	CA
wiay, mithuei	CA



TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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ALL MEETINGS CONVENE @ 6 P.M UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

**October 10.24** 

2nd District 17: Kavai

ILWU Local 142 4154 Hardy St. Lihue, HI

3rd District 17: Kona

Courtyard King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel 75-5660 Palani Road Kailua-Kona, HI 5th District 17: Mavi

Waikapu Community Center 22 E. Waiku Road Wailuki, HI

November 11.24

No meetings scheduled.

December 12.24

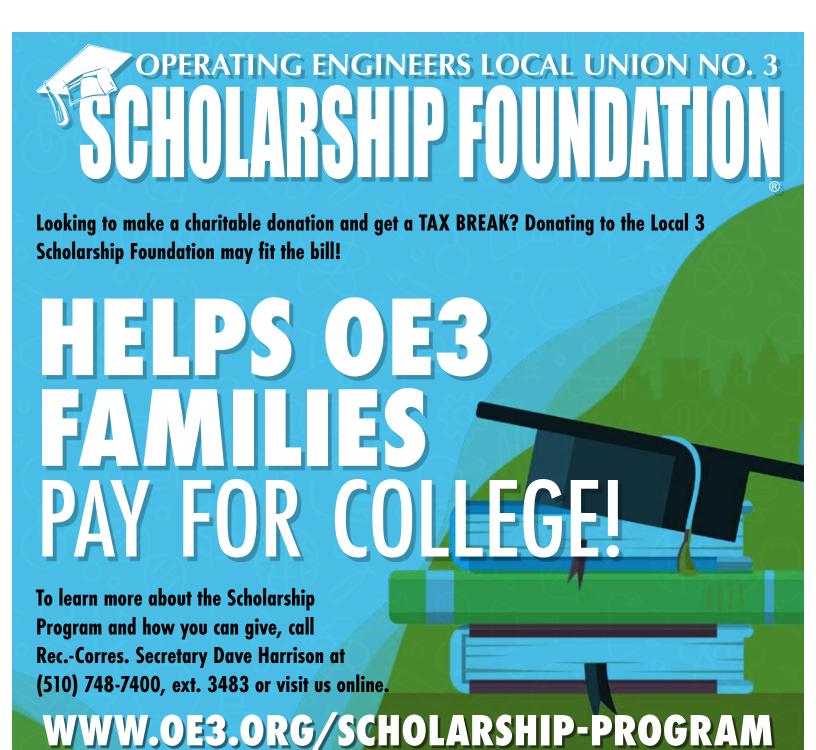
7th District 17: Hilo

Wailoa River State Recreation Area (Park) 799 Piilani St. Hilo, HI 11th District 17: Kavai

Kauai Beach Resort & Spa Hotel 4331 Kauai Beach Drive Lihue, HI

12th District 17: Mavi

Maui Beach Hotel 170 W. Kaahumanu Ave. Kahului, HI





#### **ELECTION OF BYLAWS COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Per Article XXX, Section 2 (a) of the Local Union Bylaws, the following eligibility requirements have been established for the Bylaws Committee member nomination and election to be held at the regular fourth (4th) quarter District Meetings in the year immediately following the election of Officers and Executive Board Members by secret ballot vote of those Members present:

- 1. Shall be a registered voter (with proof of current voter registration) in the district where he or she is seeking nomination.
- 2. Shall have been a Member of the Parent Local of Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 for five (5) years preceding nomination and not suspended for nonpayment of dues during those five (5) years.
- 3. Cannot be an Employer or on the payroll of the Local Union or a related entity.
- 4. No Member shall be nominated unless he or she is present at the meeting, or unless he or she has filed prior to the meeting with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary or to the District Meeting Secretary on the day of the meeting before the meeting commences, a statement in writing, signed by him or her, to the effect that he or she is eligible to serve on the Bylaws Committee and will accept the nomination if nominated.

The schedule of the meetings at which these elections will be held appears on page 26.

#### **ELECTION OF GEOGRAPHICAL MARKET AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Election of Geographical Market Area Committee (GMAC) Members will take place at each district's regularly scheduled District Meeting, except for Hawaii, during the fourth (4th) quarter of 2024. In accordance with Article XXXI of the Local Union Bylaws, elections shall be held at the fourth quarter District Meeting of the year in each district after the election and installation of Officers. Eligibility rules are as follows:

- a. Must be dispatched and working under a Local 3 Construction Agreement or registered at the Operating Engineers Job Placement Center seeking a dispatch to work under a Construction Agreement in his or her district/geographical market area.
- b. Must be a Member of the Parent Local continuously for the two (2) years preceding nomination and not suspended for nonpayment of dues during those two (2) years.
- c. Must be living in the Committee's district geographical area.
- d. Must be an "A" list Journey Operator.

- e. Cannot be an Owner-Operator.
- f. Cannot be a Retired Member, an Officer of the Local Union, or on the payroll of the Local Union or a related entity.
- g. No Member shall be nominated unless he or she is present at the meeting, or unless he or she has filed prior to the meeting with the Recording-Corresponding Secretary or to the District Meeting Secretary on the day of the meeting before the meeting commences, a statement in writing, signed by him or her, to the effect that he or she is eligible to serve on the Geographical Market Area Committee and will accept the nomination if nominated.

The schedule of the meetings at which these elections will be held appears on page 26.

#### PROOF OF VOTER REGISTRATION FOR BYLAWS COMMITTEE NOMINEES

Proof of voter registration may be obtained by going to your county Registrar-of-Voter's or County Clerk's office. The cost for a certificate varies by county but is usually nominal (one dollar) or free. All Bylaws Committee Nominees, please bring a copy of proof that you are registered to vote to the District Meeting at which nominations take place. Any member seeking nomination that does not submit proof of registration will not be eligible to hold office.

#### **VOTE RIGHT** CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL FOR YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBER

In 1997, the Local 3 Election Committee voted to add members' registration numbers to the address labels on the Engineers News. This makes it easier for you to properly fill out nomination forms and also return the election ballot with the correct information.

P01-23-4567

JOE ENGINEER 0000000

123 YOUR STREET

ANYTOWN USA

YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBER

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# CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION RESULTS FROM MILLER, KAPLAN, ARASE & CO., LLP

The nationally known accounting firm of Miller, Kaplan, Arase & Co., LLP monitored the election and summarizes its report, as follows:

We witnessed the opening of the returned ballots and the counting of the ballots cast by members of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 in the 2024 Election of Officers and Executive Board Members. The procedures we followed in connection with the mailing, receipt and counting of the ballots were in accordance with the applicable provisions of Article XII of the Bylaws of the Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3.

Pursuant to Article XII, Section 7 of the Local Union Bylaws, Dave Harrison, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, cast one ballot for all unopposed candidates who were then declared duly elected to their respective office.

The total number of ballots received and ballots determined to be invalid for any reason are indicated in our report and, in our opinion, accurately present the results of the election based on the ballots received.

#### **ELECTION RESULTS:** EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER **DISTRICT 17**

<u>CANDIDATE</u> <u>VOTES</u>

Jamie Harvest-Silva 207

Daniel Palea 148

Charldon Leleo 141



Note: 497 ballots were returned. One ballot contained no vote. A total of 497 ballots were counted.

#### **UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES**

#### **OFFICERS**

Business Manager, **Dan Reding**President.

Justin Diston

Vice President,

**Bruce Noel** 

Recording-Corresponding

Secretary,

**Dave Harrison** 

Financial Secretary,

**Nate Tucker** 

Treasurer.

Jim Jacobs

Trustee, Charles Lavery
Trustee, Brandon Dew
Trustee, John Rector
Auditor, Dean Fadeff
Auditor, Ana Tuiasosopo
Auditor, Wyatt Meadows
Conductor, Chris Snyder
Guard, Jeff Hunerlach

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS**

District 01, Christopher Rosas
District 04, Ronald Kultti
District 10, James D. Spain
District 11, Steve Nichols
District 12, Justin Pentz
District 20, Mario Giovannetti
District 30, Bryan Dorton
District 40, Frank Rojas
District 50, Danny Henry
District 60, Wyatt Swinney
District 70, Patrick Billington
District 80, Frank Fuller
District 90, Kyle Alger

# Our Sincere Condolences...

# Deceased Dependents

Baltz, Christina Spouse of Baltz, Aaron 7-28-24

Barnes, Junella Spouse of Barnes, Robert (dec.) 7-17-24

Castaneda, Patricia Spouse of Castaneda, Carlos 7-24-24

Choate, Carol Spouse of Choate, Bruce N. (dec.) 7-30-24

Colan, Joann Spouse of Colan, Wester T. (dec.) 7-4-24 Gabbitas, Beverly K.
Spouse of Gabbitas,
Michael (dec.)
7-18-24

George, Rozella Spouse of George, John (dec.) 7-26-24

Graham, Carol Spouse of Graham, Albert A. (dec.) 7-22-24

Graham, Joyce Spouse of Graham, Archie (dec.) 3-30-15 Grant, Barbara Spouse of Grant, James 6-23-24

Gustin, Lois Spouse of Gustin, Everett D. (dec.) 2-17-24

Hance, Mary Sue Spouse of Hance, Harry (dec.) 7-19-24

Hansen, Patricia Spouse of Hansen, Paul H. 4-14-24 Holthouse, Linda Spouse of Holthouse, Leonard (dec.) 8-2-24

Kline, Marilyn Spouse of Kline, Paul (dec.) 7-12-24

Leach, Janet Spouse of Leach, Jim (dec.) 7-10-24

Lindsey, Judith Spouse of Lindsey, William P. (dec.) 6-28-24 Irish, Patricia Spouse of Montague, Thomas R. (dec.) 7-2-24

Pina, Josephine Spouse of Pina, Ralph (dec.) 7-8-24

Reynoso, Joan Spouse of Reynoso, Sammy J. (dec.) 6-16-24

Rowan, Mitzi Spouse of Rowan, Scott 7-29-24 Soga, Frances Spouse of Soga, Roy (dec.) 7-12-24

Williams, Hazel Spouse of Williams, Lester (dec.) 7-14-24

Woody, Anna Belle Spouse of Woody, James (dec.) 7-28-24

York, Laurie Spouse of York, Joel D. (dec.) 6-15-24

York, Marsha Spouse of York, James L. (dec.) 7-16-24

# Departed Members

Aipa, Gabriel Waianae, HI 7-28-24

Anderson, James T. Oakdale, CA 7-10-24

Arnold, Philip D. West Sacramento, CA 7-24-24

> Botelho, Wayne Kapaau, HI 7-24-24

Boyd, Floyd L. Mesquite, NV 8-6-24

Canoy, Jesus Ewa Beach, HI 7-2-24

Davis, Ralph G. Sonora, CA 7-3-24

Fayehun, Olu B. Stockton, CA 7-13-24 Felton, William J. Woodland, CA 7-16-24

Fusato, George Honolulu, HI 7-13-24

Green, William South San Francisco, CA 7-25-24

> Gregory, William Redding, CA 8-2-24

Gukeisen, Herbert Central Valley, UT 7-30-24

Haberman, Ladean Lodi, CA 8-4-24

Johnson, James San Jose, CA 7-19-24 Jones, Roy G. Dolores, CO 7-8-24

Kane, Adam Aromas, CA 6-13-24

Kibbe, Randy E. Marysville, CA 7-29-24

Makanani, Thomas Kapaa, HI 7-27-24

Martinelli, Sam L. Walnut Creek, CA 7-18-24

Maye, Linwood E. La Grange, NC 7-17-24

McGrew, Jimmie J. Red Bluff, CA 7-30-24 Merino, Pedro San Jose, CA 8-7-24

Morawski, Edward Vallejo, CA 8-5-24

Nebreja, Rodolfo N. Pearl City, HI 6-19-24

> Ott, Leo Los Altos, CA 6-26-24

Parsa, Samir A. Davis, CA 7-15-24

Polanco Guzman, Ricardo Esparto, CA 8-10-24

Prieto, Rodolfo Kahului, HI 8-2-24 Pudwill, Wayne J. Carson City, NV 7-27-24

Reynoso, Sammy Redwood City, CA 7-3-24

Roberts, John Coarsegold, CA 8-2-24

Rodriguez, Viviano San Jose, CA 8-1-24

Roy, Robert B. Gautier, MS 8-7-24

Salazar, Angel R. Lemoore, CA 7-28-24

Sheppard, Roy Mapleton, UT 8-8-24 Sparks, Paul Duane Jr. Elk Grove, CA 8-12-24

> Sweet, Jerry Santa Clara, CA 8-2-24

Weatherholt, Thomas S. Romulus, MI 7-13-24

Wilson, Donald E. Summerfield, FL 7-9-24

Wolf, Donald A. Fallon, NV 12-7-23

Wyatt, Jeremy Antioch, CA 8-4-24

Yazzie, Tony Panguitch, UT 7-28-24

#### **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.



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.

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3. E-MAIL

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FOR SALE: 2002 Dodge Dakota quad cab pickup. 4WD. Silver exterior, dark leather interior. Features: tow package, bedliner, tires like new. 49,000 original miles. Excellent condition. Asking \$15,000. Call (831) 295-1880. Reg# 2102567.

FOR SALE: 2014 Ford STX 4x4. Runs perfect. Non-turbo, 3.5L engine, 36-aallon flex fuel tank, trailer brake. 140,000 miles. \$16,500. Call (916) 475-6806. Reg# 2548724.

FOR SALE: KR1000 Snap-On toolbox including some tools. Good condition. \$1,800. Mac top box, miller blue, 41"Lx18"Wx23"H. Comes with rolling stand. \$400. Call (510) 919-4519. Reg# 2260355.

FOR SALE: 2002 Dodge Cummins diesel pick-up. One owner. 121k miles. Runs great. Includes 5th wheel hitch. \$18,000. Call (530) 790-9485. Reg# 1967866.

FOR SALE: 1959 Studebaker 1/2-ton NAPCO 4x4. NAPCO front axle, Spicer divorced transfer case. Very good, rust-free cab and front-end sheet metal. 16" wheels with correct mud and snow tires. Runs, drives, and stops. Current CA registration in my name. Contact me for photos and the whole low-down. Email: 1955studebaker@comcast.net, Reg# 2110685.

FOR SALE: 2001 FLSTF fuel-injected Fat Boy Harley, pearl, white custom pipes, custom saddlebags (removable and locking). Comes with the buddy seat and bike cover. 21,000 miles. Asking \$6,800. Call (916) 531-4065. Reg# 2119779.

FOR SALE: Lake Pillsbury cabin. 3-bedroom 2-bath. 1,350 sq feet. Off grid. Solar 48-volt battery system and propane. Located in Potter Valley in a gated community. Five mins to the lake. Community amenities include hunting, fishing, boating, shooting range, horse stables, polo field, private pond, picnic/BBQ area, boat launch and storage. Near Ukiah. \$220,000. Call (707) 888-6808 or (707) 495-7587. Reg# 2396395.

FOR SALE: 1930 Ford 2-door coupe. Features: custom new upholstery, power windows, knock-off chrome wire wheels, BMW tanzanite paint, rebuilt bored-out small block Ford V8, new pistons, roller rockers, mild cam, pro comp heads, rebuilt C4 transmission, polished aluminum fire wall, disc front brakes, rebuilt rear end, custom heavy-duty radiator and much more. \$35,000. Was asking \$50,000. Show car ready. Located in Hollister, CA. Call (831) 801-0406. Reg# 2389914.

FOR SALE: 1997 KTM 300 EXC dirt bike. Green sticker with extras. \$2,500. 1943 US Military oak bunkbed set. \$200. Call (530) 635-0376. Reg# 1878223.

FOR SALE: 2018 Forest River Cruise Lite travel trailer. 30 ft with super slide. Features 2 recliners, 1 sofa bed with dining table that lays out to a bed. Queen bed in private room. Everything works as it should and overall, is in good condition. Newer tires. Text (916) 479-1872 for pics or questions. \$21,000. Reg# 2056124.

FOR SALE: 2005 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Standard, 15,000 miles. Always garaged. Never dropped. New tires and brakes. Battery one-year old. \$5,500 OBO. Call (916) 475-6806. Reg# 2548724.

FOR SALE: 1976 Lincoln Mark IV complete and intact. Ultimate cruiser, needs TLC. \$4.5K OBO. 1968-1971 Mopar parts, "B" body Roadrunner, Belvedere, satellite. 383 C.I. magged, heads, steel crank & more. Suspension, body, steering, motor & more parts. Vintage car manuals, books, magazines (Car Craft, Hot Rod, Super Street etc) 1960s & newer. Text first. Ed (408) 219-2038. Reg# 1710884.

FOR SALE: Vintage stereo equipment, 1960s-1990s. Receivers, Kenwood, Realistic, Marantz, Carver, Sherwood and more. Speakers, JBL, Realistic, Infinity and more. Reel to Reel, Amplifiers and more. Watch repair equipment and parts, Tempo 400 cleaner. \$3.5K, Vibrograph M80, Vibrograph LePorte Echappement Universal S.A., crystals, tools, cleaners and more. Text first. Ed (408) 219-2038. Reg# 1710884.

FOR SALE: 1988 F-800 dump truck. Features: air brakes, 5x2 transmission, 20-yard bed, 429 motor. Need TLC. Runs. Non-opp'd. FMC Chipper. Selling as set. \$4,000 firm. 3500 Silverado dually 4x4. 454 Alcola rims, airbags, runs great. Non-opp'd. \$3,400. 2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee 4x4. 4 liter. Leather. Runs fine. \$5,000. Call (831) 801-4865. Reg# 2412455.

FOR SALE: 1937 Plymouth Business Coupe with rebuilt 1956 Chrysler 383 HP motor. Features: fuelie heads and metal valve seats, 1967 727 automatic transmission, leather seats and vinyl upholstery, Hurst T-Handle floor shifter, power steering, front disc brakes, plastic gas tank, transmission cooler, 750 Edelbrock carburetor 4 barrel and manifold, MSD ignition and distributor. \$35,000. Many other features, call for details (916) 390-5531. Reg# 2118452.

FOR SALE: RCBS ChargeMaster 1500 Combo. Excellent condition, only used once. \$325. Located in the East Bay, CA. Call (510) 634-6711. Reg# 2375134.

FOR SALE: Dewalt 5HP upright compressor on 60-gallon tank. \$500. 2016 Yamaha R-Spec UTV. Features: newer tires with beadlocks, adjustable shocks, power steering, engine braking. Comes with snow plow and transport trailer. \$8,000. Located in Southern Nevada. Call (541) 536-4359. Reg# 1578661.

FOR SALE: 2018 Keystone RV Montana fifth wheel Series M-3120RL. Length: 35 feet, bumper-to-tongue, 3 slide outs, 2 power awnings, 3 TVs, satellite with auto seek. Full kitchen with convection oven/microwave, full fridge and island. Automatic hydraulic leveling jacks. Two power roof vents with rain sensors. Central vacuum cleaner. 15,000 BTU central/ duct heat and air. Fireplace. Full shower. Sliding door clothes rack in bedroom. Rear camera for towing. Too much more to list. \$42,500 OBO. Call (530) 277-2266. Reg# 2489006.

FOR SALE: 2007 V-Star 1300 CC. Only 5,500 miles. \$4,500. Call (510) 304-0217. Reg# 2335159.

FOR SALE: Small house in Modesto, Calif. near Carver Road and Briggsmore Avenue. Great neighborhood, big yard, long driveway and room for expansion. \$355,000. Call David at (209) 743-0442. Reg# 2132353.

FOR SALE: 3.79 acres in Shasta County. Located in Hat Creek off Hwy. 89. Septic and well on property. Creek runs through it. Great fishing and getaway property. No electricity, but easily accessible. \$100,000 cash. Call Brian (707) 953-1230. Reg# 1774564.

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

FOR SALE: Red Wing boots, style 2406. New in box. Size 13D. Steel toe, electrical hazard boots. \$225. Email chelzz@gmail.com or call (408) 612-7039. Reg# 4089920.

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

FOR SALE: 2004 Hallmark Milner pop-up camper, rebuilt in 2016. Excellent condition. Features: 3-way fridge, stove, heater, 35-gal fresh water and water heater, new onepiece top, new all-weather soft sides, upholstery, oversize mattress, solar for dry camping, has shore power. Camper has 4 brand new HappiJacs. Camper is worth over \$50,000 new. Asking \$15,000 OBO. Call (831) 234-7472. Reg# 1692161.

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

FOR SALE: 76-acre property in Nevada County near Nevada border. Great for vacation, camping, fishing, hiking, swimming, boating, etc. Located one mile from the Truckee River. \$198,000 OBO. (530) 236-0210. Reg# 1261969.

FOR SALE: 1976 3-bed, 2-bath manufactured home, on foundation, 1,400 sq ft. Located in Carlin, Nev. Three lots. Renters will stay at \$1,200 per month. \$198,000 OBO. Small VA loan assumable. Call (530) 236-0210. Reg# 1261969.

FOR SALE: 1969 Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham. Well-kept in garage for 30 years. Great condition. Includes extra features for a unique look and feel. Must see to appreciate. \$38,000. Also for sale: brand new Hydrawise Wi-Fi irrigation control system. \$100. Call or text for pictures of any of these items (916) 203-5010. Reg# 2018313

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