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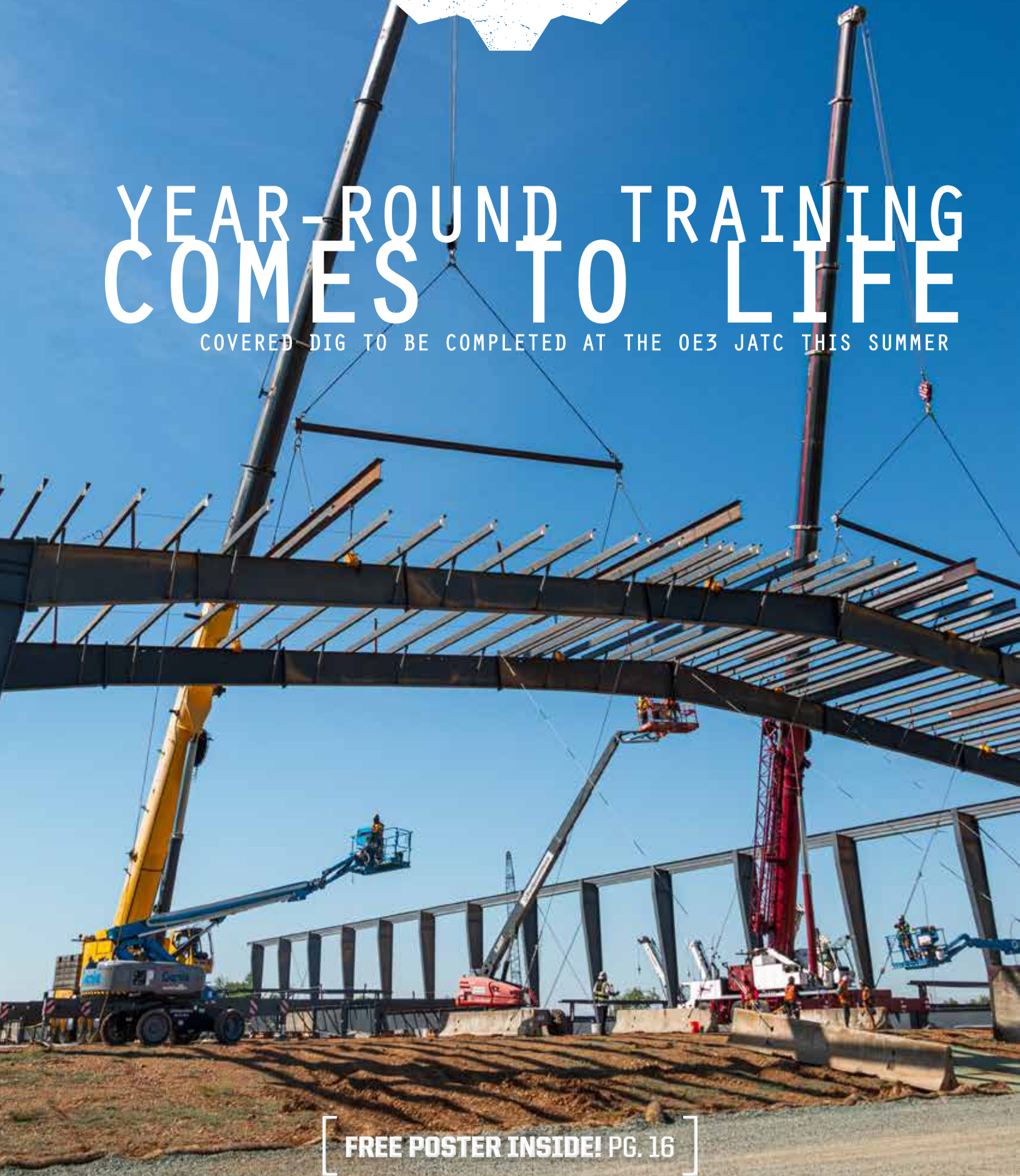
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**ON THE COVER**

After more than a decade of planning and permits and environmental obstacles, the giant covered dig at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC) is nearly complete. This means our apprentices and journey-level operators can train year-round in a giant covered facility they helped build. Check out the development of this historical project on pages 14-15.

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Operating Engineers with Unger Construction and Summit Crane erect a new, covered dig that will allow Local 3 journeymen and apprentices to get important training, year-round and regardless of the weather, at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC) in California. Learn more about this long-planned project [here](#).

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Congratulations to this year's first, second and third-place OE3 Scholarship winners.

Operating Engineers journeymen and apprentices with Unger Construction and Summit Crane erect the trusses of the covered dig at the OE3 JATC. ►





## District Meeting re-cap

At the time of this writing, we just wrapped up our latest round of District Meetings. One of my favorite parts of these is swearing-in new members to Local 3. New members receive their very first Local 3 membership pin and raise their right hands to verbally say the oath of membership. They agree to: “Abide by and conform to all provisions of the constitution, bylaws and the collective bargaining agreement under which I work,” and pledge to “support all brother and sister Operating Engineers and all other union members,” stating, “I will strive to do my best while on the job because I know that a highly skilled and productive membership means better wages, benefits and working conditions.”

We then have each new member introduce themselves and say which company they work for. We also share with them that they are now part of the largest construction trades local in the United States. To give you an idea of what that means, there’s about 405,000 Operating Engineers across the United States and Canada. Local 3’s membership is just under 41,000, which means we make up about 10 percent of the entire population of all Operating Engineers in the United States and Canada. Because of our size and strength, we have access to many great resources and benefits that a lot of other locals don’t have. So, for our new members, you are now a part of something special, and it will certainly change your life and the lives of your family. Congratulations!

Also at these round of meetings, we addressed the recent CA Master Agreement ratification, which was ratified by a nearly 100 percent vote. This agreement marks the largest increase in the history of Local 3, because we were able to add an extra dollar on second shift language and language regarding certain pieces of equipment. This agreement will also make sure the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) recognizes our equipment, and other crafts can’t claim it. In spite of the uncertainty of the market and talks of a possible recession, we were able to lock in this great agreement for the next three years, which is a testament to all of you. Our employers recognize the skill and strength of our operators and are willing to compensate us as such, and as they should!

The work picture is still thriving, with a lot of us working on the backlog of work from 2024. California’s work hours are up about 4 percent from this time last year, Hawaii is up about 2.9 percent, Nevada is up about 14 percent and Utah is up to nearly 6 percent more.

With the anti-union administration in the White House, we are starting to see some cracks in the work picture going forward, and we will do everything in our power to combat these issues. A lot of big projects that were on the books are getting defunded, such as High-Speed Rail (HSR) in the Central Valley (we have about 400 Operating Engineers working on that). We’re working with the governor in California to make sure state funding continues for that going forward. Another project we’re keeping an eye on is Offshore Wind in Humboldt County. This project, which has been put on hold,

is worth billions of dollars and will be game-changing for that area. Again, we are working with the companies and signatories there to keep this project moving forward.

Thanks to the new White House Administration, any projects valued at over \$35 million are now *not* being utilized under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). What does that mean? A PLA is negotiated by us or the Building Trades, ensuring that the work will follow our Master Agreement wages. One of the projects impacted by this new anti-union legislation is a new airport in Utah. Thanks to this presidential order, that project will now have to be re-bid, and our union contractors will be in the fight against low-paying non-union companies there, which ultimately lowers the wages for all.

As I mentioned, there are still plenty of projects on the books, and much of that is because of Senate Bill (SB) 1 in California, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, which we helped secure in 2017. The giant Sites Reservoir project in the Central Valley near Maxwell, Calif., is another huge project on the horizon for us, and as this moves forward, we will continue to share any updates here.

Many apprentices come to our district meetings, and so I want to address them specifically here, because their role and their success

are crucial to the strength of our union. The reason we are the largest local is because we have the best Apprenticeship Program in the country. When we go to our employers to negotiate great agreements (like the CA Master Agreement), we are able to get the compensation we want, because they know the quality Operating Engineer they’re getting. This means, when our apprentices journey-out, they’re making well over \$100 an hour, including fringes and benefits. The employers agree to this, not because they are

generous, but because you make them money!

You will be making them even more money, once you are able to train year-round, and I am so happy to report that the covered dig at the California Training Center that we’ve been talking about for almost a decade is up right now. At the time of this writing, it still needs to be painted, and they’re putting the roof on, but it will be ready very soon. Eventually, the whole training center will migrate out there, meaning you can eat breakfast and walk directly to your training site. This is huge news for us all. You can read more about this on pages 14-15 in this edition.

As you can see, we have so much to be proud of and so much to look forward to, despite roadblocks being dropped in our way. As I’ve mentioned, Operating Engineers Local 3 will never go backwards. You can be certain of that. Stick with your craft and improve it, and stick with us, as we always have your back. Stay safe, and see you soon!



New members are sworn-in at a recent District Meeting in Sacramento District 80.

*Dan Reding*

# OE3 benefits and resources are all because of our Retirees

At the time of this writing, we just held one of my favorite events, the Retiree Picnic, at the Dixon Fairgrounds. It's always great to see so much joy and gratitude from our Retirees. They also have a lot of fun together and are never shy when it comes to talking about "how it was." Please review the story and photos about this event on pages 12-13 in this edition. Remember, everything we have today within Local 3, all of the benefits and resources, is because of the foresight, planning and hard work of our Retirees. We must remember to thank and honor them every chance we get.

One of these special Retirees is Dennis Griffith, from Sparks, Nev. He was recently interviewed on our *Breaking Ground* podcast (available on Local 3's official YouTube page), and he had so many good things to say about his career and what it's meant to him, his wife , Rita, and his family.

Dennis worked as a crane operator on Sacramento's old Arco Arena, as well as the Circus Circus towers, the Nugget towers and almost all the high-rise casinos in Reno.

Dennis explains that he didn't understand about unions very much, when he joined, and so he advises new operators: "Go to the meetings

and try to get introduced to and know your business agents and your officers, because when you know them, you can talk to them, and if there's something you don't like, they're willing to listen to you and you can help change a thing, if you know a better way to do it," he said. "We're always looking for better ways."

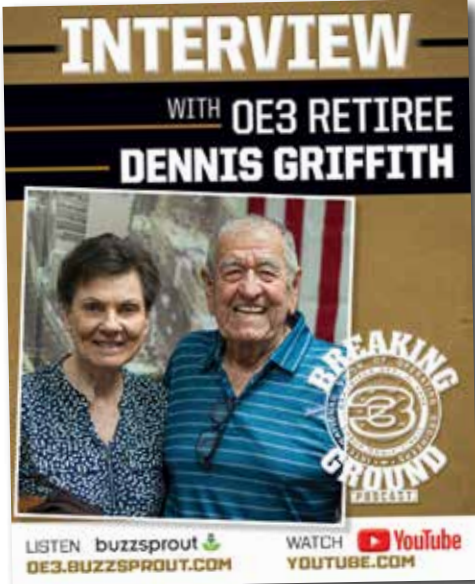
Dennis was also quick to point out how much the union's benefits have meant to him.

"They [the union] think ahead for us. They made life easy for me, and I didn't even know they were doing it. ... They were smarter than I was, and they got us a Pension and insurance, and that's what's made me and my wife live a good life, after we retired. I've been retired for over 25 years now, and I never thought of that when I was young."

For all of our Retirees, we truly thank you. We have what we have because of hard-working, dedicated members like Dennis, who continue to give back to the union, even in retirement.

"Local 3 has just done so much for me, I wanted to give back, so I go to the Retiree Meetings and sometimes the District Meetings."

Please have a safe Independence Day and stay safe and hydrated in the field!



## UNIT 12

# Pine Grove Maintenance Station is union proud

By Darrin Williams, business representative

The Unit 12 members working out of the Caltrans Maintenance Station off of Hwy. 88 in Pine Grove, Calif. have achieved 100 percent union participation! The crew (pictured below, from left to right) includes members William Vance, Peter Campa, Thomas

Kierce, Steven Noble, Andrew Rogers, Paul Brager, Joshua Conrad and Bob Paradis. Thank you to these union brothers for taking their commitment to their union seriously. In doing so, they've empowered themselves by standing united and refusing to be free riders.





# OE FEDERAL'S GLOW UP

## [ A SMARTER, BOLDER EXPERIENCE FOR ALL ]

Our credit union, OE Federal, is committed to supporting Local 3's financial needs and lifestyle. Now, that commitment shines even brighter with their **redesigned website—oefederal.org!**

With a faster, simpler, and more accessible design, managing accounts, checking rates, and exploring financial tools has never been easier.



### WHAT'S NEW AT OEFEDERAL.ORG?

- >> **Smoother Navigation** - Find what you need with fewer clicks.
- >> **Mobile-Friendly Design** - A site that works seamlessly on any device.
- >> **Detailed Branch Listings** - Easily locate OE Federal branches near you.
- >> **Financial Calculator Library** - Tools to help you plan smarter.
- >> **Featured Products & Rates** - Find the best offers fast.

### FLEXIBILITY MEETS SIMPLICITY - OE FEDERAL'S GLOW UP IS LIVE!

OE Federal understands that union members need flexibility, reliability, and efficiency when managing their finances. Their **GLOWED UP website** makes banking simpler, whether you're in the field, at home, or on the go.



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Retiree Picnic a Success!

Thanks to all who attended the Retiree Picnic in Dixon on Saturday, June 7. As usual, it was a huge success! For more on this great event, see pages 12-13.

As always, 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 with questions or to schedule an appointment.

Retiree Meetings

<b>Ukiah</b> Tues., Aug. 12 @ 10 a.m. Hampton Inn Ukiah 1160 Airport Park Blvd.	<b>Auburn</b> Tues., Aug. 12 @ 10 a.m. Canyon View Community Center – Foothills Room 471 Maidu Drive	<b>Clovis</b> Wed., Aug. 13 @ 2 p.m. OE3 Hall 1635 Shaw Avenue, Ste. 101	<b>Redding</b> Meeting and Potluck Thur., Aug. 14 @ 1:30 p.m. Frontier Senior Center 2081 Frontier Trail Anderson	<b>Foster City</b> Tues., Aug. 19 @ 2 p.m. Carpenters Local Union 217 1153 Chess Drive, Ste. 100	<b>Concord</b> Wed., Aug. 20 @ 2 p.m. OE3 Hall 3000 Clayton Road
<b>Rohnert Park</b> Tues., Aug. 12 @ 2 p.m. Youth Ag & Leadership Foundation 6445 Commerce Blvd.	<b>Sacramento</b> Tues., Aug. 12 @ 2 p.m. OE3 Hall 3920 Lennane Drive	<b>Yuba City</b> Wed., Aug. 13 @ 2 p.m. Sutter County Office of Education - Boyd Hall 1895 Lassen Blvd.	<b>Freedom</b> Thur., Aug. 14 @ 10 a.m. VFW Post 1716 1960 Freedom Blvd.	<b>Sandy</b> Tues., Aug. 19 @ 2 p.m. OE3 Hall 8805 South Sandy Parkway	<b>Hilo</b> Thur., Sept. 11 @ Noon ILWU Hall 100 W. Lanikaula St.
<b>Modesto</b> Tues., Aug. 12 @ 10 a.m. Tuolumne River Lodge 2429 River Road	<b>Eureka</b> Wed., Aug. 13 @ 2 p.m. OE3 Hall 1330 Bayshore Way	<b>Reno</b> Thur., Aug. 14 @ 2 p.m. OE3 Hall 1290 Corporate Blvd.	<b>Morgan Hill</b> Thur., Aug. 14 @ 2 p.m. OE3 Hall 325 Digital Drive	<b>Suisun City</b> Wed., Aug. 20 @ 2 p.m. Veterans Memorial Building 427 Main St.	<b>Maui</b> Maui EOE and Retirees Meeting (Combined) Sat., Sept. 13 @ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Waiohuli Community Center 881 Lauie Drive (bottom of Lauie Drive, Kula) Kula, HI
<b>Stockton</b> Tues., Aug. 12 @ 2 p.m. Italian Athletic Club 3541 Cherryland Ave.					

By Bob Miller, fund representative/client services

Accessing your Annuity

The Annuity is a supplemental retirement plan. Benefits from this plan are paid in addition to the monthly Pension benefit you may be entitled to from the Pension Trust Funds.

You will build an Annuity, if you work under a contract that includes an hourly Annuity contribution. (Not all contracts have this provision.) If you do have an Annuity, you will receive quarterly account statements from TransAmerica.

Some general guidelines

LOANS

You may be eligible for a loan against your Annuity, but you must be working. The maximum loan amount is 50 percent of your account balance. Regular payback is five years. Loans are allowed for the following (you must submit proof):

- Unreimbursed medical expenses of at least \$1,000
- Payment of tuition and/or room and board to maintain a dependent child upon high school
- Purchase of a principal residence
- Disability
- Eminent foreclosure, eviction or tax lien
- Funeral expenses for the death of a spouse, child or parent

PAYOUT

You may receive an Annuity payout under the following conditions (proof required):

- At retirement
- Upon receipt of a Social Security Disability Award
- Six months of continuous entitlement to California/Nevada unemployment, disability or workers' comp benefits
- Six months of continuous entitlement to a combination of California/Utah unemployment disability benefits
- At age 62, if you have made no benefit contributions for three months
- If you have worked less than 300 hours in covered unemployment in the full Plan calendar years
- At death

These are just general guidelines. For further information and/or clarification on your individual situation, you can call my office at (707) 290-1834. We can also provide applications. Your Annuity is a wonderful supplement to your monthly Pension and a direct benefit to you.



## Budgeting for Us

By Lawrence Su, business representative

Counties across the state are facing extraordinary fiscal uncertainties as a result of significant and sweeping actions by the new federal administration. County Employees Management Association (CEMA) and OE3 commends the County of Santa Clara for being able to face these daunting challenges by implementing creative and strategic approaches to produce a balanced and fiscally responsible budget that prioritizes critical safety-net services and strategic investments. These include the expansion of behavioral health services, preservation of public health and supportive housing programs and the delivery of critical care through the County's public hospital system. With the acquisition of Regional Medical Center, this public hospital system is now the largest in Northern California.

Led by County Executive James R. Williams, the County took proactive measures to prepare for and communicate that almost 30 percent of the County's federally funded budget is at risk. Moreover, the governor's state budget revision posed even more funding reductions for the County, so it was even more important to avoid a "wait-and-see" approach over the course of the next fiscal year. Instead, the County is charting a proactive, balanced path forward *now*. What is especially laudable

about the County's planning is that jobs across the County are being strategically preserved and reorganized, so County employees, including those represented by CEMA/OE3, maintain gainful employment.



 **Santa Clara County Executive**  
James R. Williams has taken a proactive approach to counteract budget issues.

The County remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering essential services and promoting a healthy, safe and prosperous community for all, by providing: local behavioral health systems, 911 communications, social services, safety net programs, child and adult protective services, supportive housing, emergency medical services, an award-winning public healthcare system, a library system, criminal justice, diversion and re-entry services, vital records and property records management, elections, transportation and land-use planning, fire protection; and a park system that families enjoy. (This is just a portion of what the County does to serve all residents.)

The preservation of these critical jobs and services is no easy feat. CEMA/OE3 values its partnership with Williams and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for being able to navigate these headwinds *together*, as we always have, with resolve, collaboration and thoughtful

consideration for the interests and well-being of the people we serve and the people who serve Santa Clara County every day.

## Chaos in Gold Country

By Mike De Anda, business representative

I'm currently in successor contract negotiations for Tuolumne County and American Legion Ambulance. In Tuolumne County, multiple years of fiscal mismanagement by County leadership has led to layoffs and million-dollar-deficit projections. Several months ago, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Tuolumne County abruptly resigned. Since then, multiple Grand Jury investigation reports have been published, painting a picture of the County's mismanagement.

Successor Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) negotiations have been impacted. In the beginning of the negotiations process (about a year ago), the County only offered days off. Officials did not offer any wage increases or monthly contribution increases toward health care. (These healthcare contributions have not increased in several years.) Strangely enough, multiple promotions and raises have been approved for department heads and upper management. Recently, the County proposed a one-year contract with a modest increase of \$100 per month for health care and a one-time payment

of \$500 toward wages. This current offer falls very short of what is fair and reflective of the dedication and skill of our members. The negotiation teams and I will continue to fight, until we get a contract that reflects what the membership deserves. This is what they asked of us, so this is what we will do.

In Jackson, where the American Legion Ambulance (ALA) main office is located, the President/CEO was recently fired, and at this time, the reason is not clear. He took over about five years ago due to the previous President/CEO being accused of stealing money. (He was also fired, and the case still has some pending items.) The State Attorney General office is investigating ALA for fiscal misconduct and abuse of nonprofit status.

With the current firing of the President/CEO, Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) negotiations have been paused to allow the new one to "catch up." A lot of unknown factors are at play, so stay tuned.



## Monterey County Member Spotlight

By Jonathan Brown, business representative

We are thrilled to announce that Anna Lisa Leal has been honored by her peers in Monterey County as the Unionist of the Year during the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council's annual awards dinner, representing the Public Employees Affiliate, County Employees Management Association (CEMA).

Four years ago, Anna Lisa played a pivotal role in advocating for the unionization of managers in Monterey County. Since then, she has been on two bargaining teams, and our achievements would not have been possible without her leadership and advocacy. She has generously volunteered her time on the Monterey County Advisory Committee, the Political Action Committee (PAC) and the Committee on Political Education, while also acting as a delegate for CEMA/OE3 at the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council. Additionally, Anna Lisa is my primary contact for any matters concerning



OE3 member Anna Lisa Leal was recently honored as the Monterey County Unionist of the Year during the Monterey Bay Central Labor Council's annual awards dinner.

Natividad Medical Center, Monterey County's safety net hospital, where she has worked for the last 20 years. I couldn't be more pleased that she received this recognition, and she was kind enough to provide us with a short statement of her time with CEMA/OE3 and as an employee of Monterey County.

"I am excited to be part of the CEMA/OE3 family," she said. "I have had the pleasure of working for Natividad for the past 20 years. While at Natividad, I have had experience working and overseeing several departments. My experience includes the Emergency Department, House Administrative Nurse (HAN), Float Pool and Forensic Nursing. My primary department is the Mental Health Unit. I am a dedicated professional, and I'm happy to represent my colleagues, my community, and accept this award on behalf of them and CEMA/OE3."

## Balancing inflation, budgets and service in Northern Nevada

By Ralph Handel, business representative

Negotiations have become a central issue for local governments in Northern Nevada, with rising housing costs, staffing shortages and budget constraints shaping the conversation. The outcome of these negotiations directly affects the livelihoods of thousands of public employees and their ability to serve their communities effectively.

Over the past few years, inflation has eroded purchasing power with a rapid increase in rents and home prices outpacing most Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) in public contracts. The result is a growing sense of frustration among the public workforce.

Public employee unions representing workers in Washoe County, Carson City and Elko have increasingly cited this economic squeeze in contract negotiations.

Local governments are facing rising costs on all fronts, as well: Fuel, materials, health insurance premiums and service contracts are among the expenses. These factors, coupled with reduced federal pandemic funding and an inability to create new, local revenue streams, have created budget shortfalls resulting in hiring freezes and layoffs for some municipalities like the City of Sparks, Reno and Fallon. Therefore, bargaining teams are under pressure to deliver fair wage increases, while avoiding layoffs or cuts to essential services.

In Washoe County, bargaining teams have pushed for multi-year contracts with built-in COLAs that match inflation, provide improved healthcare cost-sharing and contain longevity incentives to retain experienced workers. However, County leaders have countered that long-term revenue projections remain uncertain, making them reluctant to make commitments without stable funding sources.

In more rural Northern Nevada counties, such as Humboldt, White Pine and Pershing, the stakes are even higher. With limited tax bases and fewer economic development opportunities, these counties face the dual challenge of offering competitive compensation, while simply keeping the lights on.

Recruitment and retention are also major issues in these areas. In representing sheriff's deputies, 911 dispatchers and public works staff, Local 3 has made the case that without significant raises and benefit enhancements, essential positions cannot be filled.

Multi-year financial forecasting, joint labor-management committees and compensation studies have all become tools in the bargaining process.

The path forward will require us to communicate the need for public workers play a vital role in the health and stability of Northern Nevada. Through negotiations and strong leadership, we hope to build a stronger future for our workforce and the communities they serve.

## Multiple crane training classes available

While we often mention all of the learning and skill-building that our apprentices are receiving at the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC), we must also mention all that is offered for our journey-level Operating Engineers regarding Supplemental-Related Training (SRT). One area of SRT that is perhaps under-utilized is our SRT classes for crane operators.

We provide Crane I, Crane II and Crane III SRT for journey-level operators who need extra seat-time hours, as well as National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators (NCCCO) Refreshers, etc. These classes are currently available for all journey-level crane operators, who may need some extra certifications or training hours to become more marketable. For example, last month, Crane Operator Andrew Anderson got some more needed seat time and worked on doing zig-zag formations in a crawler crane, while another crane operator did the same in the tower crane.

Please visit [oe3.org](http://oe3.org) and click on “Members” and then “Training” on the drop-down to see what classes are available. Currently, we have a journeyman crane-training happening this month from July 7-18, an NCCCO Refresher happening on July 12 and Aug. 2, a crane SRT class from July 21-Aug. 1, and much more. Journey-level crane operators may sign up for any class that’s available. Call (916) 453-2029 to do so. Don’t let the summer pass you by, without taking advantage of these great training opportunities that are offered at no cost to you.

There is something for every Operating Engineer at the OE3 JATC. Call today and find out what’s available to you!



SRT CRANE CLASSES OFFER SEAT TIME IN TOWER AND HYDRAULIC CRANES.



Crane operator Andrew Anderson practices zig-zag formatting at the OE3 JATC.





## Safety is in the eye of the beholder

Did you know that a third of all occupational eye injuries require trips to the emergency room? According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), each year, more than 2,000 workers suffer eye injuries in the workplace that require medical treatment.

It seems like common sense to wear protective eyewear on the job, but understanding the high rate of eye injuries on construction jobsites may solidify the importance of this “over-looked” part of your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Construction workers are at a heightened risk for eye injuries due to the nature of their job duties and work environments. Depending on the severity, eye injuries can result in total, partial or permanent vision loss. Accidents on the job that result in damage to the eye are often caused by impacts, penetrations or chemical and thermal burns, with scrapes or strikes being the most common (objects or debris coming in contact with the eye). Particles can be projected by tools, picked up by the wind or may fall on the worker from above. Impact and penetration injuries, caused by staples, nails, wood chips and metal slivers piercing the eye, are serious and often require emergency medical intervention.

On jobsites, workers may be exposed to chemicals or cleaning products that drip, squirt or splash into the eyes, causing burns. Welders face the risk of burns from welding that emits UV rays, bright flashes and sparks that can harm the skin and eyes.

It is essential to wear proper protective eyewear and safety gear while performing work tasks. Protective eyewear should cover your eyes without leaving gaps between the seal and skin. The eyewear should be construction-grade material and able to withstand a blow or puncture. In addition, welders will need welding lenses and goggles specifically designed to safeguard them against sparks, heat, radiation and debris.

If you do suffer an eye injury while working, it's important not to rub, touch or put pressure on the eye, as this could further damage its surface. If the debris is small, like sand or dust, and hasn't caused severe damage to the eye, consider flushing the eye with sterile water or eye wash solution. If the debris cannot be removed by flushing out the eye, place a patch or bandage on the eye, until you can visit a doctor.

Some eye-related injuries are medical emergencies, such as when an object has penetrated or cut the eye. Never remove the object yourself. If your eye is exposed to chemical solutions, use sterile water or an eye-wash solution. Don't hesitate to call 911.

Make sure you know where your emergency kit is located at your jobsite, so if you do get an eye injury, you know where to find bandages or eye-wash solution. Remember, there is a reason we must wear PPEs, and protective eyewear is one of the most important items!

*Source: EHS Today*



**WHETHER YOU'RE WELDING,  
OPERATING EQUIPMENT OR  
WRENCHING IN THE SHOP,  
PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR IS AN IMPORTANT  
PART OF YOUR PPE!**





# RETIREE PICNIC

## ALL ABOUT FAMILY & TRADITION

Local 3's time-honored tradition of holding a Retiree Picnic every summer, occurred at the Dixon Fairgrounds in early June. Guests mingled, played Bingo, participated in a raffle drawing, ate a delicious catered barbecue and celebrated the union's 50-year winners, as well as several other pin recipients, including 70-year honoree John Wood. A new element to this event, which started several years ago, is to bring in the Operating Engineers Local 3 scholarship winners, and this year, every winner attended. It's a nice way to bring the young and the seasoned together and to remember what Local 3 is all about: Family and tradition.

"We would have no union without all of you," said Business Manager Dan Reding, addressing the Retirees in attendance. "We owe everything to our Retirees."

In announcing the scholarship winners, Rec. Corres. Secretary Dave Harrison explained how the Scholarship Fund has grown, thanks to individual contributions, investments and proceeds from the Tom Stapleton Golf Tournament, an annual charity fundraiser put on by the

Operating Engineers Local 3 Scholarship Foundation. For comparison, he mentioned that in 2003, the Local 3 Scholarship Fund had a total of \$280,000, while in 2015, the fund soared to \$1.2 million. In 2024, the fund reached \$4.5 million, which is why first-place male and female winners each receive \$15,000 total, second-place winners each receive \$12,500 and third-place winners each receive \$10,000. Merit Scholarships, valued at \$2,500 each, are also awarded to 25 winners.

Local 3 has this special way of honoring one another, whether you're a 70-year member or a scholarship winner, who just turned 18. The union also has a way of bringing families and friends together for events like the Retiree Picnic, because Local 3 members have lots of reasons to celebrate. Join us next summer for the Retiree Picnic and learn more about our scholarship winners on the back page. More photos and videos from this event are available on Local 3's social media platforms, as well, so check it out, and see you next year! \*





## 50-YEAR HONOREE

Manuel Sequeira

## PIN RECIPIENTS

### 70 YEARS

John Wood

### 65 YEARS

Tony Minardi

### 60 YEARS

Gary Reese  
Frank Wheeler

### 55 YEARS

Larry Stefanick  
Roger Hilton

### 45 YEARS

Casey Bargas  
Sam Horner

### 40 YEARS

Roger Chavarin

### 35 YEARS

Homer Willis  
Kenny Mendoza

### 25 YEARS

Robert Trent  
Felicia Garlanger

## SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

### FIRST PLACE

Karen Heredia  
Nolan Bertolucci

### SECOND PLACE

Samantha Powell  
Ryder Morgan

### THIRD PLACE

Sophia Lopez-Aguilar  
Chris von Barloewen





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AN AERIAL VIEW OF THE COVERED DIG SHOWS ITS SIZE AND SCOPE.

# YEAR COM

COVERED

"IT'S EXCITING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION TO COME."

- VICE PRESIDENT JUSTIN DISTON

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THE FRAMEWORK GOES UP.

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OPERATING ENGINEERS JOURNEYMEN AND APPRENTICES WITH UNGER CONSTRUCTION, AND SUMMIT CRANE ERECT THE TRUSSES.

180-FEET-WIDE X 400-FEET-LONG

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EVENTUALLY, THE COVERED DIG WILL BE PAINTED GOLD AND FULLY OPERATIONAL THIS SUMMER.



# -ROUND TO TRAINING ES TO LIFE

DIG TO BE COMPLETED AT THE OE3 JATC THIS SUMMER



IN 2013, LOCAL 3 BROKE GROUND ON THE NEW TRAINING CENTER PROPERTY AND PLANS WERE DRAWN.



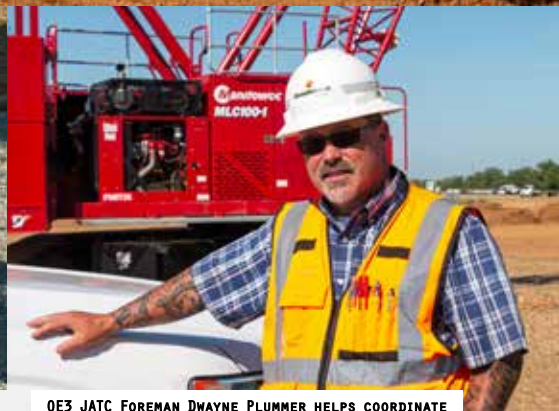
CRANE APPRENTICES TIM WALES AND JOHN MENEZES.



DIRECTOR OF APPRENTICESHIP GREG GASAWAY AND BUSINESS MANAGER DAN REDING TOUR THE PROJECT.



APPRENTICES AND INSTRUCTORS BEGIN WORKING ON THE WATER LINES FOR THE NEW TRAINING FACILITY.



OE3 JATC FOREMAN DWAYNE PLUMMER HELPS COORDINATE THE WORK THE APPRENTICES ARE DOING.

At the end of 2013, the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC) acquired what was called the Pilliken Training Property. (This is used as the main training site today.) This 1,500-acre property is located off of Dillard Road in Sacramento County, and since breaking ground on the property more than 10 years ago, the goal has always been to build a covered dig, so that equipment can be housed and used year-round. At the time of this writing, trusses are going up for the covered dig, and the structure is expected to be fully operational by next month.

"We've been talking about this for so many years," said Business Manager Dan Reding. "It's great to be here and to get to see it actually happening!"

The covered dig will stand at an impressive 180-feet-wide by 400-feet-long, large enough to train in and house equipment during inclement weather. While the project is definitely a visual element at the training center, it serves a greater purpose, since apprentices and journey-level Operating Engineers are onsite, performing the work or learning how the work is performed right in front of them, in a real-life situation.

Contractors performing the work include main contractor Unger Construction along with and Summit Crane and Malcolm, which provided drilling for the piers. While *Engineers News* visited the site, we met-up with a few crane operator apprentices who have also been part of the experience. One was third-step Crane Apprentice Tim Wales, who is working for Summit as the oiler on the covered dig project.

"We're building this pole barn, so dirt hands can come out here and be able to work in the wintertime or when it's raining," he said. "It's been quite the process getting to this. When I got into the union about two years ago, this was only a thought, and then now we're finally seeing it come to fruition, and I'm lucky enough to have my company building this and being a part of it. I'm very fortunate for it."

President Justin Diston, who also witnessed the covered dig being built, had this to say about it: "This will help our apprentices train during the rain and throughout the winter months in the future. This is something that will be absolutely beneficial to individuals, as they will not have to take time off during the summer and can train year-round. This is operators building the future for operators. I can't wait to have our first class out here underneath this new structure."

What's even more exciting is that this covered dig is just one of many new developments happening at the OE3 JATC right now. Eventually, the entire training center, including the dining hall, registration and classrooms, will be located at the same property as the covered dig, so apprentices can eat breakfast and literally walk to their training site right after. The only portion of the old training facility that will remain off of Meiss Road will be the dorms, and those are scheduled for upgrades, as well.

What else does all of this activity mean for the OE3 JATC program? More learning opportunities for the apprentices, as they will help, along with the instructors, and in doing so, they will learn real-life skills in a practical environment, such as how to dig waterlines, grade foundations, etc. \*





OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL NO. 3

**ENGINEERS**

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District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
BURLINGAME	01	828 Mahler Road, Suite B, Burlingame, CA 94010	650.652.7969	Charles Lavery

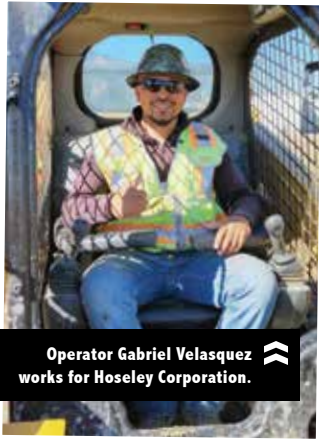
Crews busy with underground utilities projects

Underground utilities work is keeping our members busy throughout San Francisco and San Mateo County. In San Francisco's Mission District, **JMB Construction** has Excavator Operator **Arturo Valdovinos** and Apprentice **Christopher Galleguillos** replacing a waterline for the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). In San Mateo, **Interstate Grading and Paving** has Foreman **Denene R. Galassi**, operators **Michael Sharpe Jr.** and **Richard J. Fischer** and Gradesetter **Steven Marsili** installing 700 feet of waterline for a project at Fiesta Gardens International School. The project will also include the construction of a new gym, an athletic field, administration and classroom buildings and a parking lot.

Construction continues on the new, \$165 million Treasure Island Water Resource Recovery Facility. The facility is scheduled for completion in 2026 and will handle 3.5-million gallons per day. This project is part of the SFPUC's 10-year capital program to enhance resilience and increase housing options for Bay Area residents. **Hoseley Corporation** has Foreman **Karel Vasquez** and operators **Gabriel Velasquez**, **Joe Gutierrez**, **Francisco Figueroa** and **John Hendrick** working on domestic water and sewer lines.

At 100 McAllister St. in San Francisco, our members with **Plant Construction** are renovating and seismically retrofitting a 28-story building, as part of a \$300 million project to provide housing for University of California College of Law (UC Law) students. **Bigge Crane and Rigging** is onsite with lift operators **Melvin Thompson** and **Felipe Rodriguez** and Tower Crane Operator **Chad Hendricks**.

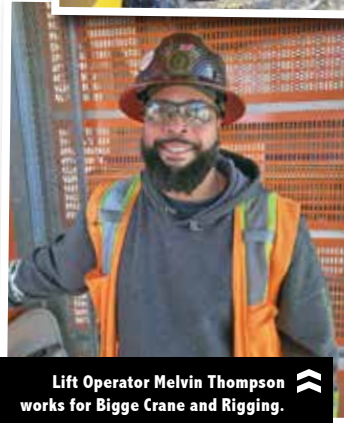
In Burlingame, **Hathaway Dinwiddie** has our members working on a project for a new life-science building. **Teichert** has operators **Chad C. Bishop**, **Efrain Zaragoza**, **Matthew R. Whitson**, **John C. Garcia**, **Jessica Rivera Duran** and **David J. Fagundes** paving in front of the building on Old Bayshore Road. Stay safe!



Operator Gabriel Velasquez works for Hoseley Corporation.



Operator Joe Gutierrez works for Hoseley Corporation.



Lift Operator Melvin Thompson works for Bigge Crane and Rigging.



Operator Richard J. Fischer works for Interstate Grading and Paving.

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
FAIRFIELD	04	2540 N. Watney Way, Fairfield, CA 94533	707.429.5008	Jeff Hunerlach

Members improve school's track and field

Our members with **Mountain Cascade, Inc.** and **Goodfellow Bros.** continue to work on Leisure Town Road. **Mountain Cascade, Inc.** also started a new parking lot at the Fairfield-Vacaville Amtrak Station off Vanden Road in Fairfield. **Sukut Construction** is constructing a new cell that is expected to keep our members busy until August. Members with **Anrak Grinding** are working on Hwy. 80 on- and off-ramps through Fairfield and Vacaville at night and as part of **O. C. Jones and Sons, Inc.**'s Hwy. 80 widening project.

In Napa County, **Ghilotti Construction** is working on \$2 million worth of track and field improvements at Calistoga Junior/Senior High School (CJSHS). The project includes the demolition of existing structures, grading the field, paving a new track and the installation of storm drains with rock drains and sewer utilities with cleanouts. This work is expected to be completed within a year.



Gradesetter Kate Cassidy works for Ghilotti Construction.



From left: Members Luis Contreras, Milton Trujillo, Joshua J. Giammona, Joe Gutierrez, Kate Cassidy and Robert Spain work for Ghilotti Construction.



Operator Lance Nelson works for Anrak Grinding.



District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
ROHNERT PARK	10	6225 State Farm Dr., Ste. 100, Rohnert Park, CA 94928	707.585.2487	Mike Pickens

Title

## Crews work on slides and bridges

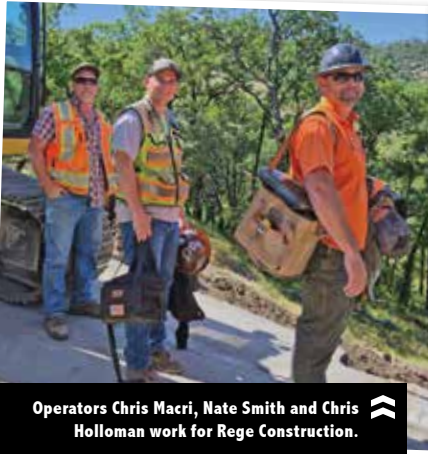
Report

Our members with **Gordon N. Ball, Inc.** are wrapping up the new bridge replacement project on Old Geysers Road east of Cloverdale. The bridge work is complete, and the crew is now relocating spoils from the project. The \$9 million project is 100 percent federally reimbursable through the federal Highway Bridge Program (HBP). As a result of the environmental review process, the existing bridge will remain in place but will be closed to traffic. Members who have been performing this work include foremen **Miguel Tapia** and **Royelio Alvarez**, operators **Luis Araís**, **Tony Martindale**, **Mason Storm**, **Bond Lapua**, **Greg Geris**, **Tony Martindale**, **Adam Klarr** and Apprentice **Chance Giuliani**. The County inspector was very pleased with the workmanship of these members and the other crafts.

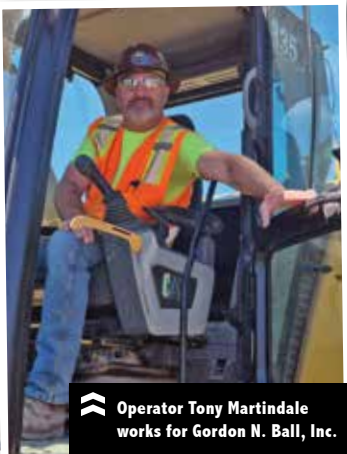
On Hwy. 253 between Ukiah and Boonville, **Rege Construction** has Foreman **Chris Webb**, operators **Chris Macri**, **Chris Holloman**, **Nate Smith** and **Ronald Moore** and Apprentice **Jacob Sullivan** working on an emergency slide project. There is heavy traffic along this stretch of the highway, but with the road sliding, Caltrans decided to close one lane, ensuring the safety of travelers.

**Precision Crane** continues to capture work from the Bay Area up to Humboldt County, providing crane hands and mechanics, like Heavy Duty Repairers (HDRs) **Bernabe Chavez** and **Terry Ott** and Apprentice **Hunter Ivaldi**, with steady work providing preventative maintenance in the field and repairs in the shop.

Crews recently broke ground on two new county courthouse projects, one in Lakeport and the other in Ukiah. The projects were awarded to non-signatory contractors, but both are subcontracting to signatory contractors **Ghilotti Construction** and **Granite Construction** for the performance of all surface, underground and paving work.



Operators Chris Macri, Nate Smith and Chris Holloman work for Rege Construction.



Operator Tony Martindale works for Gordon N. Ball, Inc.



Apprentice Jacob Sullivan works for Rege Construction.



From left: HDR Barnebe Chavez, Apprentice Hunter Ivaldi and HDR Terry Ott work for Precision Crane.

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
NEVADA	11	1290 Corporate Blvd., Reno, NV 89502	775.857.4440	Dylan Gallagher

Title

## Region continues to benefit from infrastructure development projects

Report

From Reno

Northern Nevada is experiencing a significant surge in infrastructure development, particularly along the USA Parkway corridor, which is a vital transportation route connecting the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRIC) to I-80. This development is currently putting our members with **Q & D Construction**, **Sierra Nevada Construction (SNC)** and **Reno-Tahoe Construction (RTC)** to work on mass grading projects that will improve roadways and prepare land for industrial expansion.

Near Winnemucca, our members are constructing the Thacker Pass lithium mining facility, which is a pivotal project in the U.S. achieving energy independence. As the Engineering, Procurement and Construction Management (EPCM) contractor, **Bechtel** is overseeing the development of a 642-acre plant complex, which includes 600,000 square feet of processing plant buildings, administrative structures, roads, utilities and associated infrastructure. Once completed, the Thacker Pass lithium mining facility is expected to produce more than eight times the U.S.'s current output of lithium carbonate for electric vehicle batteries, underscoring the region's commitment to sustainable development and economic growth.

From Elko


**Acha Construction** is putting our members to work on the \$8.5 million Owyhee School project. **Q&D Construction** is keeping members busy on the Spring Creek roundabout project and the Elko Regional Airport project. Members with **Granite Construction** will be completing the last phase of the Southfork paving project. Work is going strong in the region for our members with **N. A. Degerstrom, Inc.** and **Ames Construction**. In Ely, our members with **Road and Highway Builders** are working on a \$53.6 million project.

At the time of writing this, Gold is \$ 3,223 per troy ounce. Visit the bulletin boards at Nevada Gold Mines (NGM) for information about upcoming meetings to discuss your wants and needs for the new contract. Remember, you must be a member to attend these meetings and to vote on the contract, so keep your membership current. Come by the Hall, and we can take care of you. If you know anyone who wants to join OE3, have him or her come by the Hall, too. Have a great Independence Day!

Important reminders about the

## OUT-OF-WORK LIST

- ▶ If you find yourself out of work, remember to call your District Office and put yourself on the Out-of-Work List for all the districts you are willing to work in.
- ▶ Be sure to confirm the pieces of equipment you can be dispatched for and remove any classifications that you no longer wish to be dispatched for.
- ▶ For those with A- and B-List status, your registration on the Out-of-Work List will be good for 84 days, before you have to re-list yourself.
- ▶ For operators with C-Status, your registration needs to be confirmed on the first of every month.
  - ▶ It's important to make this a priority, so you don't miss a job or get dispatched to a job you can't or don't want to do because of classifications or location.





District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
UTAH	12	8805 South Sandy Parkway, Sandy, UT 84070	801.596.2677	Brandon Dew

Members take on environmentally sensitive project near Four Corners

Report



From left: Apprentice Jacob Wachs and Operator Brandon Atkinson work for W. W. Clyde.

**W. W. Clyde** Operator **Brandon Atkinson** and Apprentice **Jacob Wachs** are working on a \$10 million bridge replacement project on Hwy. 162 in the Four Corners area near Aneth. This project involves the replacement of a bridge built in 1962 over McElmo Creek with a new bridge that will be 42-feet, 10-inches wide with seven-foot-tall girders and five-foot, Void-Filled Riprap (VFR) at the base. Once the new bridge is in

place, and the road is blended back in, the old bridge will be demolished. Halfway through the demolition, McElmo Creek will have to be diverted to prevent any hazardous materials entering the water. The work must also be completed by October to prevent negative impacts on migratory birds and fish.

Journeyman Spotlight

**Dan Pendleton** (aka. “Dozer Dan”) has worked at **Geneva Rock Products’** Point of the Mountain Quarry for 20 years, where he spends most of his days pushing aggregate and building access roads with a CAT D11 dozer at the top of the quarry in Sage Canyon.

“I have an amazing view up here,” he said. “I’m lucky to work in such beautiful areas with the outdoors as my office.”

**Dan** is originally from Wyoming, where he started his career operating a loader for Saratoga Sawmill in 1988 before gaining further equipment experience on the Jackson Hole Airport Terminal expansion project. He then moved to Elko, Nev., where he operated a loader at Barrick’s Goldstrike Mine, before accepting another job at a mine in Gillette, Wyoming in 2001. While returning to Wyoming, he stopped in Salt Lake City and visited “The Westerner Club,” a popular cowboy bar, where he met **Kristie**, the woman who would become his wife. This meeting changed his plans, and he decided to move to Utah to start a new life with her.

Dan went to work for a non-union sand and gravel company but set his sights on securing a long-term job with **Geneva Rock Products**, which hired him as a dozer operator in 2006.

“I soon realized that working a union job with good pay and benefits allowed me to live the life I love – raising my son, being outdoors and keeping horses,” he said. “I’ve worked non-union jobs with low pay and bad benefits. I know what I have now, and it means a lot to me. People shouldn’t take it for granted.”

When he’s not working, **Dan** enjoys camping in the backcountry, horseback riding and occasionally packing into the Uinta Mountains for a week at a time. He continues to be a strong union supporter and wants everyone to understand the importance of being union and the benefits it provides.

“People shouldn’t take it for granted,” he said. “I’m thankful for the benefits, opportunities and retirement I have, thanks to Local 3. I’ve got it good here!”



Operator **Dan Pendleton** works for **Geneva Rock Products**.

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
HAWAII	17	2181 Lauwiliwili St., Kapolei, HI 96707	808.845.7871	Ana Tuiasosopo

Crews prepare landfill for debris from Lahaina Fire

Report

On Maui, **Maui Kupono Builders** (doing business as **Manu Builders, LLC**) has our members working on Phase VII, part one, of the Central Maui Landfill project on Pulehu Road. This \$13.9 million project consists of approximately 19.5 acres of grading with approximately 229,000 cubic yards of excavation, and the placement and compaction of structural fill, all to prepare a permanent dump site for debris from the Lahaina Fire. Work started in March and is expected to wrap up this month.

Members **Ricardo Franco-Rodriguez**, **Dean Williamson**, **Scott Williamson**, **Paul Perry**, **Arnold Alexander**, **Joshua Gusman**, **Koree Hoopii**, **Wayne Peelua**, **Dean Hashimoto**, **Rabanes**, **Randy Ginoza**, **Elward “Killa” Alexander**, **Nathan Tancayo**, **Chad Loui**, **Christian Santos** and **James “Kawika” Akahi** work for **Manu Builders, LLC**.



Members **Harold Park**, **Steven Chang**, **Keoni Akahi**, **Kawika Akahi Jr.** and **James “Kawika” Akahi Sr.** work for **Manu Builders, LLC**.





District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
CONCORD	20	3000 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94519	510.748.7446	Richard Krimm

Title

## Paving projects improve local transportation system

Report

Our members with **Consolidated Engineering, Inc.** are working on city streets at various locations in Pittsburg, as part of a \$3.2 million pavement rehabilitation project for high traffic roadways. The purpose of this project is to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system, and requires base repairs, grinding, paving and concrete work provided by our members with subcontractors **Pavement Recycling Systems** and **Platinum General Engineering**.

In the Albany/El Cerrito/Richmond corridor along I-80, our members with **Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc.** are paving a new High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/express lane. In San Leandro, our members with **Apena Engineering** are working alongside members with **Berkeley Cement, Inc.** to revitalize parking lots, curbs, gutters, sidewalks and pedestrian walkways throughout the Alameda County Medical Center Fairmont Campus. In Richmond, members with **Pacific States Grading** are working on the Boorman Park Revitalization project, which is being done under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). The crew is performing sub-excavation of contaminated material and off-hauling it. Once this is done, they will grade and rebuild Boorman Park. Members with **Aftershock Geotechnical** are onsite and doing the testing and inspection.

A friendly reminder: if you are not working and are on the Out-of-Work List, please remember that your registration has an expiration date, so put it on your calendar and set a reminder on your phone to renew it. It is every member's responsibility to update their registration on the Out-of-Work List and keep their contact information current with the Hall. It is also every member's responsibility to stay current on their dues, whether they are working or not. If you can't remember when you last paid your dues, call the District Office and ask, so you do not go delinquent, get suspended or lose out on a job opportunity. As more and more work picks up, please keep yourself hydrated and stay safe. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please call the Hall.



Scrapper Operator Natalie Barrera works for Independent Construction.

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
STOCKTON	30	1916 North Broadway, Stockton, CA 95205	209.943.2332	Dean Fadeff

Title

## Members develop 454-acre site in Modesto

Report

On the northeast side of Modesto, **DeSilva Gates Construction**, **Mozingo Construction** and **Moreno Trenching** have members **Alonzo Ornelas Hernandez**, **Saul Martinez Rodriguez**, **Justin Soares**, **Johnny Alcaraz**, **Abel Tejeda**, **Apolonio Ruan**, **Freddy Alarcon**, **Troy Andersen**, **Morgan Hastings**, **Brian Walter**, **Kyle Lester**, **Tyler Freeman**, **Adrian Lopez**, **Fernando Barragan** and **Angel Acevedo** working on a large-scale housing development. Known as Tivoli Modesto, the development is being constructed on a 454-acre site and will include homes, commercial spaces, parks and a school. Also in Modesto, members with **Bay Cities Paving and Grading** are working on a \$12 million trail project on Scenic Drive. Members with **Sinclair Grading Engineering Construction, Inc.** are working on several school projects in Modesto. **Frontline General Engineering Construction, Inc.** is

also in Modesto, where our members are working on the Martin Luther King Jr. Park Improvements project.

In Manteca, our members with **Teichert Construction**, **Jarrett Foundations, Inc.** and **Myers and Sons Construction** are working on the \$48 million, I-120/I-99 interchange at the Austin Road overcrossing. In Newman, members with **Golden State Bridge (GSB)** and **Bay Cities Paving and Grading** are working on the \$24 million Hills Ferry Bridge project, which involves building a new bridge and removing the old one. On Lammers Road in Tracy, **ARB, Inc.** has members working on a \$6 million water line project.



From left: Operators Alonzo Ornelas Hernandez, Saul Martinez Rodriguez, Justin Soares, Johnny Alcaraz, Abel Tejeda and Apolonio Ruan work for Moreno Trenching.



Operator Kyle Lester and Foreman Tyler Freeman work for Mozingo Construction.



District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
EUREKA	40	1330 Bayshore Way, Ste. 103, Eureka, CA 95501	707.443.7328	Jeff Hunerlach

Title

## Trades Day event introduces students to Operating Engineers Local 3

Report

Apprentice Coordinator **Danny Roles**, Retiree **Brian Bishop** and Business Agent **Cody Freitas** attended the Humboldt County Office of Education's Trades Day event at the Redwood Acres Fairgrounds. The Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprenticeship Training Center (OE3 JATC) provided equipment simulators for the occasion, which allowed potential apprentices and other guests to experience what it's like to operate heavy machinery.

At the time of this writing, our members with **Bigge Crane and Rigging** continue to work on the California State Polytechnic University Humboldt (Cal Poly Humboldt) housing project in Arcata. Members with **Granite Construction** are making headway on the Indianola Undercrossing and the Blue Lake Hwy. 299 project. The company was recently awarded another Caltrans project for just under \$3 million. **Mercer-Fraser** has been awarded several projects, including

two storm damage repair projects on Kneeland Road and Mattole Road and a \$25 million paving project in Klamath. **Mercer-Fraser** is also actively working on a slide repair project on Alderpoint Road just east of where members with **Stimpel-Wiebelhaus Associates** completed a slide repair project at the end of May. **Wahlund Construction** was recently awarded two tank replacement projects, one in Crescent City and one in Loleta.

Our next Retiree Meeting, as well as our District Meeting, is on Aug. 13. Lunch will be provided at 1 p.m. for those attending the Retiree Meeting at 2 p.m. The District Meeting will start at 7 p.m. Both meetings will be held at the Hall at 1330 Bayshore Way in Eureka. Expect a robocall reminding you of the meeting, and we hope to see you there. Have a great Independence Day!



Retiree Brian Bishop and Apprentice Coordinator Danny Roles share information about Operating Engineers Local 3 at the Trades Day event.



Students operate the OE3 JATC's equipment simulator at the Trades Day event.



A potential future apprentice gets some early career-training with the OE3 JATC's equipment simulator.

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
FRESNO	50	1635 Shaw Ave., Ste. 101, Clovis, CA 93611	559.229.4083	Wyatt Meadows

Title

## HSR work continues, despite funding uncertainty

Report

OE3 is fighting to keep current and future California High-Speed Rail (HSR) jobs for its members, as politicians look to pull back funding at the federal level and attack California's Cap-and-Trade Program funding at the state level. This involves representatives with Operating Engineers Local 3 and the International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) talking with officials in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. about the importance of this project to working people in our area, and the progress that has already been made. For example, with over 90 percent of the right-of-way parcels purchased and environmental clearance completed, the work has been moving at a much more rapid pace the last two years, lowering completion timelines, rather than pushing them out.

Currently, **Dragados Flatiron Joint Venture (DFJV)** is keeping our members busy on the west branch guideway for HSR, which is south of the Hwy. 43 Curved Bridge in Hanford. Work began in May, and the crew, which consists of Foreman **Keith Buck**, operators **Fernando Cortes**, **Abdulla Keo**, **Gerald Ruiz**, **Kenneth McDaniel** and Gradesetter Apprentice **Jorge Marquez**, will be excavating a footing for a Mechanically Stabilized Earth (MSE) wall and building the guideway filling to grade using structural fabric, sand, rock and dirt. This part of HSR is engineered for the 100-year flood plain and is just one example of the many HSR jobs that get started every month and provide good work hours for our membership.



Members with DFJV work on an MSE wall for HSR.

### Retiree Spotlight

Retiree **Larry Adams** joined Operating Engineers Local 3 over 61 years ago, and on his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday in 1963. He was first dispatched to **Clark Bros.** on a Delta project in Stockton, where he ran a DW10 scraper. He later worked on the Buchanan Dam and Hidden Dam projects, which were just 20 minutes from his home.

"I will never forget the many friendships I gained while being in Local 3," he said.

These days, Larry enjoys his retirement by fishing, hunting, golfing and playing in pool tournaments. OE3 thanks Larry for his decades of commitment to his union!



Retiree Larry Adams enjoys playing pool in his retirement.



District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
YUBA CITY	60	468 Century Park Dr., Yuba City, CA 95991	530.743.7321	Casey Tull

Title

## Fire cleanup and highway work boosts dispatches

Report

Work is going strong in our district, with nearly 350 dispatches at the time of this writing. **Pacific States Environmental Contractors, Inc.** is keeping our members busy with Park Fire cleanup work, and our members continue to get dispatched to **Mercer-Fraser Co.**'s Hwy. 70 project in Portola.

Congratulations to **Nolan Bertolucci**, who is the first-place winner of this year's **Tom Stapleton** Scholarship award! Nolan is the son of member **Michael Bertolucci**, who works for CEMEX and joined Local 3 back in 2012. (See more about our scholarship winners on the back page.)

Ticket sales have begun for our upcoming District Picnic at the Foothill Lions Club in Loma Rica on Oct. 12. There will be a raffle drawing, and food will be



Haul-truck Operator Apprentice Tyler Kingery and Excavator Operator David Martini work in Portola for Mercer-Fraser Co.



provided by Stagecoach Catering. Tickets are available for presale at \$10 each, which is a discounted rate available through July 31. From Aug. 1 to Oct. 11, presale tickets will be available for \$15. Come to the Hall to take advantage of these lower prices, while you can, and save money!

Our next quarterly District Meeting is scheduled for Aug. 13, and all members are encouraged to attend, so they can remain informed about what is going on in their union. Remember to stay hydrated and cool on your jobsites, as summer heat intensifies, and as you are traveling this summer, please Slow for the Cone Zone to keep our members safe out there. As always, feel free to call or stop by the Hall if you have any questions. Have a great Fourth of July!

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
REDDING	70	20308 Engineers Lane, Redding, CA 96002	530.222.6093	Jason Chipley

Title

## Underground crew performs night work in downtown Redding

Report

Work is steady in our district, as we look to see more projects approved this year. In downtown Redding, **Cox & Cox Construction**'s underground crew is working nights on a water line improvement project for the City of Redding. Our members with **Knife River** are working on the Hwy. 99 and South Avenue roundabout project, which is expected to finish by end of the year. **American Pavement Systems** is putting our members to work on multiple chip-sealing projects in Tehama and Trinity Counties. Our members with **Ford Construction**

are clearing 15 acres of trees and using 657s to move 300,000 yards of dirt at the Anderson Landfill. This is part of a project that involves the construction of a new compost facility by the end of October. Operators with **Stimpel-Wiebelhaus Associates** are also working on a landfill project, as they perform mass excavation work at the Tehama County Landfill. **McCuen Construction** is keeping our members busy working on a wildlife overcrossing on Hwy. 97 near Grass Lake, as well as a Caltrans Maintenance Facility in Yreka. Our members with **J. F. Shea** continue to supply our area with aggregate products. Have a safe and fun-filled Fourth of July!

Loader Operator Brian Odom works for J. F. Shea. >>



>> Foreman Skylar Harper works for J. F. Shea.



District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
SACRAMENTO	80	3920 Lennane Dr., Sacramento, CA 95834	916.993.2055	John Rector

Members work on essential water infrastructure projects

**Report**

**Mozingo Construction** and **W. M. Lyles Co.** are working on the \$55 million Sly Park Intertie Improvements Project, which will link the El Dorado Irrigation District's Reservoir 1 and Reservoir A water treatment plants. This project is critical to reliably transmitting water from Jenkinson Lake and the South Fork of the American River to areas throughout our district, as together, these plants provide 70 percent of the total water supply to customers in Pollock Pines, Camino, Placerville, Pleasant Valley, Diamond Springs, El Dorado, Lotus, Shingle Springs, Cameron Park and El Dorado Hills. Work on this project involves replacing approximately 4.5 miles of existing 22-inch and 24-inch diameter steel pipeline with a concrete mortar steel pipeline ranging from 12 to 36 inches in diameter and constructed with a protective exterior coating. It also includes renovation work that will replace the pump station at Reservoir A. Upon completion the project would upgrade the existing raw water system to a treated, potable water conveyance system. Given the escalating threat of wildfire and severe drought conditions, the urgency to replace this vital transmission link cannot be overstated. Members with **Anvil Builders** removed all the trees and shrubs along a 4.5-miles stretch and provided a 30-foot-wide easement for the pipe replacement.

Residential and commercial work has picked back up in Rancho Cordova, Folsom, El Dorado Hills, Galt and surrounding areas. Members with **Goodfellow Bros.**, **Independent Construction**, **Teichert, Sanco, Marques, Mountain Cascade, Mozingo Construction, Steve P. Rados, Inc., Lund Construction, Pacific Excavation and Platinum Pipelines** are all working on these projects.

Our members with **Goodfellow Bros.** continue to work on the first phase of a new, 300-acre housing development in El Dorado Hills. The first phase requires continued drilling and blasting because of large rocks in the ground, which is common in El Dorado County. Once this project is completed, the development will have 300 lots, all built to preserve the protected oak trees in the area. Our members with **Teichert, Sanco and Marques** are all onsite, and the project will keep crews working this year and next.

**Steve P. Rados, Inc., Mountain Cascade, Sukut and Ranger Pipelines** continue to work on the Harvest Water Project in the Elk Grove and Galt areas. This project is scheduled to be completed and operational by January 2027.

Upon completion, the project will take recycled water from the a water treatment plant in Elk Grove and irrigate existing farmland in southern Sacramento County.

From all of us in the Sacramento office, have a safe and Happy Fourth of July!

**CORRECTION:** Last month's article should have read that there are over 50 Local 3 members working at Teichert Aggregates Perkins Rock Plant including the Portable Recycle Plant.

Loader Operator Dylan Cotta moves a CONEX box on the Sly Park Intertie Improvements Project.



Loader Operator Dylan Cotta and Foreman Josh Van Meter work for Mozingo Construction.

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
MORGAN HILL	90	325 Digital Dr., Morgan Hill, CA 95037	408.465.8260	Neils Ash

Second-generation member prepares to welcome son into industry

**Report**

Last year, the crew at **Graniterock's** A. R. Wilson Hot Plant in Aromas produced over 300,000 tons of materials, and this year, they are on track to produce even more. Amazingly enough, this is all accomplished with only six Operating Engineers. This includes Plant Engineer **Frank Gonzalez**, Plant Operator **Israel "Izzy" Cervantes**, Loader Operator **Dennis "Richard" Keldsen** and utility operators **Luis Gomez**, **Luis Danny Rios** and **Jacob Costello**. Each of these members make the plant run efficiently, whether it's batching asphalt concrete products, performing plant maintenance, loading aggregate from the main quarry, providing customer service or helping customers with oil pots and petromat fabric. The crew, most of whom live no more than 30 minutes from their jobsite, stay busy, getting good work hours with year-round production and plant maintenance tasks.

Operator **Dennis "Richard" Keldsen** is a standout member of **Graniterock's** hot plant world. His father, **Lloyd**, was an Operating Engineer, and his older brother, **Raymond**, was working as a union machinist when Richard decided to enter the construction industry himself. Up until that time, he was already developing the skills and knowledge he would need from his father and older brother, who helped him develop his mechanical knowledge by participating in dirt car races at local speedways.

"Not only does it take a special kind of talent to be a great race car driver, but you must have knowledge of welding, fabrication, engine-building and so much more," he said.

**Richard's** own career started at **Graniterock's** A. R. Wilson hot plant, when he was hired as a plant helper in 1996. He quickly showed that he was not only willing to learn but willing to travel. He volunteered to work at other **Graniterock** locations, including the Berryessa asphalt plant, where he was tasked with various responsibilities, from operating loader as part of the winter maintenance crew, to homeless camp cleanup and unloading rail cars. In

1999, he landed a permanent position as Primary Plant Operator at the Quail Hollow plant, where he dried sand products, loaded bulk trucks and performed plant maintenance. When things slowed down in 2010, his help was needed at **Graniterock's** recycle plant and asphalt plant, both in Redwood City, and he learned to operate a batch plant. In 2016, he applied to be a loader operator at the A. R. Wilson hot plant, and he returned to the location where he originally started his career. He was very happy to get the position and never looked back.

Richard is proud to be a second-generation OE3 member, and his oldest son, **Dennis "DJ" Keldsen Jr.** plans to follow in his footsteps, carrying this family tradition into the third generation. He looks forward to helping **DJ** learn and advance his own career. He noted this will be bittersweet, as he plans to retire next February and will be passing the torch to his son, just as his father did for him.



Members Frank Gonzalez, Israel "Izzy" Cervantes, Dennis "Richard" Keldsen, Luis Gomez, Luis Danny Rios and Jacob Costello work at Graniterock's hot plant in Aromas.



# 2025 UTAH APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM GRADUATES



ANTHONY  
AMADOR



SHAELIE  
COMER



JACOB  
CURTIS



BRYSON  
DALLIN



BRADY  
DAVENPORT



CHRISTOPHER  
EVANS



ETHAN  
FOWLES



MIGUEL  
GARCIA



SHANE  
MARTINEZ



IVAN  
MONTES



DUNCAN  
REX



JACK  
RUMSEY



MAURO  
SUSTAITA



KURT  
WARKENTHIEN



CODY  
WILLIAMS

NOT PICTURED HESSTON HUTCHINGS, WILLIAM STEINFELDT, GRANT WOO

IN EARLY MAY, 18 APPRENTICES GRADUATED FROM THE UTAH OPERATING ENGINEERS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM AND WILL NOW BEGIN THEIR CAREERS AS JOURNEY-LEVEL OPERATING ENGINEERS. OF THESE 18 GRADUATES, SEVERAL WERE HONORED WITH PRESTIGIOUS APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS, WHICH ARE BELOW:

- ▶ **EXCEL AWARD** SHANE MARTINEZ
- ▶ **IRON MAN AWARD** ETHAN FOWLES
- ▶ **ABOVE AND BEYOND, COMMITTED, EXCELLENCE, DEDICATION (ACED) AWARD** CHRIS EVANS
- ▶ **OUTSTANDING HEAVY DUTY REPAIRER (HDR)** CODY WILLIAMS
- ▶ **OUTSTANDING CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT OPERATOR (CEO)** MAURO SUSTAITA
- ▶ **OUTSTANDING CRANE OPERATOR (CRN)** KURT WARKENTHIEN

EMPLOYERS ALSO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE LIVES OF APPRENTICES AND JOURNEY-LEVEL OPERATORS, AND THIS YEAR, THE FOLLOWING WERE HONORED:

- ▶ **LEGACY AWARD** JAY RITCHIE (GENEVA ROCK)
- ▶ **PARTNERSHIP AWARD** GRANITE CONSTRUCTION
- ▶ **OUTSTANDING SUPERVISOR** TODD ALLRED
- ▶ **OUTSTANDING EMPLOYER** AMES CONSTRUCTION

SPECIAL THANKS TO SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS AT THE EVENT, WHICH INCLUDED BUSINESS MANAGER DAN REDING, UTAH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MEMBER ASHLEE MATTHEWS, JOINT APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING COMMITTEE (JATC) INSTRUCTORS JAKE CRYSTAL AND LEE TERRY AND JATC ADMINISTRATOR JEFF C. ANDERSON.



From left: Hyrum Matthews, Utah House of Representatives member Ashlee Matthews and Rep. Hoang Nguyen.



From left: President Justin Diston, Jim Smith with Ames Construction, Utah District Rep. Brandon Dew and Business Manager Dan Reding.



From left: JATC Instructor Lee Terry with Outstanding Supervisor honoree Todd Allred.



From left: Utah District Rep. Brandon Dew and Justin Pentz with Granite Construction.



# CONGRATULATIONS, 50-YEAR MEMBERS



Fifty-year honoree Manuel Sequeira receives his award with Business Manager Dan Reding, President Justin Diston, Vice President Bruce Noel, Rec. Corres Secretary Dave Harrison, Financial Secretary Nate Tucker and Treasurer Jim Jacobs.



Albertico L. Acosta	10/1/1975	Watsonville, CA	Lenn Leach	4/1/1975	Farmington, NM
Ben Adamo	12/1/1975	Oro Valley, AZ	Robert Lime	7/1/1973	Shingle Springs, CA
John Aguilera	6/1/1975	Stockton, CA	Walter Lopes	5/1/1975	Somerset, CA
Larry Almeda	1/1/1976	Elk Grove, CA	Alfred Lopez	11/1/1974	Yuba City, CA
Thomas Alves	3/1/1975	Camino, CA	David Loveland	11/1/1975	Yuma, AZ
Roy E. Antonio	2/1/1975	Waianae, HI	Monty Mangum	7/1/1975	Huntington, UT
David L. Armstrong	12/1/1965	Concord, CA	Jay Marez	6/1/1975	Murphys, CA
George Arthur	12/1/1963	Nashua, MT	George Markt	1/1/1974	Haiku, HI
Ed Baldwin	7/1/1972	Sacramento, CA	Rock Marlar	11/1/1974	Martinez, CA
Charles Bates	10/1/1974	Aromas, CA	Albert McConnell	2/1/1975	Pioneer, CA
Lewis Beach	7/1/1975	Fresno, CA	Parker K. McKeague	5/1/1969	Kailua, HI
Ernest Howard Bean	11/1/1975	Las Cruces, NM	Michael McLean	4/1/1975	Reno, NV
Jim Beyer	9/1/1975	Honolulu, HI	David Mibelli	9/1/1974	San Bruno, CA
Charles L. Billings	2/1/1975	Sparks, NV	Tom Minghetti	11/1/1972	Twain Harte, CA
David A. Blake	4/1/1975	Tuolumne, CA	Albert Mitchell	6/1/1969	Yuba City, CA
Charlie Brown	10/1/1975	Palm Springs, CA	Warren Miyasato	5/1/1975	Kapaa, HI
Robert E. Bryan	3/1/1975	Anahola, HI	Raymond Morgan	6/1/1964	Trego, MT
Dan Burgin	7/1/1975	Santa Rosa, CA	Leo Neu	10/1/1974	Pahrump, NV
John R. Butler	9/1/1975	Reno, NV	James Stuart Nielsen	9/1/1975	Cottonwood Heights, UT
Rodney A. Campos Sr.	8/4/1968	Kapolei, HI	Patrick O'Halloran	2/1/1975	Forestville, CA
Robert Chatfield	4/1/1966	Auburn, CA	Jose Pagaduan	9/1/1970	Nuevo, CA
Gerald K. Cobb-Adams	4/1/1974	Kailua, HI	Hank Page	8/1/1975	Citrus Heights, CA
John B. Cogdell Jr.	10/1/1969	Mariposa, CA	Paul Paia	5/1/1975	Mililani, HI
Paul T. Cooper	6/1/1974	Murray, UT	Edgar A. Pama	2/1/1975	Honolulu, HI
Kevin J. Costa	10/1/1975	Ewa Beach, HI	H. K. Pang	5/1/1975	Lihue, HI
Ernest Culbertson	11/1/1975	Corning, CA	Thomas Payne	7/1/1974	Sonoma, CA
Glen J. Dark	6/1/1975	Gardnerville, NV	Danny Perez	4/1/1973	Yerington, NV
Richard Del Valle	11/1/1972	Fairfield, CA	Charles A. "Chuck" Phillips	8/1/1973	Yuba City, CA
Richard Dixon III	8/1/1970	Marshall, TX	Andy Pikowicz	3/1/1975	Rescue, CA
Amante Domingo	1/1/1975	Waipahu, HI	Raymond W. Pittman	9/1/1975	Sanger, CA
Michael M. Dowing	3/1/1974	Sanger, CA	Edward Pontes Sr.	3/1/1974	Waianae, HI
Jeff Ehrenpfort	2/1/1975	Fremont, CA	Robert Ramos	5/1/1975	Fresno, CA
William J. Eisensee	5/1/1975	Menlo Park, CA	Tommy Rau	3/1/1966	Manteca, CA
Leovardo Escobar Jr.	1/1/1976	Rocklin, CA	Arsenio Reconoce	6/1/1973	Manila, PH
Cyrus L. Foster	8/1/1986	Waianae, HI	Emerson Rocky Respicio	9/1/1974	Haiku, HI
Thomas Garcia	5/1/1974	Redmond, OR	Andy Riddell	11/1/1968	Half Moon Bay, CA
Phillip Gardner	12/4/1965	Auburn, CA	Marcus A. Rubalcava	10/1/1975	Modesto, CA
Roberto Gil	9/1/1975	South San Francisco, CA	Tony Rubio	6/1/1974	Watsonville, CA
Dan Gilchrist	3/1/1975	Orland, CA	Ronald D. Russell	6/1/1975	Copperopolis, CA
Howard H. Giles	9/1/1974	Ogden, UT	Ronald Saito	2/1/1975	Honolulu, HI
Thomas "Dan" Goodwin	10/1/1974	Merlin, OR	Andy Salazar	2/1/1972	Hayward, CA
Richard D. Gray	1/1/1976	Newark, CA	Paul Santucci	9/1/1975	Livermore, CA
Mike L. Green	9/1/1972	Walnut Creek, CA	William Schmidt	2/1/1975	Pearl City, HI
David Grijalva	11/1/1973	Sacramento, CA	Bud Schneider	9/1/1963	Lake Havasu, AZ
Steven C. Hamblin	8/1/1975	Reno, NV	Manuel Sequeira	10/1/1975	Manteca, CA
Brian Hamilton	1/1/1976	Manteca, CA	Floyd T. Shibuya	5/1/1975	Honolulu, HI
David Hanson	12/1/1975	Yuba City, CA	Stanley Shiroma	5/1/1967	Hilo, HI
Milton Hardley	2/1/1973	Oceanside, CA	Waldo S. Simons	11/1/1975	Salinas, CA
Dave Harper	6/1/1975	Aptos, CA	Clyde Sims	4/1/1975	Sacramento, CA
Michael Henke	9/1/1975	Eagle Point, OR	Raymond Smith	5/1/1975	Huntington Beach, CA
James "Jim" Hill	10/1/1973	Star, ID	Eddie L. Solansky	2/1/1975	Cottonwood, CA
Ken Lee Horn	2/1/1974	Madera, CA	John J. Soto	1/1/1975	Highlands Ranch, CO
Peter Hubbard	9/1/1965	Springfield, OR	Chuck Staggs	9/1/1975	Santa Rosa, CA
John D. Hudlow	8/1/1975	Eagle Point, OR	Harry Stone Jr.	12/1/1966	Kilauea, HI
Bruce Humphers	12/1/1975	Lincoln, CA	Leonard Richard Tenorio	10/1/1975	Fernley, NV
Bruce Humphreys	10/1/1964	Vallejo, CA	Gilbert Terrasas	10/1/1973	Fresno, CA
Keith Jolley	8/1/1967	Standish, CA	Michael William Todd	5/1/1972	Gardnerville, NV
Kenneth Neil Kagy	1/1/1973	Salinas, CA	Gary Trumpp	11/1/1975	Morgan Hill, CA
John P. Keithley	6/30/1973	Chino Valley, AZ	Duane D. Van Liew	4/1/1975	Mimbres, NM
Foy Kelley	7/1/1965	Oakdale, CA	Elmer Van Zee	8/1/1967	Santa Rosa, CA
Kenny Klee	7/1/1972	Redwood Valley, CA	Fred Clayton Vaughn	10/1/1974	Salome, AZ
Stuart Knopf	9/1/1975	Madera, CA	Jim Walczak	1/1/1976	Sonora, CA
Steve Komorowski Sr.	11/1/1975	Modesto, CA	Gaylen Walker	3/1/1975	Murray, UT
Jerry L. Kringel	9/1/1973	Kailua, HI	Tim Warlick	10/1/1964	Bayside, CA
Kearney Kanemichie Kunishige	1/1/1976	Lakewood, CA	Dennis W. Wertz	1/1/1976	Napa, CA
Randy Laney	10/1/1975	Friant, CA	Patrick L. White	2/1/1975	Blaine, WA
James R. Lawler	8/1/1966	Columbia Falls, MT	Robert W. Wise	6/1/1975	Manteca, CA



**DISTRICT MEETINGS**



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

**July 07.25**

No meetings scheduled.

**August 08.25**

- 12<sup>th</sup> District 10: Rohnert Park**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
6225 State Farm Drive
- 12<sup>th</sup> District 30: Stockton**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1916 North Broadway Ave.
- 12<sup>th</sup> District 80: Sacramento**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
3920 Lennane Drive
- 13<sup>th</sup> District 40: Eureka**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1330 Bayshore Way  
Ste. 103 (Room 106)
- 13<sup>th</sup> District 50: Clovis**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1635 Shaw Ave.
- 13<sup>th</sup> District 60: Yuba City**  
Sutter County Office of Education  
Boyd Hall  
1895 Lassen Blvd.
- 14<sup>th</sup> District 11: Reno**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
1290 Corporate Blvd.
- 14<sup>th</sup> District 70: Redding**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
20308 Engineers Lane
- 14<sup>th</sup> District 90: Morgan Hill**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
325 Digital Drive
- 19<sup>th</sup> District 01: Foster City**  
Carpenters Local Union 217  
1153 Chess Drive, Ste. 100
- 19<sup>th</sup> District 12: Sandy**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
8805 South Sandy Parkway
- 20<sup>th</sup> District 04: Suisun City**  
Veterans Memorial Building  
427 Main St.
- 20<sup>th</sup> District 20: Concord**  
Operating Engineers' Building  
3000 Clayton Road

**September 09.25**

- 8<sup>th</sup> District 17: Kailua**  
Kailua High School  
451 Ulumanu Drive

**TOWN HALL MEETINGS**



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

**July 07.25**

No meetings scheduled.

**August 08.25**

No meetings scheduled.

**September 09.25**

- 10<sup>th</sup> District 17: Kauai**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
ILWU Local 142  
4154 Hardy St.  
Lihue
- 11<sup>th</sup> District 17: Hilo**  
Meeting: 6 p.m.  
ILWU Local 142  
100 W Lanikaula St.  
Hilo

**BUSINESS HOURS**



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

**Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

**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.

**SEMI-ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Recording-Corresponding Secretary Dave Harrison has announced that the next Semi-Annual Meeting of the membership will be held on:

**Sunday, Sept. 21, 2025 @ 11 a.m.**  
**Scottish Rite Temple**  
**6151 H St., Sacramento, CA 95819**

**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 May 2025 and have been determined to be eligible for Honorary Membership effective July 1, 2025.**

**Dennis R. Asnicar 2077139**  
**District 99: Out of Union Jurisdiction**  
**John Dadamo III 2112833**  
**District 17: Hawaii**  
**Donald R. Guadagnolo Jr. 2113008**  
**District 30: Stockton**  
**Dwayne Killgore 2106503**  
**District 11: Nevada**  
**Rodney C. Orgill 2047019**  
**District 12: Utah**  
**William D. Sparks 1625665**  
**District 04: Fairfield**





**NEW RETIREES**

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2025



Alfaro, Carlos  
Anderson, Kory  
Armstrong, Duane  
Baker, Jeffrey  
Bettinelli, Egidio  
Blake, Jerry  
Branaman, Thomas  
Brandt, Michael  
Buell, Robert  
Butzler, Timothy  
Carlotta, Chris\*  
Carpenter, Bill  
Cheeves, Byron  
Coleman, Ronald  
Conway, Michael  
Cottrell, David  
Cox, Richard  
Curry, Thomas  
D'Antoni, Wayne  
Davis, Dave

CA Diamsay, Raymond  
UT Dragomanovich, Glenn  
CA Duran, Juan  
UT Elliott, Robert  
UT Epperly, Kevin  
UT Evans, Daniel  
CA Foster, Edward  
CA Galicia, Benjamin  
CA Galvez, Paul  
CA Gatschet, Chris  
CA Golden, Patricia  
CA Graham, Jeffrey  
CA Guglielmini, Jon  
CA Halemano, Gordon  
CA Harris, Gregory  
CA Heim, Gregg  
CA Hobbs, Bryan  
NV Hoover, Kevin  
CA Kaahu, Joseph  
CA Leonard, Mickey  
CA Lublin, Jerry  
OR Maddela, Manuel  
UT Mastrella, Thomas

HI Matsumoto, Craven  
CA Nobriga, Curtis  
CA Pestoni, Gerald  
NV Poggi, Dean  
CA Preslar, Robert  
CA Remillong, Wayne  
CA Robbins, Phillip  
CA Roberts, David  
HI Salazar, Joey  
CA Sanchez, Michael  
CA Sanchez, Rodney  
CA Schellenger, Adelbert  
CA Smith, Raymond  
HI Smuin, Lewis  
CA Stacie, Benjamin  
CA Swan, Craig  
UT Taggart, Greg  
CA Todd, Rex  
HI Zurek, Aaron

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**\*CORRECTION**  
Chris Carlotta was incorrectly listed in last month's edition.



**Looking to make a charitable donation and get a TAX BREAK?**

Donating to the Local 3 Scholarship Foundation may fit the bill!

**HELPS OE3 FAMILIES PAY FOR COLLEGE!**

To learn more about the Scholarship Program and how you can give, call Rec.-Corres. Secretary Dave Harrison at (510) 748-7400, ext. 3483 or visit us online.

**WWW.OE3.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP-PROGRAM**



# Our Sincere Condolences...

## Deceased Dependents

Barney, Laura Spouse of Barney, James 8/1/2023	Dunkel, Janice Spouse of Dunkel, Leonard (dec.) 4/10/2025	Kaulia, Rowena Spouse of Kaulia, Ronald 1/2/2025	Palmatier, Jane Spouse of Palmatier, Leonard (dec.) 12/10/2016	Stockdale, Marylon Spouse of Stockdale, Louis 4/8/2025	Warlick, Rayetta Spouse of Warlick, Timothy 4/15/2025
Bickers, Carmen Spouse of Bickers, Larry 4/22/2025	Geer, Gilda Spouse of Geer, Leslie (dec.) 3/30/2025	Lee, Shirley Spouse of Lee, Richard (dec.) 4/5/2025	Pellanda, Debra Spouse of Pellanda, Jim 4/17/2025	Teller, Caroline Spouse of Teller, Barnwall (dec.) 5/5/2025	Weindel, Dian Spouse of Weindel, Pat 2/25/2025
Bonfiglio, Roberta Spouse of Bonfiglio, August 3/21/2025	Gerbo, Dolores Spouse of Gerbo, Louis (dec.) 4/23/2025	Lewellin, Yvonne Spouse of Lewellin, Larry (dec.) 2/22/2025	Rodarte, Teresa Spouse of Rodarte, Andrew 3/28/2025	Thompson, Kathleen Spouse of Thompson, Carl 10/5/2024	Wong, Mary Spouse of Wong, Ernest 3/11/2025
Cooper, Monica Spouse of Cooper, Raynald 3/26/2025	Johnstad, Phyllis Spouse of Johnstad, George 3/19/2025	O'Brien, Gayle Spouse of O'Brien, Maurice 4/10/2025	Schaffer, Melody Spouse of Schaffer, Gerald 2/2/2025	Tonkin, Violet Spouse of Tonkin, Arthur 3/7/2025	Yates, Faith Spouse of Yates, John 4/22/2025

## Departed Members

Burns, Bernie Modesto, CA 4/20/2025	Day, Benjamin Eureka, NV 4/16/2025	Hilton, Jimmie Dixon, CA 4/10/2025	Priolette, Joseph Wailuku, HI 4/30/2025	Spears, Donald Jr. Sparks, NV 4/26/2025	Westberg, Rod M. Penryn, CA 3/26/2025
Camat, Melvin Pearl City, HI 5/6/2025	Eaker, Jesse Lakehead, CA 4/26/2025	Leonard, Lonnie Elk Grove, CA 5/4/2025	Proctor, Clayton Stockton, CA 4/25/2025	Takai, Eliot S. Pepeekeo, HI 3/9/2025	Whitcomb, Jack M. Sacramento, CA 4/29/2025
Caylor, Bradley Mendocino, CA 4/11/2025	Elsbury, Preston West Jordan, UT 5/7/2025	Mana, Anthony J. Vacaville, CA 4/11/2025	Reese, Billy Washougal, WA 4/24/2025	Terrasas, Calistro Clovis, CA 4/18/2025	Zach, Leon Boise, ID 4/15/2025
Cody, Daniel Forest Ranch, CA 4/27/2025	Gallego, Joselito Ewa Beach, HI 4/10/2025	Pascuzzo, Edmond Bandera, TX 4/21/2025	Rhea, Howard Andrews, TX 4/24/2025	Tubb, Joseph Pine Grove, CA 3/16/2025	

### 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 randerson@oe3.org
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\*All ads must include  
Member Registration Number.

FOR SALE: 2007 V-Star 1300 CC. Only 5,500 miles. \$3,800. Call (510) 304-0217. Reg# 2335159.

FOR SALE: Grizzly commercial table saw 110/220. \$500. Husky riding mower 48," 24 HP. Garaged. \$3,750. '90s Wilton bullet vise. Great condition. \$600. Restored National Cash Register 523-E2C from the early 1900s. Works great. \$1,700. Call Bobby (916) 475-6806. Reg# 2548724.

FOR SALE: 1996 Acura TL 2.5L 4-door sedan. Fully loaded. Automatic transmission. Excellent A/C. 30 mpg. \$1,500. Located in the Reno, NV area. Call or text Scott (775) 750-6696. Reg# 1883872.

FOR SALE: Falken AT Trail radial tires. Set of 4. 245/65R/17. \$400. Looking for a set of 33-12.50 15-inch tires. Will trade Falken tires for these. Located in the Reno, NV area. Call or text Scott (775) 750-6696. Reg# 1883872.

FOR SALE: 1975 Peterbilt water truck. 3,000-gallon tank. Cummins Big Cam 400. Recently rebuilt. \$12,000. (801) 250-0656. Reg# 1238676.

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