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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jay Higgins, P.E., M.ASCE Section President

History and Heritage



Driving down the local highway with my two young daughters, their eyes dart from one side of the road to the other hoping to discover "the sign" before I do. If they find it before me, and it is on the right side of the road, the quickly say, "Hey Dad, what's that over there on the left side of the road?". They are trying to distract me from seeing "the sign" that announces the historic landmark up ahead. But their ploy didn't work, my senses are keen for these signs, and most times I would spot the sign, and we would stop to see the interesting site. When we stop, the next plea from daughters

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would be, "Please dad, please, don't read the whole plaque, not every word!" Of course I would read every word and point out the interesting features of the site or project. One case in point was when we were driving to visit a friend on Cape Cod and I spotted

a sign for the prize of all prizes, a National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark, the Cape Cod Canal. Not only did I read every word on the plaque, but I even took a picture of it. (ASCE President Blaine Leonard takes pictures of manhole covers; I like to take pictures of plaques). My daughters are older now (20 and 28 years old), and I believe they now appreciate the importance of a significant civil engineering project which has attained historical significance worthy of receiving the ASCE historical designation, although they still don't have much patience while I read every word on the plaque.

History and Heritage is an important part of the ASCE activities. Some of the objectives of the program are to "Encourage all civil engineers to become aware of the history and heritage of their own profession" and "Increase appreciation by the public of civil engineering contributions to the progress and development of the United States and the world." (See side bar). From: www.asce.org, History and Heritage

Historic Civil Engineering Landmark Program

The Historic Civil Engineering Landmark Program recognizes historically significant local, national, and international civil engineering projects, structures, and sites. The objectives of the program are to:

- 1. Encourage all civil engineers to become more aware of the history and heritage of their own profession.
- 2. Increase appreciation by the public of civil engineering contributions to the progress and development of the United States and the world.
- Identify and designate national historic civil engineering works that have made a significant contribution to the development of the United States and other countries and to the profession of civil engineering in particular.
- Encourage, where appropriate and feasible, the preservation of significant historic civil engineering works.
- 5. Provide a documented archive of Civil Engineering Historic Landmarks for the use of engineering students, professional writers, researchers, and historians.
- 6. Promote the inclusion of information on Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks in encyclopedias, guidebooks and maps used by the general public

Engaging History

An old saying goes something like, "We need to study history, lest we repeat its mistakes". We examine this idea in a couple of articles in this current issue. Our Section President Jay Higgins, P.E. talks about the engineering landmarks that our Society recognizes on a regular basis. These landmarks complement the historical landscape of buildings and infrastructure without which, commerce and industry of the past may not have been as effective. In another article, we congratulate our Life Members for their achievement of this significant milestone.

I look at historical landmarks in different perspectives. First, they are symbols of the technologies of the past, that regardless of how crude or how basic those technologies were, the great engineers of yesterday were able to create magnificent monuments. Second, these landmarks serve as inspiration to future engineers to innovate to the best of their ability in order create a better, more cost-effective, and (hopefully) environmentally friendly built environment.

Couple these with a celebration of our Life Member's works, engineering monuments serve as reminders to us of the people who have tirelessly toiled behind their creations. While only a few people are mentioned on the plaques that accompany these landmarks, in my opinion, it is actually the unknown laborer, engineer, architect, and worker, whose work it is not acknowledged that we should be most thankful for.

We salute those who come before us. It is through their work and inspiration that we move forward with progress.

Enjoy your issue of the newsletter!

- Dr. Cris B. Liban, P.E.

A Great Idea From the Life Members

The ASCE Life Members' Public Image Committee request that members take their (to be discarded) Civil Engineering magazines to their doctor's office or barber shop and merge them with the stack of magazines. We feel that this will be an effective way to make the general public more aware of what civil engineers do.

Reminder:

Copy deadline for the May 2010 issue is April 1, 2010; copy deadline for June 2010 issue is May 1, 2010.

Walt Disney Concert Hall Technical Tour

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By: Diana Szymanski

On Friday, February 12th, 40+ members of the Los Angeles YMF were part of a two hour technical tour of the Walt Disney Concert Hall. The guided tour was kick-off with a presentation hosted by architect Walter Steimle and engineer Kunal Dewan from John A. Martin & Associates, Inc, lead architects on the project who presented on design aspects and challenges of this engineering marvel. The Los Angeles YMF group was then joined by Walt Disney Concert Hall staff with a behind the scenes guide of the concert hall, showing us mechanical rooms, concrete columns and steel beams holding seismic loads. We concluded the tour at the beautiful concert hall.

Los Angeles YMF hosted appetizers at McCormick & Schmick's immediately following the event where tour participants further had the opportunity to mingle and network. L.A. YMF would like to thank Walter Steimle and Kunal Dewan for their insight into the design and construction of the Walt Disney Concert Hall and Jeanice F. Williams, Coordinator, Tours and Special Events Director for the Walt Disney Concert Hall for making this special tour a memorable experience for our participants.

Please visit L.A. YMF website at mlab-ymf.org for more photos of this tour.



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California Legislative News from the Region 9 Board of Governors

The Region 9 Board of Governors is supporting Assembly Bill 1431 [http://tiny.cc/HKAm6] by Assembly Member Jerry Hill (D-South San Francisco). Last year, as part of the budget package the Legislature consolidated the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists with the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (BPELS). AB 4X 20 transferred all of the roles and responsibilities of the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists to BPELS, but did not change the title BPELS to reflect their new role and responsibilities, nor did it include a licensed geologist or geophysicist. AB 1431 updates the name and expands membership to include one licensed geologist or geophysicist. In deciding to support the bill, ASCE Region 9 Governors felt it important that geologists and geophysicists be represented on

the board. The bill has been approved by the Assembly and is awaiting its first hearing in the State Senate.

Region 9 has joined a broad coalition of professions licensed by the State in opposing efforts to give the Franchise Tax Board (FTB) broad authority to suspend a professional license, including an engineer's license, for failure to pay taxes. Existing law permits BPELS to suspend or deny renewal or a license if notified by the FTB. But the FTB wants to bypass the individual license boards and be permitted to revoke a professional practice license when taxes are owed. The ASCE Region 9 Board of Governors voted to oppose the bill, in part because the proponents of the plan could not explain how a taxpayer with an outstanding tax obligation could pay if they couldn't work in their licensed profession. The coalition has proposed amendments to counter the argument that license boards ignore tax claims. The proposal is part of this year's budget package and may be amended into several of the budget bills being considered by the Legislature.

Region 9 has joined a similar coalition of more than 1,000 business and professional societies in opposing a mandate that anyone employing a non-corporate independent contractor withhold 3% of any payments and remit these amounts to the State. The 3% is credited against the final tax obligation of the contractor but if it results in overpayment of estimated taxes, it becomes an "interest free" loan to the State and, if California financial problems continue, could be refunded with an IOU.

The Region 9 Board of Governors concluded that this idea is bad for engineers whether they work for a consultant engineering firm or a public agency. It was pointed out that the 3% withholding requirement makes it harder for a public agency to build a multi-disciplinary team for its projects, and would create a paper keeping and reporting nightmare requiring the agency to check if withholding is needed, then send the money every month to the State Treasurer, and then report to the consultant at the end of the year – and there is no reimbursement for these costs and no additional revenue to the State. All it does is collect the money monthly instead of quarterly. Like the license suspension bill, this idea is part of the budget package being considered by the State Legislature.

Region 9 is watching Senate Bill 189 [http://tiny.cc/7rzTs] by Senator Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach). This omnibus mechanics lien bill recodifies, reorganizes, and clarifies the mechanics lien statute, and enacts separate provi-

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ASCE's 2010 Member-Get-A-Member Drive Depends on You!



LA-Section Mentorship Committee

Mentoring Program Is Seeking "Champions" To Become A Committee Member

The Mentoring Committee is planning to hold a Training Workshop in downtown Los Angeles to jump start the Mentoring Program through out the LA-Section's Seven Branches. The goal of the Training Workshop is to provide guidelines on all aspects of mentoring. Please join me to make a substantial difference in the future of our members in general, especially members of YMF by signing up as a Committee Member, Mentor and/or Protégé.

A Mentor can be an engineer with just a few years of experience that can benefit less experienced engineers.

A Protégés could be a Civil Engineering student, recent graduate or licensed engineer with several years of experience who would like to be mentored by a more experienced engineer.

A Committee Member can be any eager member who is self motivated and enthusiastic to help out with planning, implementation and follow up activities of this very worthy Committee.

The Program Benefits: There are a number of valuable benefits (i.e., sharing our professional experience and others) from this free program that is an added benefit to our members who would like to make a difference in our organization, as a whole.

Participation: We request Mentors commit to working with a protégé for the duration of the program. It is recommended that you and your protégé contact each other via e-mail, telephone and/or in person on a regular basis.

For additional information and/or signing up, please contact Neil Nilchian, PE, M.ASCE, Chairman of the Committee at nnrn@att.net.



ASCE – Los Angeles Section Honors 2010 New Life Members

The Life Member Forum's brunch to honor "New Life Members" has become a March tradition in the Los Angeles Section. This year's event was again held at the Monterey Hill Restaurant in Monterey Park on Saturday, March 6th. Jay Higgins, P.E., Los Angeles Section President welcomed a well attended crowd of new Life Members with their guests, other Section members, and student chapter members. This included a large group of students and their

Dean from the new California Baptist University in Riverside as well as students from other local universities. It was encouraging to have these students participate in this event honoring the life time achievements of our members. The achievements of these new life members were read as the Life Member Certificates were presented. The accomplishments covered many areas in civil engineering, showing how these members have improved the lives of all of us throughout their careers. Again this year, it was a most impressive group.

We were honored to have Kathy Caldwell, P.E., the National ASCE President-Elect as the keynote speaker. Her message on "MOVE: A Vision for the Future" tied in very well with the aspirations of the student chapter members in atten-

> dance. She was pleased to have these students at the brunch as she teaches and mentors students in her home state of Florida.

> The "Robert W. Bein Annual Lifetime Achievement Award" was presented by Robert Bein, P.E. to Joseph (Joe) Buley, P.E. for his out-

standing work with the Life Member Forum. Joe has been instrumental in making the arrangements for the Life Member Brunch for the past several years. Joe has had a very impressive career in a

number of areas of the country and is currently engaged with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Larry Lewis, LMF President, welcomed the new life members and encouraged them to check out the Life Member Forum activities and attend one of the monthly meetings. The LMF in addition to its serious side to help with various community problems also stress having a fun time in all that they do.







Spring Summer 2010 Continuing Education Schedule, Region 9

SEMINARS	TECHNICAL DIVISION	DATES	CITY/STATE
Risk Assessment in Geotechnical Engineering	Geotechnical	April 22-23, 2010	San Francisco, CA
Liability of Engineers: How to Stay out of Trouble	Management and Leadership	April 29-30, 2010	Orange County, CA
Construction Administration for Engineers	Construction/Development	May 13-14, 2010	Sacramento, CA
Earth Retaining Structures Selection, Design, Construction and Inspection: Now in an LRFD Design Platform - Newly Updated!	Geotechnical	May 13-14, 2010	San Diego, CA
Low Impact Development Applications for Water Resource Management	Hydraulics/Environmental	May 20-21, 2010	San Francisco, CA
Structural Condition Assessment of Existing Structures	Structural	May 20-21, 2010	San Diego, CA
Leadership Development for the Engineer	Management and Leadership	June 17-18, 2010	San Francisco, CA
Cable-Stayed Bridges: Key Design, Construction and Management Issues- New!	Structural	June 24-25, 2010	San Francisco, CA
Pumping Systems Design for Civil Engineers	Hydraulics & Water Resources	June 24-25, 2010	San Diego, CA
Introduction to Tunnel Design and Construction	Geotechnical	July 14-16, 2010	San Diego, CA
Sustainable Land Development- Ensuring Growth in a Green Economy - New!	Construction/Development	July 15-16, 2010	San Francisco, CA
HEC-RAS Computer Workshop for Unsteady Flow Applications	Hydraulics & Water Resources	July 28-30, 2010	San Francisco, CA
Ownership Transition Planning, Company Valuations Strategic Planning - Newly Updated!	Management and Leadership	September 9-10, 2010	San Francisco, CA
Design and Construction of Microtunneling Projects	Geotechnical	September 15-17, 2010	San Francisco, CA
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May 23	Steel Design, Part I
June 20	Advanced Analysis/Dynamics
June 26	Concrete Design, Part I
July 10	Wood Design (CBC/IBC)
August 7	Masonry Design (CBC/IBC)
August 22	Steel Design, Part II
August 28	CBC Amendments, New Buildings
August 29	CBC Amendments, Existing Bldgs
September 11	Concrete Design, Part II
October 2	General Overview/ All topics

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Congratulations to the 2009 Region 9 Awards Recipients

Project of the Year

American River Pump Station and Restoration Project Owner: Placer County Water Agency Contractor Partner: US Bureau of Reclamation Engineer of Record: WHPacific and MWH Americas

Outstanding Sustainable Technology Project

Poly Canyon Village Owner: California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo Engineer of Record: Cannon

Outstanding Architectural Engineering Project

The Cathedral of Christ the Light Owner: Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland Engineer of Record: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP

Outstanding Water Project

Twin Oaks Valley Water Treatment Plant DBO Project Owner: San Diego County Water Authority Engineer of Record: CH2M HILL, Inc.

Outstanding Small Water Project

Peralta Creek Restoration Project, Oakland CA Owner: Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Engineer of Record: Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

Outstanding Wastewater Project Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility – 2005 Facility Improvements Owner: City of Placerville

Engineer of Record: Owen Psomas

Outstanding Highway Project Route 99 Widening/Hammer Lane Interchange Reconstruction Owner: San Joaquin Council of Governments Engineer of Record: Mark Thomas & Company

Outstanding Rail Project

Oceanside-Escondido Sprinter Rail Line Owner: North County Transit District Engineer of Record: AECOM

Outstanding Bridge Project

The Mary Avenue Bicycle Footbridge Owner: City of Cupertino Engineer of Record: HNTB Corporation

Outstanding Small Transportation Project

City of Fort Bragg Downtown Streetscape Owner: City of Fort Bragg Engineer of Record: Green Valley Consulting Engineers

Outstanding Environmental Project

Pajaro Basin Freshwater Wetland Project Owner: Santa Clara Valley Water District Engineer of Record: Santa Clara Valley Water District

Outstanding Geotechnical Project

San Pablo Dam Seismic Upgrades Owner: East Bay Municipal Utility District Engineer of Record: Terra Engineers, Inc.

Outstanding Urban Design & Beautification Project Bird Rock Coastal Traffic Flow Improvement Project Owner: City of San Diego Engineer of Record: Project Design Consultants

Outstanding Structural Engineering Project

Contemporary Jewish Museum, San Francisco Owner: Contemporary Jewish Museum Engineer of Record: OLMM Consulting Engineers

Outstanding Energy Project

30th Street 20a Transmission Undergrounding Owner: San Diego Gas & Electric and the City of San Diego Engineer of Record: Nolte Associates, Inc.

Outstanding Integrated Design Project

Foothill Raw Water Supply Pump Station (Ophir Road Pump Station) Owner: Placer County Water Agency Engineer of Record: West Yost Associates

Individual Award Recipients

Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector

Eddie W. Kho, P.E. – Sacramento Section, Morton & Pitalo, Inc.

Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Public Sector

Johanna Wong, P.E. – San Francisco Section, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission

Outstanding Civil Engineer in Community Service

Ziad Y. Mazboudi, P.E. – Los Angeles Section, City of San Juan Capistrano Douglas Taylor, P.E. – San Francisco Section, State of California CALFIRE

Outstanding Civil Engineering Student

Kyle Burnham – Los Angeles Section, University of Southern California Daniel Cloutier – Sacramento Section, California State University Sacramento

Lifetime Achievement Award

Maurice Roos, P.E. – Sacramento Section, State of California Department of Water Resources

Outstanding ASCE Life Member Joseph Kaplan, P.E. – San Francisco Section, Joseph Kaplan, Inc.

Outstanding Civil Engineering Faculty Advisor Ali Porbaha, P.E. – Sacramento Section, California State University Sacramento

Outstanding ASCE Practitioner Advisor Kari Wagner, P.E. - Los Angeles Section, Wallace Group

Outstanding Younger Civil Engineer John Prince, P.E. – San Diego Section, RBF Consulting

Outstanding ASCE Section Officer Jay Higgins, P.E. – Los Angeles Section, URS Corporation

Outstanding ASCE Branch Officer Erik Okada, S.E. – San Francisco Section, HNTB Corporation

Outstanding ASCE Younger Member Officer Rune Storesund, P.E. – San Francisco Section, Noble Consultants, Inc.

Outstanding Engineer in Legislative Activities Gary Gilbert, P.E. – Los Angeles Section, Diaz Yourman & Associates

Legislator of the Year California Assembly Member Anna Caballero State Senator Dave Cogdill

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FOURTH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA INFRASTRUCTURE SYMPOSIUM

By Shahnawaz Ahmad, Region 9 Governor

ASCE Region 9 held the Fourth Annual California Infrastructure Symposium on February 9, 2010, in Sacramento. This Symposium assessed the State's infrastructure, particularly water and transportation issues, as well as fiscal concerns. The vitality of California's infrastructure is an essential key to growth and prosperity, however, investment in this infrastructure continues to be restricted due to California's poor fiscal condition and other interests competing for available funds.

The following topics were addressed during the Symposium by various California agency officials and leaders:

- California Water Bills Impacts on the Delta and State
- California Water Bond SB2 Funding for the Water Infrastructure's Future
- Major Levee and Water Projects on the Horizon
- Transportation and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Stimulus Package & Funding Initiatives
- California High Speed Rail

Some of the presentations are posted on the Region 9 website. I invite you to visit this site: http://www.region9.asce.org/Region9InfrastructureSymposium2010.html

Mark Cowin, newly appointed Director of the Department of Water Resources, gave the keynote address and provided an overview of California water resources. Senator Dave Cogdill, one of the primary authors of the water bonds, provided insight on the bonds.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. Since its enactment, \$130 billion have been spent on construction, although this is merely a drop in the bucket compared to the \$2.2 trillion needed for the next five years as indicated in the 2009 ASCE Infrastructure Report Card. In the Report Card, the Nation's infrastructure received a grade of "D".

It has been reported that a significant number of construction jobs were saved because of the Stimulus Program, although it did not create all the jobs everyone expected. The following statistics were presented on current status of the Recovery Act:

	<u>Highways</u>	<u>Transit</u>
	(\$ Millions)	
Apportioned	2,542	1,105
Obligated	2,415	1,014
Awarded	1.570	NA
Outlays	245	NA

The federal government is proposing a "Stimulus 2" Package. It is anticipated that California funding levels will remain about the same - \$2.56 billion for highway and \$1.06 billion for transit.

Kathy Caldwell, ASCE President-Elect was the luncheon speaker at the Symposium. She talked about ASCE's Vision 2025.

In the evening, a dinner was held for the 2009 Region 9 Awards Winners. Jennifer Epp, Region 9 Governor-at-Large, presented the awards which are also listed on the Region 9 website. (http://region9. asce.org/awards.html)

We would like to acknowledge the support of the following Symposium sponsors. Their participation is greatly appreciated:

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- Simon Wong Engineering
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Members of the Fourth California Infrastructure Symposium Committee that helped present the Symposium are:

- Shahnawaz Ahmad, Chair, Los Angeles Section, SA Associates
- Lori K. Campbell, Region 9 Administrator, LKC Consulting
- Jay H. Higgins, Los Angeles Section, URS Corporation
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Mark your calendars for next year's events - California Infrastructure Symposium, Region 9 Awards Dinner, and Legislative Day - which will be held the third week of February, 2011.

California Legislative News from the Region 9 Board of Governors

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sions for private and public works. It becomes operative January 1, 2012 to allow the industry and homeowners time to become familiar with the new organization of the law and updates. Existing law allows licensed architects, engineers, and surveyors to claim a "design professionals lien" for pre-commencement design services provided for a work of improvement. Services that these design professionals provide are also governed by selected provisions of the mechanics lien statute. (Sections 3081.1 to 3081.10). SB 189 adds licensed landscape architects to the identified list of design professionals.

Region 9 supports passage and is monitoring activities related to the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Supply Water Act of 2010 (also known as the "Water Bond"). ASCE will be working to inform members and voters on the facts about the Bond which will be on the November 2010 ballot. If passed, it will provide \$11.14 Billion in funding for Statewide Water System Operational Improvement, Delta Sustainability, Conservation and Watershed Protection, Water Supply Reliability, Water Recycling and Water Conservation, Groundwater Protection and Water Quality, and Drought Relief.



Don't miss out on the latest developments in public infrastructure as it relates to design, operations, maintenance and funding. Again this year, <u>outdoor equipment displays</u>. There will be a booth to sign up volunteers for the 2012 Congress. Don't miss out on this great opportunity.

Our topics are as follows:		
Right-of-way Management	 Recession Strategies (Reducing Budgets, Retaining Staff) 	
Pervious Concrete as a Cost-Saving Storm Water Management Tool	Ground Penetrating Radar Use & Application	
➢ Sign Reflectivity	Pavement/Warm Mix Asphalt	
Laser Scan Surveying	 Using Bio/Infiltration to Improve Storm H₂0 Management 	
➢ Wastewater/Storm Drain Cleaning Methods	➢ PS&E	
Pavement Maintenance & Technologies	 Trenchless technologies for large diameter sewer and storm drains, pipeline rehabilitation 	
Training Supervisors/Core Competencies for PW Managers	 Storm Water (H&H and New Quality Regulations) 	
Alternative Project Delivery (in-house vs.	Fees	
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Lunch Topic: Measure R (I-405 Design/Build)

If you are interested in being an exhibitor, please contact: David Stuetzel at ((714) 665-4518 or email at <u>DStuetzel@hfinc.com</u>. For registration information, go to <u>www.southernca.apwa.net</u> or contact: Sylvia Robles at (714) 647-5674 or email at <u>srobles@santa-ana.org.</u>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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In the Los Angles Section, we have many Local Historic Civil Engineering Landmarks that have received this designation over the long history of the Section since its inception in 1913. I thought I would point out some of the landmarks I found interesting that are right here in our own backyard.

These are just a few examples of the many interesting projects within the Section boundaries. Should you have a project in your area you feel is worthy of consideration to be designated a local historic civil engineering landmark, please contact Andy Machen at andrewmachen@rivsan.com or Clark Adams at cbadams@jlpatterson.com, Co-chairs of the Section's History and Heritage Committee. Keep in mind that the project must be at least fifty years old, have historical significance, as well as unique features and characteristics that set it apart. For a full list of criteria, please visit www.asce.org, click on "History and Heritage", "Historic Civil Engineering Landmark Program", "Nomination Package".

To view more local historical civil engineering landmarks go to www. ascelasection.org and click on the "LA Section" tab, and "Civil Engineering Landmarks" on the drop down menu. Pick out your favorites and take a ride. You may want to bring along one of your civil engineering friends especially if they are visiting from out of town. I'll let you decide if you want to bring along your children. Enjoy your

I he heritage of the past is the seed that brings forth the harvest of the future. Wendell Phillips S

newsletter.

If you have any questions and comments please feel free to send me an e-mail at jay_higgins@urscorp. com. Articles for the Newsletter may be submitted to the Newsletter Editor, Cris Liban, at LibanE@metro.net.



Tehachapi Pass Railroad Loop National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark The pass connects the San Joaquin Valley to the Mojave Desert. Tehachapi Loop is located approximately 18 miles west of the pass off State Highway 58 (Coordinates: 35°12.05' N, 118°32.22' W)



Colorado Street Bridge National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark Located near S. Orange Grove Boulevard and W. Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California (Coordinates: 34 8.68'N, 118°9.82'W)



The "Ridge Route" California Historic Civil Engineering Landmark Plaque dedication ceremony held on October 20, 2009. The plaque is located in the parking lot of the Vista del Largo Visitor Center off I-5 near Pyramid Lake



Morris Dam Local Historic Civil Engineering Landmark Located in the San Gabriel River Canyon

DISASTER TRAINING

Classes are being organized for volunteers to help in the event of a major disaster under the auspicious of the State of California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA). Classes will be held in ASCE Branch areas when there are sufficient requests. Qualified individuals are California Registered Civil, Structural, Geotechnical, Certified engineering Geologists, or Architects. If you are interested in attending a class, or are interested in arranging a class, please contact the ASCE Disaster Preparednesss Committee Chairman.

> There is no charge for the class. The class lasts 4 or 5 hours The Class can commence as early as 8 AM or after work. Monday through Friday or on Saturday

Classes will be given for VOLUNTEERS from professional organizations to assess damage, and COORDINATORS from City or County to direct Volunteers for their area. Coordinators may act as Volunteers outside of their area of expertise.

To register for the class submit your name along with your telephone number and e-mail address. You will be contacted when 10 or more request a class. The maximum number in the class should not exceed 20.

If your Branch, or Firm would like to offer the use of its facilities for a class, please register and provide the name of contact person, phone, and E-mail. You will be contacted to make arrangements.

Thank you for your support. Jack W. Rolston, Chair 818-903-5225 cell 818-345-9199 ph • 818-345-5283 fx ascedisaster@earthlink.net





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