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Scraper Operator Malvin J. Young moves unused material from Graniterock's A. R. Wilson Quarry for future landscape and reclamation work. He works closely with dozer operators Gos Devries, Jocelyn Rivera Duran and Rodney Ray, as well as Plant Operator Cody Clark (not pictured). For more on the operations of this giant quarry, see pages 14-15.



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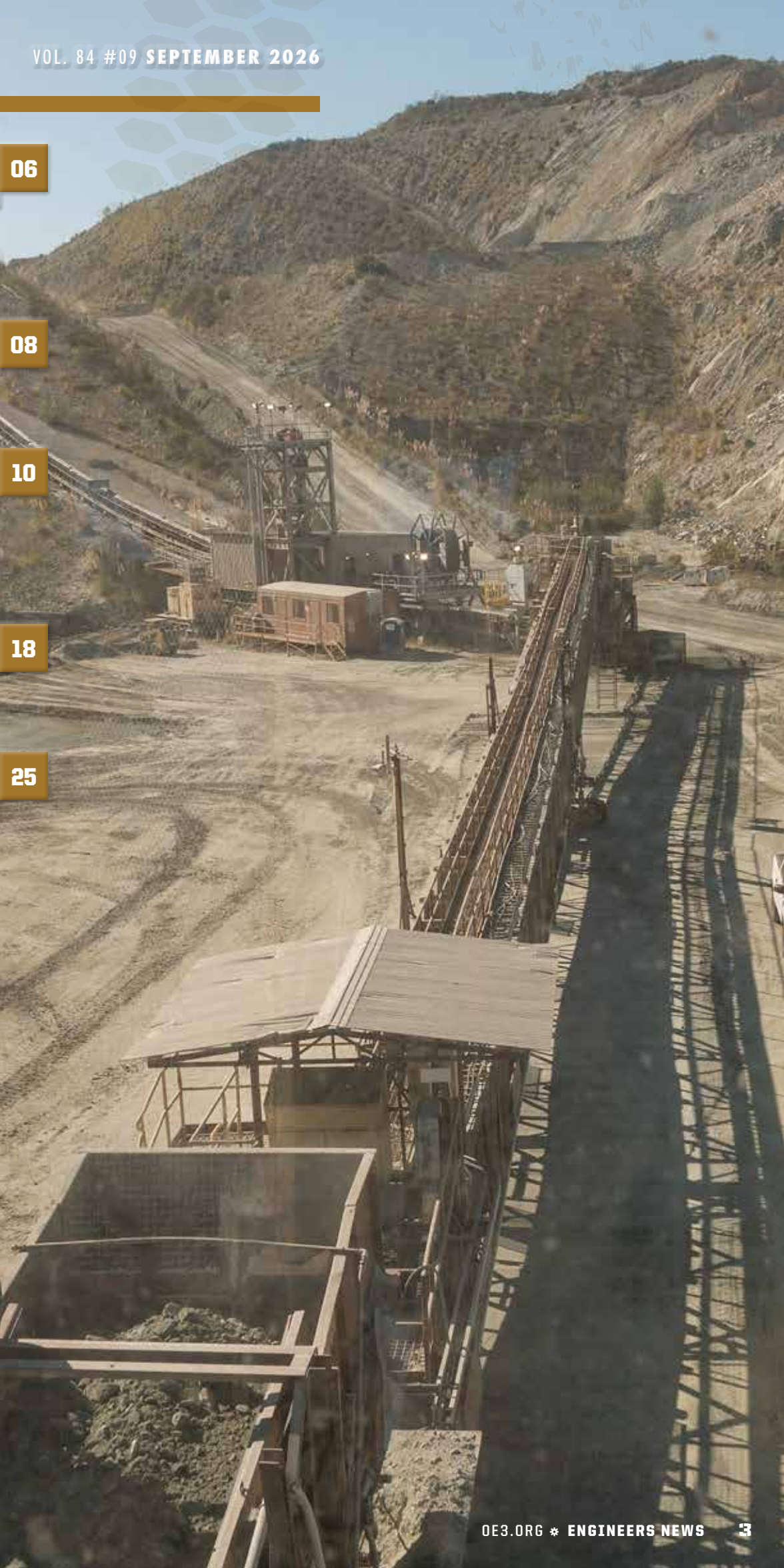
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At the Graniterock A. R. Wilson Quarry in Aromas, Calif., material is mined, crushed and then taken back to the plant on a conveyor belt.



Semi-Annual - THIS MONTH!

You will find Local 3's early endorsements in this month's edition. Please find your state, district and county and vote accordingly. There are several important ballot initiatives in California that deserve your attention. We will be sending out more information on all of this as the election grows closer. For real-time updates, visit our website at oe3.org/politics and find your state. Note that phone banks and other Voice of the Engineer (VOTE) activities will be going on throughout our jurisdiction from now until the General Election on Nov. 3, so check-in with your District Office regularly to see where you can help. Also, read the e-mail blasts that I send, as besides the first-of-the-month announcements, I share ways you can help our negotiating efforts, as well.

At the time of this writing, we are in a negotiations battle with the City of Manteca (Stockton District 30). This issue requires the attention of OE3 members living in that area, as hundreds of workers are affected. Our e-mail blasts offer a way for our members to show up to attend rallies in their areas or send template letters to city council members about the importance of doing right by their local workers. If you are not receiving these e-mail blasts and would like to, e-mail oe3questions@oe3.org to start receiving them.

Local 3 has also been heavily involved in rallies in support of projects that will employ our members. At the time of this writing, we just attended a Fix Hwy. 37 rally in Sonoma County, to let the Transportation Commission know that traffic problems along Hwy. 37 are more than just an annoyance. They are dangerous, and we have the workforce available to fix this congested stretch of road, while boosting local apprenticeship and job opportunities.

Earlier this summer, I spoke during a rally with more than 200 people from Labor and businesses throughout Solano County in support of the Suisun City Expansion Project, also known as California Forever. This community development project would provide long-term construction jobs for the next 30-40 years. *We're talking about 10,000 union construction jobs.* The event was hosted at the Fairfield District 04 Hall and other attendees included Rec. Corres. Secretary Dave Harrison, Political Director Chris Snyder, Fairfield District Rep. Cary Leider, union staff, members and affiliates. As usual, there have been some funding issues with this project; however, we're making a final push for legislative relief to move forward. The outcome will hinge on whether lawmakers approve the proposed changes before the session ends, and whether a major builder commits to the site.

All of these approaches: Informational pickets, city council meetings, rallies, e-mail blasts, discussions, Political Action Committee (PAC) interviews with candidates and VOTE activities are just a few of the many behind-the-scenes efforts we are constantly scheduling to meet our members' needs: Education and training, steady employment, good wages, strong benefits, safe, professional and responsible working conditions, dignified retirement and collective bargaining rights.

We know these things are important to you. They are the reason Local 3 exists. To ensure we are meeting these needs as your union, please plan on attending this month's Semi-Annual Event at the Scottish Rite Center in Sacramento, Calif. on Sunday, Sept. 20. Special-edition hats will be given to all Local 3 members in good standing, and we encourage you to bring your families. We will have Local 3 staff and affiliates present with giveaways and information, as well as Local 3 merchandise, for a donation. The meeting begins at 11 a.m. and a catered barbecue lunch will follow. Remember, you can't know what's going on, if you don't attend. It's always a fun event, and you will leave feeling more informed and more connected. Have questions? Members in good standing will be allowed to speak during the Good of the Order. Hope to see you there, and glad to see so many of you in attendance at our last round of District Meetings. We enjoyed a good turnout, union-wide.

Besides our endorsements, this issue offers information about Graniterock's powerhouse quarry in Aromas, Calif. that employs our members year-round and provides the construction materials for thousands of union projects across the tri-county area of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz County, as well as the San Francisco Bay Area. We showcase a Retiree who was a boat captain, owned a signatory survey company and owns a fishing lodge in Sitka, Alaska. We share the union's financial health, as well as reports from every district office. Please enjoy this edition, and I hope to see you this month at the Semi-Annual!

Dan Reding



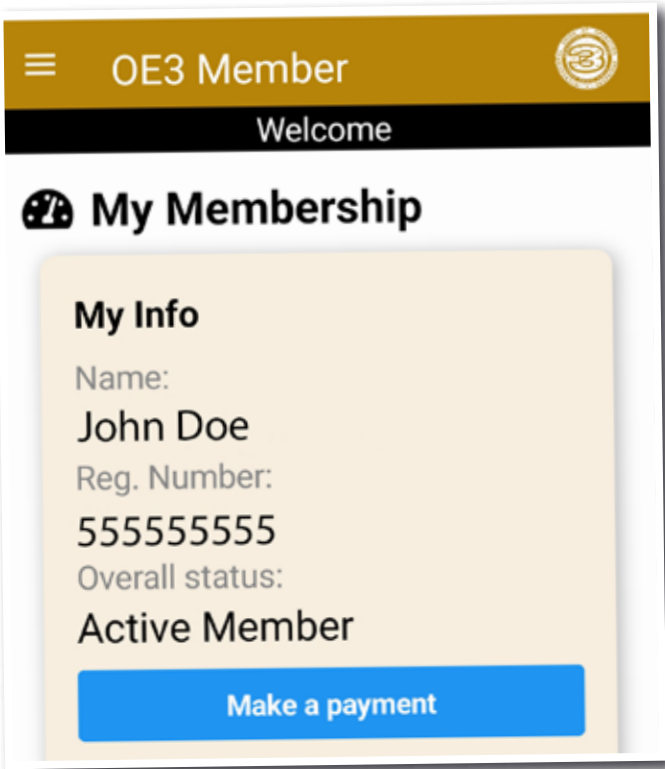
Business Manager Dan Reding speaks about the importance of the California Forever project in Fairfield District 04.

OE3 members picket in support of a fair contract for the City of Manteca's blue-collar workforce.

OE3’s Member Access App: Resources at your fingertips

The OE3 Member Access App is a mobile application that allows you to find your membership details, pay dues, read your contract, learn about upcoming events, find contact information and more. If you don’t already have it, it’s easy to download from your phone’s app store, and all you need to sign up is your Registration Number. Chances are, if you have a question about anything regarding your union and membership, the answer can be found in the app.

Once you sign in, you’ll find tabs on the left for your membership details and member card, tools to make dues payments, contact information for staff members and offices, resources including links to OE3 affiliate sites and social media accounts, and a place to view the latest contracts. Whether



it’s your first time on the app or you’ve had it for years, it’s a good idea to become familiar with the tabs, so you know where to find the information you need, when you need it.

The Member Access App is an invaluable tool that can serve as a jumping-off point for staying informed and getting involved with your union. It’s a great place to start if you’re new to the union or are wanting to be more involved but are not sure how. If you need help navigating the app or have questions you can’t find the answer to, your district staff are always happy to help in-person or via phone call.

Want to get more familiar with the app? Click on the three bars at the top left side of the screen. Then, click on “Contracts.” There, you can find Master Agreements, Local 3’s Bylaws and more!

UNIT 12

Local 3 by your side: Mike Weber’s story

By Adam Patten, business representative

Mike Weber has been a Caltrans Equipment Operator II for six years and is a proud OE3 member in Unit 12. Mike’s resilience after a workplace injury shows the value of having your union by your side when life’s unexpected challenges arise.

Like any other workday, Mike was ready to do his job and help wherever he was needed. While cleaning out a materials bin and wearing all required Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), a foreign material entered his eye. What initially seemed like a minor workplace incident soon turned into a life-changing medical emergency.

After developing a severe infection, Mike received devastating news from his doctor. He was faced with an unimaginable decision: have his eye removed or risk complete blindness – and potentially even his life. With no easy choice available, Mike made the decision to undergo surgery to remove his eye.

As a Caltrans Equipment Operator II, Mike is required to maintain a Commercial Driver’s License (CDL), which includes strict vision standards. Following the loss of his eye, the department began the process of determining whether he still met the minimum qualifications for his position. Losing his CDL could have meant losing his career. That’s when Mike contacted Operating Engineers Local 3.

Local 3 immediately began researching every available option to protect Mike’s employment. During that process, it was discovered that federal CDL regulations include waivers for qualified drivers with monocular vision. Armed with that information, Local 3 guided Mike through the process of obtaining the necessary medical evaluations, completing the required paperwork and meeting all testing requirements.

We’re proud to say that Mike remains gainfully employed at Caltrans. He retained his CDL, continues serving the people of California and remains a proud member of our union.

Mike’s journey is a powerful reminder that perseverance can overcome extraordinary obstacles. It also demonstrates the importance of union membership. When members face unexpected challenges, Local 3 is there to provide guidance, advocate on their behalf and help them navigate complex situations that could otherwise jeopardize their careers.



 Mike Weber turned to Local 3 when his employment was at risk.

Second Quarter 2026 Consolidated Financial Results

The U. S. economy stayed volatile in the second quarter of 2026, as the situation in the Middle East continued to be unpredictable. The blockage of the Strait of Hormuz was enforced one day and relaxed the next. The second-quarter 2026 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew 1.5 percent, which was slightly less than the 2.0 percent in the previous quarter. The main contributor to the GDP growth in the second quarter was the increase in consumer spending and investments, which aided in the stock market’s strong recovery. The S&P 500 rose roughly 15 percent, a great comeback from the negative 4 percent return in the first quarter of 2026.

The increase in customer spending in the second quarter was also a reflection of the relatively low Consumer Price Index (CPI). The monthly all-item inflation rate slid from 0.9 percent in March 2026 to negative 0.4 percent in June 2026. The gasoline price index also went down from 18.5 percent in the first quarter to 2.7 percent in the second quarter, making the trip to the gas pump a little less scary.

The job market continued to appear unimpressive. The economy added 262,000 jobs in the second quarter of 2026. A sneak peek of the July jobs report provides disappointing news – as there was a loss of 23,000 jobs in July. The unemployment rate stayed at 4.2 percent in June. (The rate has been at or below 4.5 percent since late 2021).

Across Local 3’s jurisdiction, May 2026 Year to Date (YTD) Pension hours were 3.88 percent higher than in the same period in 2025.

Regarding the union’s finances, cash receipts and expenditures for the first two quarters of 2026 were \$41 million and \$35 million, respectively. Total receipts for the first two quarters of 2026 were \$2.8 million higher than the same quarters in 2025, mostly due to more work hours (3.8 percent higher) and higher dues rates (as a result of the higher wages) in 2026. The expenditure for the first two quarters of 2026 was \$1 million lower than the same quarters in 2025. The higher expenditure in 2025 was mostly due to the Utah property purchase.

Although the job market remained lackluster, we continue to see slow but steady membership growth. The membership count increased from 40,630 in March 2026 to 40,795 in June 2026. Local 3 will continue its commitment to a strong membership by organizing, leveling the playing field and fighting for our members’ welfare and other basic needs.

2nd Quarter 2026 Consolidated Financial Report

(Unaudited - In thousands)

Profit & Loss Statement

(for six months ended June 30, 2026)

Membership Revenue	\$	36,587
Other Revenue		4,511
Total Receipts	\$	41,098
Salaries, Benefits & Taxes	\$	23,753
Per Capita Taxes		4,362
Office & Operations		2,316
Depreciation		914
Professional Services		270
PAC Fund Allocations/General Contributions		932
Admin & Public Relations		2,415
Total Expenses	\$	34,962
Net Income/(Loss)	\$	6,136

Balance Sheet

(As of June 30, 2026)

Cash, Investments & Deposits	\$	135,668
Automobiles		5,688
Office Furniture & Equipment		1,001
Computers & Software		11,965
Communications Equipment		91
Print Shop Equipment		936
Building Improvements		2,675
Less Accum. Depreciation		(12,177)
Employee Funded 457 Plan		149
Total Assets	\$	145,996
Liabilities	\$	871
Consolidated Fund Balances		145,125
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	\$	145,996

Fund Balances (\$ in millions)

	06/30/26	06/30/25
General	\$ 91.3	\$ 78.0
Hardship, Strike, Lockout	14.0	12.8
Emergency Welfare	22.5	21.3
Defense	15.1	13.6
Capital Maintenance	2.2	1.5
	\$ 145.1	\$ 127.2

Credit for military service

If you are unable to work the necessary hours in covered employment due to service in the Armed Forces of the United States, you will receive credited service, Pension credit and accrued benefits for the period you retain re-employment rights under federal law.

Military service after your contribution date

After your contribution date, if you are absent for covered employment due to qualified military service, you will be credited with hours toward the accumulation of years of credited service, Pension credit, accrued benefits and the prevention of a break in service for the period of the military service, provided:

- » You were working in covered employment in the jurisdiction of Local 3 during the 90-day period immediately preceding your military service.
- » You had not incurred a one-year break in service at the time you entered qualified military service.
- » You retain re-employment rights under the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act (USERRA) of 1994.
- » You satisfy USERRA’s advance notice to your employer (or Trust Funds Office) requirement prior to your leave to enter qualified military service.
- » Your discharge from military service was under honorable conditions.
- » You return to work in covered employment in the jurisdiction of Local 3 within the re-employment period required by federal law, as shown in the chart to the right:

Hours for qualified military service are based upon the average hours you worked in a week during the 12-month period immediately preceding your military service or, if shorter, the period of employment immediately preceding the military service, but not less than 30 hours per week. For the purposes of determining the amount of your accrued benefits, contributions will be credited based on the employer contribution rate that would have applied if you had continued to work in covered employment instead of entering military service.

No more than five years of qualified military service will be recognized toward the accumulation of years of credited service, Pension credit, accrued benefits and the prevention of a break in service or a separation from covered employment.

For more information, please refer to the *Pension Summary Plan Description* or contact the Fringe Benefits Office.

CALL THE FRINGE BENEFITS SERVICE CENTER NOW!

800.532.2105
510.748.7450



Length of Military Service	Reemployment Deadline
Less than 31 days	Within 1 day after discharge (allowing travel time, plus eight hours)
31 through 180 days	Within 14 days after discharge
181 days or more	Within 90 days after discharge

By Bob Miller, fund representative/client services

OE3 TRUST FUNDS

2026 Retirees Association Meetings – Re-Cap

Twice a year, the Local 3 officers and Trustees sponsor a round of meetings in all Local 3 districts, specifically for Retirees and their spouses. Many of these occurred last month.

If you have not attended one of these lately, or are recently retired and have never gone, below are some highlights:

- » The meetings usually last about an hour, with reports from the officers, district staff, Trust Funds, Fringe Benefits, Credit Union and other professionals.
- » A highlight is always the food – there is more than enough for all, so attendees can take home extra.
- » There is a question-and-answer session at the conclusion of each meeting, so members can directly address the officers and other professionals, or speak with them individually after.
- » All the latest union and Trust Funds literature and handouts are available, and there is usually a raffle provided by the Credit Union.
- » The best part for me at these meetings is watching the camaraderie, old friends re-establishing relationships, listening to the “war stories” and above all, seeing the joy and happiness reflected on our Retirees’ and their spouses’ faces.

We hope to see you and your spouse at the next round of meetings. Help keep our union’s unity and brotherhood/sisterhood alive. Enjoy some photos of our longtime members below, from past meetings and consultations.



» Member Bill Soderquist plans to retire soon, and is pictured with his wife, Virginia.



Retiree Ian Andersen » and his wife, Kelli.

CALL 707.290.1834 OR 800.251.5014

FOR ANY QUESTIONS OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT



Stanislaus County 911 Dispatchers reach tentative agreement

By Mike DeAnda, business representative

Stanislaus Regional Emergency Dispatchers Association (SREDA), also called SR 911, was formed through a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between Stanislaus County and the City of Modesto in November 2000. SR 911 dispatchers provide public-safety emergency-dispatch services 24 hours a day, seven days a week (about 200,000 calls a year). This emergency dispatching service is provided for 22 law enforcement and fire agencies within Stanislaus County. In addition, this unit also manages non-emergency calls. This equates to about 140,000 in non-emergency calls and 75,000 emergency 911 calls a year. Despite dispatching for a densely populated community, this department has struggled to retain dispatchers and maintain staffing growth.

After nearly six months and 11 negotiations, most of which were contentious, the SREDA bargaining team of President Melissa Dobbs, Vice President Erika Quilerolo, Treasurer Hillary Thayer, Secretary Katie Cooke, Chairperson Melissa Garcia Ramirez and Chairperson Melissa Mann reached a Tentative Agreement (TA) with Stanislaus County.



Congratulations to the SREDA Negotiations Board for achieving a tentative agreement.

- **TERM** Three years
- **WAGES** July 1, 2026 – 4 percent base-wage increase
- **WAGES** July 1, 2027 – 4 percent base-wage increase
- **WAGES** July 1, 2028 – 3 percent base-wage increase
- **TRAINING PAY** Dispatch supervisors receive 5 percent in additional pay for training multiple Call Takers and/or Dispatchers.
- **PATCHED RADIO PAY** Employees who work more than one radio will receive 5 percent in additional pay.
- **BI-LINGUAL PAY** Increased from \$0.85 cents an hour to \$1.00 an hour.
- **HOLIDAY PAY** Dispatchers who work New Year's Eve will receive holiday pay, due to the major increase in call volume in the hours leading up to midnight.
- **ACTING SUPERVISOR PAY** When a supervisor and/or manager is not available, non-supervisory employees who work as supervisor will receive an additional pay of 5 percent.
- **REST PERIODS** Preserved the 12-hour rest period between shifts, including when mandated and held over, meaning the County will pay the employee the time needed to get the 12-hour rest period between shifts.
- **MORE HOURS, MORE PAY** When employees are mandated to work more than 48 hours in a six-day period, they will receive double-time pay for the hours above 48.

The SREDA Negotiations Board and membership are excited and relieved to see their hard work recognized and the protections of their rest periods between shifts preserved in order to continue to provide excellent service to the citizens of Stanislaus County. They hope their new contract will attract additional qualified applicants willing to seek out Stanislaus Regional 911 as a lucrative, exciting and gratifying career opportunity in the heart of the Central Valley.

Longtime member honored

By Michael Moore, business representative

Thirty-three-year member Joaquin Vasquez was recently honored by Local 3 for his commitment to his union and his trade. The longtime City of Watsonville employee exemplifies loyalty, dedication and professional growth within the City, as well as with Operating Engineers Local 3. This milestone highlights shared successes, challenges overcome and skills mastered. Honoring this tenure fosters a deep sense of belonging and validation of hard work and time invested. Joaquin also provides mentorship to newer colleagues.

Congratulations, Joaquin!



From left: Thirty-three-year member Joaquin Vasquez is honored by Public Employees Business Agent Michael Moore.

Updates on El Dorado County Corrections Officers' bargaining

By Shannon Starr, business representative

It has been a busy year for contract negotiations! Recently, the El Dorado County Corrections Officers ratified their new contract. Leading up to this bargaining session, the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors stated that their goal was to get and keep employees' pay at median for their comparable counties. This statement left many employees thinking the County would get them to median during the new contract; however, the County said it could not afford to bring employees to median yet, but wanted to start working toward that goal.

What did that mean for our members?

We agreed to a two-year contract that provides for an 11.26 percent increase at ratification, with an additional 3 percent the following year in July 2027. This is a step in the right direction, but with comparator agencies receiving increases in both 2026 and 2027 that were not factored into the median rate, employees will be left about 11 percent behind, when we go back to the table.

In addition to the pay increases, the County agreed to provide employees who are required to remain at the jail, one meal per shift. The County also agreed to expand the area for geographic differential pay.

Previously, when an employee was injured at work and had follow-up medical appointments that occurred while the employee was scheduled to work, the County required employees to use their personal sick-leave balances for the time off. Now, workers' compensation doctor appointments will be considered paid release.

We removed limits on catastrophic leave use and expanded availability to family members' care.

We created a new tiered vacation bidding system, in which employees with more than four years at the agency can bid a second round of vacations.

Employees who have completed training are now allowed to bid their shifts, rather than be assigned a shift.

Nevada Public Employees Negotiations Update

By Ralph Handel, business representative

Operating Engineers Local 3 members across Nevada continue to make strong progress at the bargaining table, with several Public Employee units securing meaningful contract improvements in wages, benefits and workplace protections during this year's negotiations cycle

In Winnemucca, City employees in a newly-organized bargaining unit have ratified a new two-year agreement that includes a 3 percent Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) in each year of the agreement and replaces the previous merit-based pay system with a 10-step wage schedule, creating a more transparent and predictable path for wage progression. The agreement also includes increased education and certification pay and adds Operating Engineers Local 3 Health and Welfare coverage for public employees. The contract was ratified unanimously, reflecting the strong support of the membership and the significance of the gains made in first-contract bargaining.

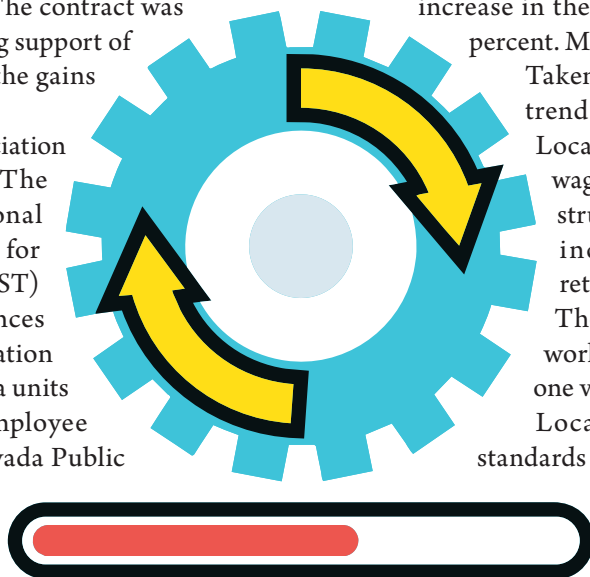
The Winnemucca Police Officers Association also ratified a new two-year contract. The agreement includes increased educational incentive pay, improved compensation for Peace Officers' Standards and Training (POST) certificates, enhanced uniform allowances and an increase to employees' compensation time bank. In addition, both Winnemucca units secured contract language limiting employee contributions toward the upcoming Nevada Public Employees Retirement System's (PERS's) rate increase to no more than 1.5 percent, providing important protection against rising retirement costs. Both agreements also add a floating holiday, giving employees additional flexibility and leave time.

In Humboldt County, the Humboldt County Law Enforcement Association reached a one-year extension of its current contract. The extension includes a 3 percent COLA and a one-year increase in the County stipend for family medical premiums to \$700 per month. This increase will provide immediate relief to members, while the County and employees continue working toward a new healthcare compensation plan structure. The agreement also includes increases to educational incentive pay and POST certificate compensation.

In Eureka County, the non-sworn bargaining unit has unanimously ratified a new two-year contract that includes COLA increases and additional retirement cost protections for employees. The agreement limits any reduction in the second-year COLA, resulting from an increase in the Nevada PERS rate to a maximum of 1.5 percent. Members also secured a floating holiday.

Taken together, these agreements show a clear trend in Nevada public-employee bargaining. Local 3 members are not only winning general wage increases but also making progress on pay-structure reform, educational and certification incentives, healthcare contributions, retirement-cost protections and leave benefits. These gains reflect the strength of organized workers standing together and speaking with one voice at the bargaining table.

Local 3 members are continuing to raise standards for public employees across Nevada. These contracts are a reminder that strong unions deliver results, and when workers stay united, engaged and prepared to fight for fair treatment, real progress is possible.



UPDATE

Local 3 General Election endorsements

The General Election is Nov. 3. Please make sure you are registered to vote and **VOTE UNION** in this election. Below are Local 3’s endorsed candidates and measures at the time of this writing. Please check back here and on Local 3’s website (oe3.org) for updated recommendations and look for more information coming in the mail. Most importantly, remember that your attention to these endorsements ensures our union’s needs (Core Values) are met: Education and training, steady employment, good wages, strong benefits, safe, professional and responsible working conditions, dignified retirement and collective bargaining rights.

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Eleni Kounalakis

Controller
Malia Cohen

Superintendent of Public Instruction
Richard Barrera

Insurance Commissioner
Ben Allen

Statewide Ballot Measures
Prop. 1 – Veterans Housing Bond
(\$11.25 billion bond that would fund the creation and preservation of affordable housing for veterans and their families, increasing employment opportunities for members on housing projects and infrastructure related to them.) **YES**

Prop. 2 – Increase Rainy Day Fund
(Increases CA’s “rainy day fund” during years when state revenues are strong, which would better protect the jobs, wages and benefits of Unit 12 members and other public employees during budget emergencies, such as an economic downturn) **YES**

Prop. 5 – Recall Successor Election
(Special Elections or appointments would be held to fill vacant government positions, which means more stability for projects that require the participation of governmental positions.) **YES**

Prop. 40 – Billionaires’ Tax
(Some billionaires fund projects that put OE3 members to work. This tax may result in those funding current or future projects withdrawing those funds from the state, which puts employment for our members at risk) **NO**

Prop. 43 – Two-Thirds Vote Requirement
(provides major obstacles for getting any funding for projects that employ Operating Engineers and could result in these projects and that employment disappearing) **NO**

Prop. 45 – Building an Affordable California Act
(could compromise labor standards on projects, while giving up the unions’ ability to advocate for labor standards at the local level) **NO**

BURLINGAME DISTRICT 01

Congressional
Scott Weiner District 11
Kevin Mullen District 15

State Assembly
Matt Haney District 17
Catherine Stefani District 19
Diane Papan District 21
Marc Berman District 23

SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY

Supervisor
Stephen Sherrill District 02
Alan Wong District 04
Matt Dorsey District 06
Theo Ellington District 10

Ballot Measures
Connect Bay Area Regional Transit Measure
(includes millions of dollars for capital improvement projects that put OE3 members to work) **YES**

Measure A
(adopts findings of the City Commission Streamlining Taskforce to help make approvals and processes run more efficiently for project approvals) **YES**

Measure D*
(streamlines project approvals and improves government efficiency) **YES**

Measure E*
(streamlines project approvals and improves government efficiency) **YES**

Measure F*
(streamlines project approvals and improves government efficiency) **YES**

Measure H
(prevents drastic cuts to SF transit services) **YES**

**Part of the proposed San Francisco Charter Amendments*

SAN MATEO COUNTY

San Carlos City Council
Sara McDowell
Adam Rak
Pranita Venkatesh

San Mateo City Council
Lisa Diaz Nash District 01
Rob Newsom Jr. District 03
Adam Loraine District 05

Ballot Measures
Connect Bay Area Regional Transit Measure
(includes millions of dollars for capital improvement projects that put OE3 members to work) **YES**

San Mateo County Community College District
(funds projects to employ our members) **YES**

FAIRFIELD DISTRICT 04

Congressional
Mike Thompson District 04
John Garamendi District 08

State Assembly
Cecilia Aguiar-Curry District 04
Lori Wilson District 11

NAPA COUNTY

Supervisor
Joelle Gallagher District 01
Anne Cottrell District 03

City Council
Mary Luros District 03

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Supervisor
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David Oro

Dixon Unified School District Board
Julian Cuevas

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Alma Hernandez

Vallejo City Council
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Vacaville Unified School District
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Vince Courtney

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Jackie Elward District 12

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Lateefah Simon District 12
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Ro Khanna District 17

State Assembly
Buffy Wicks District 14
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Rebecca Bauer-Kahan District 16
Mia Bonta District 18
Liz Ortega District 20
Alex Lee District 24

State Senate
Scott Sakakihara District 10

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Superior Court Judge
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VOICE OF THE ENGINEER

Field Foreman offers advice on how to be successful

“As soon as I walk through the door, I start getting hit with things,” said Dwayne Plummer, Field Foreman for the Operating Engineers Local 3 Journeyman and Apprentice Training Center (OE3 JATC). “I get here a little early and answer questions or help guide people in the right direction.”

Plummer oversees the OE3 JATC’s instructors, students and staff, as well as construction of the center’s new facilities at its hands-on training site.

After growing up on a ranch near Salinas, Calif., Dwayne attended West Hills College in Coalinga, where he took a heavy equipment course that changed his career trajectory.

“I wanted to be in agriculture my whole life, but after that, I decided to make my career operating heavy equipment.”

Dwayne started his construction career working non-union, but after being asked to return to West Hills College and teach his own heavy equipment class, he was exposed to the union in ways that opened his eyes to the benefits of membership.

“When I started teaching at the college, I realized the union was the way to go,” he said. “I jumped ship then and never looked back! I wouldn’t be where I’m at if I hadn’t gone union with the Operating Engineers.”

Today, work never slows for Dwayne on the OE3 JATC’s 1,500-acre property.

“It’s a busy day, every day. We’re constantly moving and we’ve got to be prepared for just about everything,” he said, noting that the people he works with make it all worthwhile. “This has been the greatest experience in my life, because of the staff, the people around here, the people I get to instruct.”

Dwayne wants others to enjoy those same great experiences, and his advice to prospective apprentices who want to get there is to “stay patient.”

“When you get your call, make sure you’re ready for it. Prepare and know that you’re getting an opportunity that most people don’t get,” he said. “This isn’t just a job. This is life-changing, and shame on you if you don’t take advantage of it.”

As for current apprentices, his advice for them is to be accountable throughout their apprenticeship.

“We got the best instructors you can get, but you’ve got to be responsible for your actions,” he said. “We’re putting a lot into you to become the kind of person that we think you can be, but you have a responsibility to keep yourself out of trouble and to keep yourself working in the industry that’s putting you through this deal... We can give you the best training, and I can tell you, we’ve got the best instructors you can get, but we can only do so much. You’ve got to be responsible for your actions, because once you get through this Apprenticeship Program, you become a journeyman and you’re back on your own anyway, so, it doesn’t make sense to waste this opportunity whatsoever.”

Dwayne’s advice to apprentices also includes learning to understand the value of the union giving them these opportunities, as it will be there to assist them throughout their careers.

“The union builds on brotherhood, sisterhood, bearing down and getting through the hard times together. Life isn’t always easy, but it’s a whole lot easier if you’re on the same page with the people you work with.”



BIG BILL

- A one-of-a-kind material spreader
- Processes about 16,000 to 18,000 tons of material a day
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Graniterock's A. R. Wilson Quarry in Aromas, Calif., is in the important business of rock, which, may not sound that exciting, but the acquisition, crushing, cleaning and procurement of rock (otherwise called "construction materials") is big business. Rock products are what every Local 3 construction jobsite uses to build roads, highways, bridges, dams, parking lots, etc. California residents and businesses also use this material to fix or enhance driveways, add walkways, etc. The A. R. Wilson Quarry is a complex, streamlined, efficient and environmentally sustainable powerhouse provider of materials for every need and in every size. It's also a great employer of Operating Engineers who enjoy the local, year-round employment and benefits of knowing where they start and end their shifts every day.

"Year-round, there's no hiccups, at all," said Loader Operator Tyler Blanke. "Job security, all the way. I mean, I never really have to worry about anything when it comes to getting good hours or anything else in that field. I have no worries on it whatsoever."

Morgan Hill District 90 Business Agent Tony Garcia once worked at this plant, as did his father, so he knows the operations personally.

"We got guys operating 992 loaders, excavators, blades, smaller loaders for cleanup," he explained. "We also have members that operate numerous plants, such as the secondary plant, the primary

plant, or primary crusher plant operations. We have the WRP, which is a water press plant. And they have a plant called 'Big Bill,' where they disperse overburden."

Across 2,000 acres, about 21,000 to 23,000 tons of material is crushed, screened and washed daily – mined along the San Andreas Fault. The plant has been operational since 1900, when black and white granite was discovered along the banks of the Pajaro River and used for railroad construction. More than a century later, the A. R. Wilson Quarry is now the flagship quarry of Graniterock's operations and the premier supplier of high-quality aggregate, sand, concrete, recycled aggregate and hot mix asphalt for the Monterey Bay and San Francisco Bay Area.

While much of the material is loaded onto trucks, a giant portion of the aggregate is loaded onto the quarry's own railcars, traveling to San Jose, Redwood City and South San Francisco.

Locomotive Engineer Matt McCrillis sees to it that train cars get loaded with whatever material is needed.

"Right now, we're loading three quarter-inch rock, and then I'll load half-inch, quarter-inch, and then there's different types of sand," he said. "Whatever they want to ship out by rail. ... It's my responsibility to get it loaded, get it blocked, built and shipped out."



Plant Operator
Arnulfo "Arnie"
Cabadas.



Locomotive Engineer
Matt McCrillis.



Dozer Operator Gos Devries.



Loader Operator
Tyler Blanke.



Heavy Equipment
Operator Bobby Greene.



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- ▶ Works day and night



FLAGSHIP QUARRY
IN AROMAS, CA IS

SETTING

THE

STANDARD

Every train car that gets loaded (115 tons) equals about four semi-trucks that won't be adding to the traffic of this very congested area, which is good news for commuters and the environment. This is just one way that the quarry is environmentally responsible. About 65 percent of the operations utilize solar energy from two solar farms, both built by OE3 members in the last few years.

Besides the excavation operations, maintenance and repairs of the different plants and equipment also happens onsite with OE3 Heavy-Duty Repairers (HDRs) providing all of this work.

Material that is not used is fed to an enormous material spreader, named "Big Bill." This mobile monster operates at the end of a multi-mile overland conveyor system, swiveling on a 180-degree arc to spread crushed rock byproduct/aggregate. It features massive crawler tracks and wheels over 10 feet in diameter. Once the material is "spread," dozers and scraper operators move it for future landscape and land reclamation work.

According to Operator Cody Clark, Big Bill is fairly famous. "As far as I was told, there was only three of them ever made. Two of them are owned by Graniterock, this being one of them. One of them is for spare parts. Another one, I believe, is in Europe."

Besides the views of Mount Fremont and the Pacific Ocean (on a clear day), the steady, year-round work and the great benefits of this union job, members at the Graniterock A. R. Wilson Quarry enjoy the work for deeper reasons, according to Crusher Operator Kody Gluhan.

"I like the people," he said. "You're around really good, hardworking people that have a certain dedication for their work and it makes you want to get up and be ready to work every day. Everyone is always looking out for each other, you know, how can you help out your brother? How can you, you know, make his life easier for that day? And there's a camaraderie that you feel with the people here. It makes it easy to come to work every day. It's like a family, because, you know, you spend more time here, sometimes, than you do at home. So, you really do develop a good relationship with the people you work with."

Remember, the materials on your construction job or the concrete along your driveway, comes from an aggregate plant like this one, and if it came from Graniterock's A.R. Wilson Quarry, now you know exactly how! *

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Title

Bay Cities advances Treasure Island infrastructure project

Report

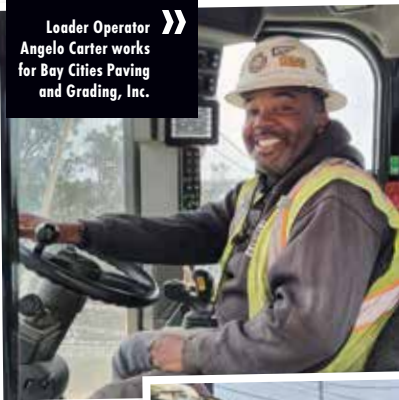
Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc. continues work on the Treasure Island Access project, installing approximately 2,000 linear feet of storm drain, laterals and manholes. Foreman **Scott Rebuck**, excavator operators **Jose Rubio** and **Johnathan Zanni** and Loader Operator **Angelo Carter** are onsite. The project has been underway for about two-and-a-half years and is expected to be completed next year.

At Hunters Point Naval Shipyard in San Francisco, **Champion Contractors** is demolishing six large structures. **Felipe Guillen** and **Juan De La Cruz** are on link-belt excavators and **Gustavo Sandoval** is on a Hitachi 870. Apprentice **James Brown** is providing support on a Cat 305-E skid-steer.

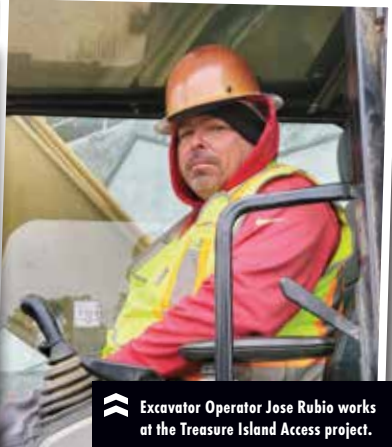
J. Flores Construction Company, Inc. is installing a 12-inch sewer main and patch-paving along several blocks of 18th Street in San Francisco. **Martin Briseno** and **Santiago Pena** are operating excavators. **Interstate Concrete Pumping** has **Billy Conrad** pumping concrete for the **Hoseley Construction** project at the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) building.

In San Mateo County, **K. J. Woods Construction, Inc.** is on San Bruno Avenue, installing around 1,200 feet of storm drain and manholes. **Peter Savage** is on a backhoe and **Robert Golden** is on an excavator. In Burlingame, **Redgwick Construction Company** is paving various locations. **Michael Ageev** is foreman, **Rafael Barajas** is on the skip-loader, **Gabriel Rivera** is on the roller and **Oscar Curiel Martinez** is on the screed. **Testing Engineers, Inc.** is checking asphalt compaction, with inspectors **Sean P. Hughes** and **Anthony R. Basch**. Down the coast, **West Coast Cranes, Inc.** is at Ano Nuevo State Park, installing new vaults for the restrooms. **Robert J. Hilton** is running a Grove 300 and **Jason Rodriguez** is oiling.

Loader Operator
Angelo Carter works
for Bay Cities Paving
and Grading, Inc.



Excavator Operator Jose Rubio works
at the Treasure Island Access project.



Billy Conrad is pumping
concrete at the SFPUC building.



Jason Rodriguez and Robert J. Hilton
work for West Coast Cranes, Inc.

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

Title

Pipeline work heats up in district

Report

Bay Cities Paving and Grading, Inc. was awarded the \$1.5 million Devlin Road Paving project in Napa County. Members have been working special single shifts, grinding approximately 3,350 linear feet of existing asphalt to a depth of 3 inches, and placing 3 inches of Hot-Mix Asphalt (HMA) on top, from the intersection of Soscal Ferry Road to Airport Boulevard. Work also includes dig-out repairs and traffic re-striping.

Sierra Mountain Construction is currently working on the \$4.9 million Milliken Raw Water Pipeline Hardening project, which is funded by the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). The project began in July and is expected to be completed by winter. Work consists of installing 6,200 feet of 16-inch pipeline and appurtenances. (The pipeline is on an unpaved trail that runs adjacent to Milliken Creek, with steep grades on either side.) The previous pipeline was removed in 2024, after being damaged by the Atlas Fire in 2017. About 3,500 feet of the new pipeline will be buried, and about 2,700 feet will be above ground, including installation of a steel shield over the above-ground portion to protect against falling trees and rocks.

In northern Solano County, work continues on the Stevenson Bridge Rehabilitation project. **Chaz Bartholomew** and **Riley Alemania** are staying busy on this project. In Fairfield, **Ghilotti Bros.** is performing underground work for the hydronic system modernization at Solano Community College. This will update the climate control for the entire campus. In midtown Fairfield, **Ghilotti Construction** is replacing sewer lines to update the aging infrastructure in these neighborhoods. Work is also starting back up for **Weber General Engineering** at the North Village project in Vacaville.



Operator Chaz Bartholomew and Apprentice Riley Alemania
work at the Stevenson Bridge Rehabilitation project.

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

New recreational facilities for public and school

Report

Ghilotti Bros. is working on a \$23 million paving project for Caltrans, which involves culvert-repair, grinding and paving Hwy. 101 in San Rafael. **Myers/Disney Joint-Venture (JV)** is working on an \$18.3 million bridge replacement project, performing culvert-widening, creek habitat restoration and paving on Hwy. 1 in Point Reyes.

Argonaut Constructors is working on a \$10.5 million project for the City of Santa Rosa, grinding and paving Calistoga Road from Montecito Boulevard to Hwy. 12. The company is also working on the \$4.2 million Galvan Courts project, which consists of building pads for new tennis courts and pickle ball courts, storm drains and new bioswale. **Argonaut Constructors** has part of the Sonoma County Overlays project and will be paving various roads throughout the county.

Ghilotti Construction is working on a \$38 million pedestrian and bike bridge over Hwy. 101, which will connect Santa Rosa Junior College to Cleveland Avenue. The company also has a \$4.8 million project for the City of Santa Rosa, replacing 4,000 feet of water mains, 1,000 feet of sewer main and multiple storm drain catch basins, as well as repaving the neighborhood surrounding Montgomery High School. The company is also replacing a



Gradesetter Chad Bradbury works for Argonaut Constructors.



Foreman Matt Roberts works for Argonaut Constructors.



Colby LaFranchi works for Argonaut Constructors.

bridge in Freestone, under a \$3.5 million Project Labor Agreement (PLA) for the County of Sonoma.

O. C. Jones recently started a \$25 million concrete overlay project for Caltrans, on Hwy. 37 in Novato, and an \$11.5 million project, repaving roads and replacing ADA ramps, curbs and gutters in Tiburon.

Bauman Landscape and Construction started a \$3.1 million park project for the City of Petaluma. Members with the company are reconstructing Lucchesi Park, installing new playground equipment, building a new skate park and installing new landscaping. Work is also underway on a \$3.9 million project for the San Rafael City Schools District, at Sun Valley Elementary School. Work includes reconfiguring and expanding the pickup and drop-off area, building a new courtyard and installing a new artificial turf field.

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

Title

Enough work to go around; mines stay busy

Report

From Reno

Construction on the USA Parkway Corridor is still going strong, with **Granite Construction**, **Q & D Construction**, **Goodfellow Bros., Inc.**, **Reno-Tahoe Construction (RTC)** and **Sierra Nevada Construction** working together. An estimated \$120 million of state work, spread across multiple projects, will be open to bids before the end of the year. **Bechtel** has crews working six days a week at Thacker Pass, with many dispatches still open. If you find yourself out-of-work and willing to travel, call our superstar dispatcher, **Steve Gillsepie**, at (775) 857-4440 to get on our Out-of-Work List. Work safe, work smart and work union!

From Elko

Ames Construction continues work at the Meikle Mine in Carlin and has been awarded a new mining project in Spring Valley just outside of Imlay. The company continues to work at the lithium mine in Winnemucca and has a project just outside of Elko, at the South Railroad Pass Mine. **Canyon Construction** has been awarded a new project at the Cortez Mine in Battle Mountain. **N. A. Degerstrom, Inc.** is keeping members busy at the Rain Mine, as well as at the Gold Bar Mine in Eureka and at the Bald Mountain project. The company has been awarded another mine project at the Florida Canyon Mine, just outside of Lovelock. **Road and Highway Builders** has members working in Halleck, performing bridge demolition and reconstruction and is bidding new work in the area. **Rango Construction** has picked up a few new mining projects. **Sterling Crane** is continuing to provide work at Nevada Gold Mines and throughout the Elko area. At the time of publication, gold is \$4,015.60 per troy ounce.

The Elko picnic will be held Sept. 12, at the Elko Park (Area 1) from 12-3 p.m. A good time will be had by all; come and enjoy the afternoon with us. Stay safe!

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Elko Main City Park Area 1 - BBQ area
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UTAH	12	8805 South Sandy Parkway, Sandy, UT 84070	801.596.2677	Brandon Dew

Title

I-215 moves forward

Report

Members with **Granite Construction** are working full-time on a major bridge and roadway rehabilitation project along I-215. These Skilled and Trained members play a central role in keeping this critical infrastructure effort on track.

The project began in September 2025 and is scheduled for completion by fall 2027. Once finished, it will deliver long-term improvements to one of the region's most heavily traveled corridors. The scope includes rehabilitation of 18 main-line bridges and six ramp bridges, as well as extensive roadway reconstruction between Hwy. 700 N. and Hwy. 201. While no new lanes are currently planned, engineers are evaluating a potential southbound acceleration lane to further improve safety and traffic flow. In total, the project will place an estimated 175,000 tons of asphalt.

At its peak, Local 3 staffing has reached 40 to 50 members across roughly 10 crews, including crane operators. Around 20 union subcontractors are on the project, including Carpenters, Laborers, Ironworkers, traffic control teams, electricians, striping crews, guardrail installers and quality-control specialists. Together, these trades represent the strength of coordinated, union labor delivering complex infrastructure safely and efficiently.

One of the most demanding aspects of the job is Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) phasing, which requires careful planning to shift and protect live traffic, while work continues. Crews and supervisors report strong collaboration across departments, including ongoing coordination on apprentice placement and mentorship to

ensure the next generation of Operating Engineers gains valuable experience on this high-profile project.

With steady employment, strong union participation and a multi-year timeline, the I-215 project stands as a clear example of how skilled Operating Engineers and union trades deliver lasting value to their communities – one bridge, one shift and one safe workday at a time.



An overhead map of the I-125 project.

Members with Granite Construction work on the I-125 rehab project.



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HAWAII	17	2181 Lauwiliwili St., Kapolei, HI 96707	808.845.7871	Ana Tuiasosopo

Title

Kailu-Kona to get new housing development

Report

Isemoto Contracting Co., Ltd. is working on a new, \$12.6 million housing development in Kailua-Kona. This project features 26 buildings and will provide 100 units of median-income housing. Key aspects of the work include installing all utilities from offsite, excavating building pads, grading roadways and paving with asphalt. Additional tasks will involve the implementation of curbs, gutters, signage and striping.

WHAT ARE OE3'S CORE VALUES?

WORKING TO ENSURE OUR MEMBERS HAVE:

EDUCATION & TRAINING
STEADY EMPLOYMENT
GOOD WAGES

STRONG BENEFITS
SAFE, RESPONSIBLE &
PROFESSIONAL WORKING
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From left: Jon A. Pedro, Felipe Magana-Zavala, Kira L. Spencer, Zackery K. Higa, Kent G. Onaka, Robert Miguel, Tahj Medeiros, and Michael R. Thornton work on a new housing development.

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

Title

Members repair canals in Central Valley

Report

Local 3 members continue to play a key role in the Morgan Territory Road Bridge Replacement project near Clayton. Foreman **Joe Ellis** and Operator **Roberto Ruiz**, working for **Brannon Corporation**, are replacing the existing timber bridge over Marsh Creek with a modern reinforced concrete structure built to current safety standards. The project includes major grading, drainage improvements, retaining walls and roadway reconstruction that will provide a safer, more reliable crossing for the traveling public.

Kiewit Infrastructure West is leading one of the region's most significant water infrastructure improvements under the Delta-Mendota Canal Subsidence Correction project near Byron and Mountain House. Phase 1 is worth \$37.5 million and will restore the canal's original water-carrying capacity after decades of erosion caused sections of the canal to sink. Work includes raising nearly four miles of canal lining and embankments, improving drainage and reconstructing bridges, crossings and other critical infrastructure to ensure reliable water deliveries throughout California's Central Valley. Construction is expected to continue through the end of this year, as crews work to strengthen one of the state's most important water conveyance systems.

Voter-approved Measure O is funding the Heather Farm Aquatic and Community Center

project in Walnut Creek. This project represents a major investment in the community's future. Contractor **Duran & Venables, Inc.** and **JML Engineering & Construction, Inc.** are onsite. Work includes construction of a new community center, upgraded recreational amenities, improved parking and additional site improvements throughout Heather Farm Park.

OE3 continues to secure work and protect opportunities for our members, but it takes an active membership to keep our union strong. We encourage every member to attend their District Meetings and stay informed on upcoming projects, work opportunities, contract updates and issues affecting our industry. These meetings are your chance to hear directly from your business representatives and officers, ask questions and learn about projects coming to your area before they begin.

If you are currently not working, make sure you contact your District Office to verify that you are on the Out-of-Work List and that your phone number, address and other contact information are up to date. Keeping your information current helps ensure you can be reached quickly when job opportunities become available. A strong union depends on informed and involved members. We encourage everyone to stay engaged and help build the future of Operating Engineers Local 3.



Foreman Joseph Ellis and Operator Roberto Ruiz work at the Morgan Territory Road Bridge Replacement project.

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

Title

Concrete pumpers make sure projects start

Report

Congratulations to Stockton District Rep. **Dean Fadeff** for taking on the role of Financial Secretary-Treasurer for the San Joaquin Building Trades Council (SJBTC). He was recently sworn-in by California State Building and Construction Trades Council President **Chris Hannan**.

One of many projects secured by the SJBTC is a solar project at Delta College, covered under a Project Labor Agreement (PLA). Members with **Teichert** and **Sacramento Drilling** are working together to install solar panels in all the parking lots at the college. Drill Operator **Chad Larsen** and Oiler **Roberto Vega** are with **Sacramento Drilling**, preparing holes for solar structures that will shade the parking lot and generate energy that will be used by the college.

Operator **Erin Bryant** has worked for **Interstate Concrete Pumping** since 2001 and is currently in Tracy Hills, pumping concrete for housing foundations. OE3 concrete pumpers are usually the first ones on the job – these large pours can start as early as 3 a.m. Once the pour is finished, these members spend hours cleaning their pumps and trucks, to make sure they are ready for the next day. Concrete pumpers are a small but mighty part of the OE3 family. Our concrete pumpers just ratified a new contract with United Contractors (UCON), which will increase their pay by a total of \$11 over the next three years. These members also made sure the new contract allocated \$2 toward their Pension, because they know a secure retirement is what makes Local 3 strong.

It's never too early to focus on your Pension. All members earning a Pension can log into www.OE3trustfunds.org, and use the calculator to see where they are now and where they will be at retirement age. If at any time you don't understand your Pension statements, please reach out to the Trust Funds Office, who will be happy to help.



Local 3 concrete pumpers just ratified a new contract.



Members with Sacramento Drilling work at Delta College.



Concrete Pumper Erin Bryant is pouring concrete for housing foundations.

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

Title

Learn about the Out-of-Work Lists

Report

If you believe that you have not been getting notifications from us about District Meetings, Retiree Meetings and more, we encourage you to save this phone number in your phone: **(510) 748-8350**. This number, which is different from the Hall's number, is our District's important messages line. These calls may be showing up as "Spam" or "High Risk" on your phone, if your carrier flags automated calling. The robocalls go out to our members infrequently, but they give information about upcoming quarterly meetings or major events in our area that will have an impact on your career. This is also the number that contacts members who are about to be delinquent on dues, so they can avoid suspension and reinstatement fees. Saving this number will allow you to receive these calls without issue. You should have received an e-mail with this information last

month. If not, call the Hall and update your e-mail address and other contact information today.

On Hwy. 299, two miles east of Blue Lake, **Steve Manning Construction, Inc.** has started a \$63 million Caltrans project that will straighten stretches of the highway and provide slide stabilization. Operators on this project have been paving, clearing trees and brush and setting out concrete barricades to redirect traffic.

This season has seen an uptick in members on the Out-of-Work List in areas that they are not actually available to work in. Please remember that if you place yourself on the Out-of-Work List, you are saying that you are willing and able to take a dispatch in that area.

You are allowed to refuse three dispatches before you are taken off the Out-of-Work List for 30 days, losing your position on the list. However, if you accept a dispatch and refuse the job afterwards or do not notify anybody and do not show up for the job on the dispatch date, you will immediately be removed from the list for 30 days. If you have a valid reason that necessitates no longer being

able to accept the dispatch, reach out to the employer and the person who dispatched you for a path forward.

For members who are not familiar with the Out-of-Work List, call the Hall or ask a business agent. We are happy to explain the job placement regulations and help you figure out your hire status, list expiration dates, which areas you can take work in, what equipment you are registered for, if you need any minimum qualifications for other equipment and if you have received any new licenses or certifications.



Operators with Steve Manning Construction, Inc. fell and remove trees from the Hwy. 299 worksite.

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

Title

High-Speed Rail gets long-awaited boost

Report

With the influx of Cap-and-Invest funds, the High-Speed Rail (HSR) project has received a dramatic push on work and hours. Dispatch requests have increased by over 100, with more expected before the end of the year.

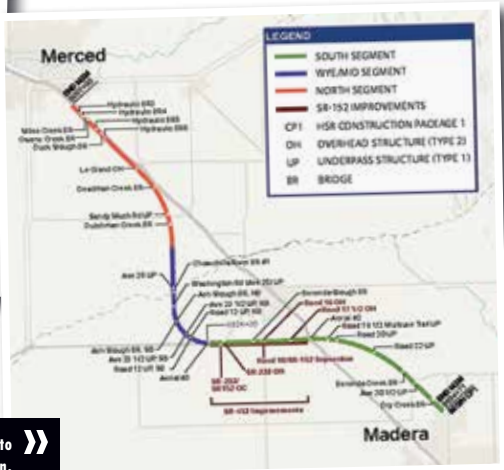
Members with **Tutor Perini/Zachry/Parsons Joint-Venture (TPZP JV)** are starting a six-10 schedule to keep the timeline of Construction Package 1 on schedule. **TPZP JV** is on track to complete approximately 25 miles of the project by the end of December. To help meet this milestone, **TPZP JV** has hired an additional 25 to 30 operators in the last month.

The California HSR Authority is accepting bid proposals for the 30-mile Merced to Madera section of the project. The pre-bid conference on July 16 of this year allowed prospective bidders to begin to put together Design Build Proposals, from January 2027 until October 2027. The HSR Authority will start accepting bids at the end of that period, and a contract will be awarded in November 2027.



Excavator Operator Paul Dixon Jr. installs storm drain under Foreman Brandon Wingate's supervision on the HSR project.

This newest section of the project consists of three construction packages: North, Wye/Mid and South segments. These include guideway construction, bridges and aerial structures, roadway modifications, drainage and floodplain improvements, animal crossings, utility coordination and other related civil infrastructures for the Merced to Madera corridor.



A map of the new Merced to Madera section.

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

Title

School projects wrap-up, as summer ends

Report

In Quincy, **S. T. Rhoades** is working on the \$4.5 million Quincy Junction project. This job started near the end of July and will be completed in November. The project consists of new box culverts, grading and paving for Plumas County at Quincy Junction and Bell Road. Subcontractor **Graniterock** will be performing all the grinding.

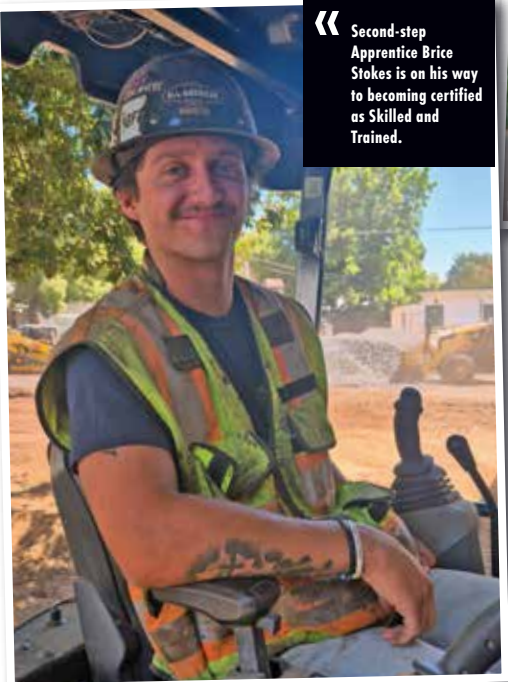
All-American Construction has several different school projects in Butte County: Citrus Elementary in Chico, Little Chico Creek Elementary, Paradise Elementary and Durham Elementary. Most of these school projects require Skilled and Trained operators, which indicates a member has 6,400 field hours and has graduated from the union's Apprenticeship Program. This requirement benefits Local 3 contractors, as leverage when bidding on these projects, and also ensures our qualified members have work.

We are only one month away from our District Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, Oct. 4 at the Loma Rica Lions Club. Please bring your lawn chair for great BBQ and raffle prizes. Stagecoach Catering will be preparing food once again, bringing their signature tri-tip and chicken. Stop by the Hall or call Business Agent **Jesse Johnson** at (530) 650-6915 to purchase your tickets. We look forward to seeing you and your family there!

» Amber Norred works on a school project for All-American Construction.



« Second-step Apprentice Brice Stokes is on his way to becoming certified as Skilled and Trained.



» John Hartman and Tyler Larkins work for S. T. Rhoades.

District	Number	Address	Phone Number	District Representative
REDDING	70	20308 Engineers Lane, Redding, CA 96002	530.222.6093	Korey Wygal

Title

Skilled and Trained operators a necessity

Report

Several school projects have kept our members busy throughout the summer. **Cox and Cox Construction** has several projects in the Redding and Shasta Lake areas. **McCuen Construction, Inc.** also has school projects finishing up in the district. These kinds of projects often have requirements that are directly tied to funding, which can include the need for a Skilled and Trained workforce. These are good opportunities to find work. If you're not Skilled and Trained, please call your District Office to inquire about how to join the union's training programs.

Other projects finishing up are **Tullis, Inc.'s** Hwy. 89 and Hwy. 3 projects. **J.F. Shea Construction, Inc.** has multiple paving projects for the City of Redding that should keep both its road crews and quarries busy. **Steelhead Constructors** has been working on a federal project near Likely, south of Alturas. We hope everyone has a safe and happy Labor Day, and please remember why we get to enjoy that day off!



» From left: Craig Branson and Miguel Fernandez work for Cox and Cox Construction.

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

Title
Highway bridge project continues

Report
Flatiron West, Inc. is the general contractor for the \$112 million Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge project on I-80 near the Hwy. 20 interchange. The project replaces both bridges, improves the roadway and upgrades drainage systems. The eastbound bridge was completed in 2025, and construction is now focused on the westbound bridge, with an expected completion date of late 2027. Crane operators **Joe Pena** and **Jeff Covington** with Flatiron have been key in keeping the project on-schedule. Jeff is a 28-year member, and Joe is a 31-year member.

Labor Day is a time to celebrate all the hard work and contributions that have been made so far this year. As you celebrate with your friends and family, take a moment to remember that the ideas of good health insurance, pensions, safety programs and safety requirements came about because workers joined together and fought for better working conditions and middle-class wages. Those people are the reason Local 3 exists and is as strong as it is today! Have a happy Labor Day!



Jeff Covington works for Flatiron West, Inc. >>



>> Joe Pena works on the Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge project.

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

Title
Data center; VTA work

Report
The \$160 million Equinix Data Center in San Jose continues to keep members busy. It is the last of three data centers on the Great Oak block. **Duran and Venables** has completed the rough-grading and pad-grading. **Foundation Constructors, Preston, Bigge and Joseph J. Albanese, Inc.** have also been active on site. **Joseph J. Albanese, Inc.** is currently providing excavation for electrical vaults and conduit banks. Foreman **Jose Mendoza** and Loader Operator **Mark Sundell** have been shuttling and laying out the job, while excavator operators **Aaron Carota** and **Jeffrey Jones** have been backfilling.

Other crews have been staying busy on the Valley Transit Authority's (VTA's) \$82 million Hwy. 101 and Hwy. 25 project. **DeSilva Gates, Platinum Pipelines, Jarret, Viking** and more all have members working. The project will provide critical infrastructure for the commuters in our industry who travel from the Hollister region, where the roads do not support the recent population growth. Also in Hollister, **Katch Environmental** is keeping members busy with the Tres Pinos, Stonegate and Venture Estates Consolidation project. This work will provide safe and reliable potable water service to parts of Hollister, funded by a \$13 million grant from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and a \$4 million community match. Stay safe out there!



Foreman Jose Mendoza and Loader Operator Mark Sundell work for Joseph J. Albanese, Inc. >>



Excavator Operator Aaron Carota works on the Equinix Data Center. >>



>> Excavator Operator Jeffrey Jones backfills for the Equinix Data Center.



MEDICALLY NECESSARY ≠ COVERED

When a health care provider recommends a test, procedure, or treatment, it’s often described as “medically necessary.” While this term is important, it can also be confusing. You’d be surprised to learn that a service being medically necessary does not automatically mean it’s covered by your health plan. Understanding the difference and how to proceed can help prevent unexpected bills.

When a provider determines a service is medically necessary, it means the treatment is appropriate to diagnose or treat a health condition based on clinical guidelines. In other words, a service can be medically appropriate and even essential for your care, but that doesn’t mean it’s included as a covered benefit under your plan.

A covered benefit is a service that your health plan has agreed to pay for, in whole or in part, based on the specific rules of the plan. Coverage depends on several factors, including:

- » The plan’s benefit design
- » Whether the service is excluded or limited
- » Network requirements
- » Prior authorization or precertification rules

If a service isn’t listed as a covered benefit or is specifically excluded, the plan may not pay for it even if your provider agrees that it’s medically necessary. This means that the cost of a procedure or treatment can wind up being your sole responsibility.

To avoid surprises, it’s always a good idea to:

- » **Review your plan benefits** to understand what is and isn’t covered.
- » **Confirm coverage in advance** for major services, treatments, or procedures.
- » **Ask about prior authorization requirements** before scheduling care.
- » **Contact the plan administrator or carrier** if you’re unsure how a service is covered.

Taking a few minutes to verify coverage ahead of time can help protect you from unexpected out-of-pocket costs later. Knowing the difference empowers you to make informed health care decisions and avoid costly surprises. If you have questions about your benefits, always contact your benefits provider before care is received.

Planning Surgery? Here’s a Tip That Could Save You Money

If you’re an active member or a non-Medicare retiree in California or Utah and enrolled in the PPO plan, here’s a money-saving tip to keep in mind when surgery is on the table: Ask your doctor if your procedure can be done at an ambulatory surgical center.

For many surgeries, these centers typically cost less than a hospital outpatient setting, which can mean lower out-of-pocket costs for you. That’s one less thing to worry about as you focus on healing and getting back to everyday life.

Need help finding an ambulatory surgical center near you, or want to check whether your doctor and surgical team are in-network before you schedule? Call the Anthem Medical Assist Line:

- Active members:
855-279-2128
- Non-Medicare retirees:
855-229-7822
- Active members can also contact MedExpert:
800-999-1999



SURVEYOR, BOAT CAPTAIN AND FISHING LODGE-OWNER

"There's going to be some tough times," said Local 3 Vice President Bruce Noel, during a recent interview regarding what a career in the Skilled Trades can mean, especially for those starting out. "You're going to go through some winters where you're not going to get as much work, and you have to be able to weather the storm and have the tenacity to go out and say, 'Hey, looks like I'm going to have a slower month,' and find something else to do to keep the money going."

Retiree David Nierhake had just that tenacity during his long career as a surveyor, piecing it together with his fishing hobby, as a way to supplement his income and live a good, full life. Though long-retired, the former land surveyor and owner of signatory Alhambra Surveying, captained fishing boats during his offseason, and eventually co-owned a fishing lodge, the Middle Island Lodge in Sitka, Alaska, which he still owns today.

"In the early 70s, I was a commercial fisherman in Alaska, as well as being a surveyor," he said. "That's how I got in the business, salmon and all that stuff. I captained the boat."

The 83-year-old Retiree, who lives in Mendocino, Calif., still travels to Alaska for his business, two weeks at a time, adding that his career in Local 3 has helped afford him these kinds of opportunities.

"Absolutely, yes, the union gave me opportunities. Young people interested in a career in surveying or any career within the union should do it, because there's lots of options. Anybody that can get in, yeah. I think that's probably one of the better things to do [join Local 3]. ... You know, as a member of the Operating Engineers, I think you have a hell of an opportunity to take care of yourself."

David got interested in the field at just 12 years old, shadowing his uncle, Henry Nierhake, whom David said was one of the original licensed surveyors in California.

David initiated into Local 3 in 1965, while living in the Martinez area. He started out as a chainman and worked his way up to party chief. In 1986, he formed his own union company and recalls that some of his most memorable projects include Blackhawk Ranch and the Los Vaqueros Reservoir, both in Contra Costa County, as well as site remediation for HAZMAT across several years in Hawthorne, Nev.

For David, the best part of his career hasn't been just the work itself, but the friendships he has maintained over the years, with fellow surveyors, some of whom were or became his family.

"It was 20 surveyors that came out of Martinez, and we all hung out at the local bar on every Friday, and we just had a good time, you know, sharing stories."

One of his daughters, Olivia, remembers his surveying career:

"...when I was a little girl and he would take me with him to his surveying job sites ... I'd sit in his truck while he surveyed the land and managed his crews, proud just to be spending the day with my dad. Even today, people still ask if he's in the surveying business because he built such an outstanding reputation. That's how respected he was – and still is. The friendships he made throughout his career have lasted a lifetime, which says everything about the kind of man he is. If you know my dad, you know he values relationships and has a remarkable way of keeping the people he cares about close throughout his life."

How else does David lead such an active life in retirement?

"I'm a health nut," he said. "I work out every day. I just stay active as hell ... and you know, as you get older, you just force yourself to do things. My saying is, 'Never pass the baton. You hold on to that baton.' I love playing guitar, cooking and actually family is No. 1 to me."

BUILT BY WORKERS. BACKED BY WORKERS.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 20. We're gathering at the Scottish Rite Center in Sacramento, CA for our Semi-Annual Meeting. Show up at 8:30 a.m. for registration, the meeting starts at 11 a.m., and lunch is on us after. It's free for all current, dues-paying members... just bring your postcard for entry and raffle access!

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DISTRICT MEETINGS

All meetings convene @ 7 p.m.
unless otherwise noted.

September 09.2026

No meetings scheduled.

October 10.2026

No meetings scheduled.

November 11.2026

30th District 30: Stockton
Operating Engineers' Building
1916 North Broadway Ave.

30th District 40: Eureka
Operating Engineers' Building
1330 Bayshore Way,
Ste. 103 (Room 106)

30th District 70: Redding
Operating Engineers' Building
20308 Engineers Lane

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 July 2026 and have been determined to be eligible for Honorary Membership effective Oct. 1, 2026.

Bill C. Ballard	2137715
District 12: Utah	
David R. Bibby	2019473
District 30: Stockton	
Dion D. Doll	2149175
District 99: Out of Union Jurisdiction	
Joe Gahart	2035080
District 40: Eureka	
Mark Grant	2159333
District 12: Utah	
Barry G. Jacobsen	2139526
District 12: Utah	
Manuel W. Nunes Jr.	2091188
District 20: Concord	
Shane Revoir	1948673
District 12: Utah	

NEW RETIREES

Effective June 2026

Abrams, Kenneth
Albert, Thomas
Alvarado, Richard
Bruggman, Todd
Candelario, Ignacio
Cazares, Ernesto
Colburn, David
Dahlsten, Robin
Daquinag, Bonifacio
De Mara, Patrick
Fisher, Dan
Frolli, Arthur
Gomes, Alfred
Goodwin, Russ
Hall, Gregory
Hendricks, Terry
Himes, David
Hutchinson, John
Karr, David
Kropelnicki, Neil
Ledesma, Felipe
Marsili, Eric
Martin, Tim
Miles, Charles
Mosqueda, Rigoberto
Nevarez, Alex
Pascua, Jeffrey
Pascual, Aldrin
Pedersen, Mark
Perez, Mario
Rei, Patrick
Reiter, Eugene
Remneff, Paul
Richey, Craig
Sanders, John
Short, Richard
Skinner, Larry
Taaning, Derek
Tenney, Thomas
Tobler, Donald
Waddell, Donald
Walkingstick, Scott

SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING INFO

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

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2026, @ 11 a.m.
Scottish Rite Temple
6151 H Street
Sacramento, CA 95819

CORRECTION: Fifty-year member Paul Lundell was mis-identified in the July Engineers News. He is from Payson, Utah.

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. Photos of some of these recipients can be found on pages 10-13.

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

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

September 09.2026

1st District 17: Kauai
Kauai Veterans Center
3215 Kauai Veterans Memorial Hwy.
Lihue, HI

2nd District 17: Hilo
ILWU Local 142
100 W Lanikaula St.
Hilo, HI

3rd District 17: Kona
Town Hall & Retirees Meeting (Combined)
King Kamehameha
Kona Beach Resort
75-5660 Palani Road
Kailua-Kona, HI

October 10.2026
No meetings scheduled.

November 11.2026
No meetings scheduled.

BUSINESS HOURS

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

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

RETIREE ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

September 09.2026

3rd Kona
Town Hall & Retirees Meeting (Combined)
King Kamehameha
Kona Beach Resort
75-5660 Palani Road
Kailua-Kona, HI
6 p.m.

PICNIC INFO

District 11: Elko (*Location changed*)

Saturday, Sept. 12, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Location: Elko Main City Park Area 1,
College Avenue, Elko, NV 89801

Menu: Tri-tip, chicken, beans, salad, rolls

Cost: Adults: \$10; Retirees: Free;

Families of four: \$20; Children ages seven to

18: \$10; Children ages six and under: Free

District 60: Yuba City

Sunday, Oct. 4, 11 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Location: Foothill Lions Community Center,
5667 Fruitland Road, Loma Rica, CA 95901

Menu: Tri-tip, chicken, ranch beans, rolls,
potato salad, green salad

Cost: Adults: \$10 presale, \$15 at the door;

Retirees: \$5; Children ages 12 and under: Free



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Our Sincere Condolences...

Deceased Dependents

Andona, Sharon Spouse of Andona, Julian 6/4/2026	Freitas, Amy Spouse of Freitas, George 1/1/2026	Johnson, June Spouse of Johnson, Theodore H. 7/4/2026	McCauley, Frieda Spouse of McCauley, Cedric (dec.) 6/24/2026	Parker, Elsie Spouse of Parker, Herman (dec.) 6/19/2026	Seto, Lisa Spouse of Seto, Willie 7/1/2026	Tuttle, Shirley Spouse of Tuttle, John (dec.) 6/7/2026
Anthony, Barbara Spouse of Anthony, John J. (dec.) 6/12/2026	Gaither, Bessie Spouse of Gaither, Floyd (dec.) 4/6/2026	Kelly, Melody L. Spouse of Kelly, Ronald 5/18/2026	Newey, Frances Spouse of Newey, Robert (dec.) 6/26/2026	Perez, Betania Daughter of Perez, Sergio 5/1/2026	Sterrett, Dorothy Spouse of Sterrett, Cletus 6/27/2026	Watson, Claudia Spouse of Watson, David 6/19/2026
Bitz, Ninette Spouse of McIlree, Russell 6/23/2026	Hrobsky, Marilyn Spouse of Hrobsky, Eugene 6/13/2026	Liechty, Katherine Spouse of Olsen, Wendell D. (dec.) 6/14/2026	Osburn, Gail Spouse of Osburn, Ronald D. (dec.) 6/16/2026			

Departed Members

Aleka, Jonathan Ewa Beach, HI District 17 6/10/2026	Bottari, Kenneth San Carlos, CA District 01 6/14/2026	Davidson, Richard San Diego, CA District 99 6/3/2026	Larsen, Lyle R. Salt Lake City, UT District 12 6/15/2026	Onesta, William Gibsonia, PA District 99 6/18/2026	Rohloff, Brad Berea, KY District 99 6/30/2026	Skinner, Warren Lincoln, CA District 80 6/27/2026
Alvarez, David J. Roseville, CA District 80 7/5/2026	Bradley, James Half Moon Bay, CA District 01 6/29/2026	Fernandez, George F. Ewa Beach, HI District 17 7/7/2026	Makiva, Charles E. Crockett, CA District 01 6/18/2026	Osburn, James Orland, CA District 60 6/22/2026	Santiago, Bradley R. Kaaawa, HI District 17 6/5/2026	Van Dyk, Shane D. Reno, NV District 11 6/23/2026
Bains, Sukhdial S. Yuba City, CA District 60 6/11/2026	Collins, William Yucca Valley, CA District 99 7/9/2026	Gregory, Kwame Richmond, CA District 20 3/24/2026	Mathis, Bruce Snowflake, AZ District 99 4/10/2024	Pearson, Reed L. West Jordan, UT District 12 6/17/2026	Schallberger, Benny Oroville, CA District 60 6/25/2026	Vargas, Edwin Valley Springs, CA District 30 6/24/2026
Bass, Steve J. Morgan Hill, CA District 90 7/1/2026	Crosswhite, Donald J. Bigfork, MT District 99 6/5/2026	Holcomb, George Red Bluff, CA District 70 6/29/2026	Oliveros, Alejandro Santa Rosa, CA District 10 7/8/2026	Potter, Charles Palm Springs, CA District 99 6/18/2026	Shively, Mark Clements, CA District 30 6/16/2026	Williams, Chase Napa, CA District 04 6/19/2026

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 amanes@oe3.org
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*All ads must include
Member Registration Number.

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FOR SALE: Sears ProForm Treadmill, like new, \$275. IMER Minuteman grout/cement mixer, good shape, very little use. \$175. 6-gun walnut gun case valued at \$1,500 selling for \$575. Text Dave at (707) 321-2350 or email dpoberkramer@gmail.com. Reg# 1804382.

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FOR SALE: 2006 Honda Shadow 750 Spirit model. 7,250 miles. Electronic ignition. Dual plugs. Carbureted. 3 valves per cylinder sohc. Water cooled. Chain drive. Added saddlebags and windshield. New tires last year. Always garaged. Includes original owner's manual, service manual, 2 helmets, leather jacket, motorcycle cover. \$4,500. Call Mark at (916) 715-8864 Reg# 1482466.

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FOR SALE: 2001 Harley Davidson Electra Glide Black. One owner, good condition with back rests and good tires. 63,669 original miles. \$8,500. Call Chuck at (707) 528-9782. Reg# 1661097.

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FOR SALE: Worldmark by Wyndham time-share. 10,000 premier credits, which renew annually. Credits may be used at the many Worldmark resorts or exchanged through RCI or other affiliates. We have enjoyed many wonderful vacations but due to age and poor health, are no longer able to travel. Asking \$10,000. Call (916) 487-8405. Reg# 1166732.

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FOR SALE: 1977 Kawasaki KZ1000 LTD. Ran when parked. Has title. \$3,500. 1977 Kawasaki KZ900. Has title. \$2,500. 1977 Kawasaki KZ1000 LTD parts bike. No title. \$900. Call (209) 747-2465. Reg# 1932400.

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FOR SALE: Vintage golf clubs with matching bag. Multiple sets. Call for pricing and details: (530) 635-0376. Reg# 1878223.

FOR SALE: 3x12x6 box trailer with drop ramp. 3000 lb axel. Parts included: pin, generator, gun safe holds 14 guns, chain saw, metal chop saw, green machine weed beater with chainsaw and rotter tiller attachments, 2 door file cabinet, small car parts and a camp stove. \$1.6K. Medford, OR. Call for more information: (541) 536-4359. Reg# 1578661.

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