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State News for NSPE Members

Engage and Connect — NSPE-CA Events

Registration Open: Tour of the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing Construction Site
Join NSPE-CA for a custom engineer-focused tour of the wildlife crossing under construction over Highway 101 in Agoura Hills, California, on **Saturday, August 3**. The crossing is being built to protect Southern California mountain lions by enabling them to cross the 101 freeway safely as they roam their territory. Learn more about the project.

A PDH certificate will be issued for the tour. A donation of $20 to help NSPE-CA defray the costs of its member programs is appreciated. **Register now!**

Save the Date for NSPE-CA Events and Meetings

Wednesday, August 14
Long Beach Harbor Engineering Tour

Thursday, August 22 (Noon-2 p.m.)
Ethics Webinar with Rebecca Bowman, Esq., P.E., D.F.E.
Rebecca Bowman's last ethics session for NSPE-CA was well received, we're bringing her back, with extra time for Q&A!

Thursday, September 26 (Noon-2 p.m.)
Webinar: How Industry Can Shape the Education of Future Engineers

Friday, October 18
High Speed Rail Tour
(Projects in Fresno and Hanford)

Events Task Force Meetings
All NSPE-CA members are invited to participate in events planning sessions as their schedules allow. The next session will take place from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. on **July 30**. Email Executive Director Jeanne Marie Tokunaga, CAE, at admin@nspe-ca.org to receive the Zoom login information.

Queen Mary Steam and Steel Tour

The NSPE-CA board, 2024-2025 NSPE President Brian Malm, and NSPE members took the Queen Mary Steam and Steel Tour on July 12 in Long Beach. NSPE-CA hosted dinner afterward in the Promenade Café. See all of the tour photos.

State Licensing Board News

Board Meeting
The California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists will hold a meeting on **August 22-23** in Sacramento. Access meeting information info here.

Expedited Licensing for Service Members Enrolled in Skillbridge Program
Boards and bureaus under the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) must expedite licensure application processing for service members currently enrolled in the US Department of Defense SkillBridge Program.

Service members seeking licensure in California who qualify must provide documentation of enrollment, such as an official letter from the commanding officer. Failure to provide proper documentation could result in application processing delays. Applicants must still meet all board or bureau licensing requirements. For questions or assistance regarding licensing requirements, please contact the board at (916) 999-3600. For more information on licensing resources available to service members, visit: www.dca.ca.gov/military.

Technical Review Delays
Please allow 4-6 months in Technical Review for the following Professional Engineer (PE) application types: Agricultural, Chemical, Control System, Electrical, Fire Protection, Industrial, Mechanical, Metallurgical, Nuclear, and Petroleum. This time frame applies to all applicants within these types, including Comity and Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) Exam Waiver applicants. The board is currently short-staffed, but actively working on resolving the backlog.

Nearly $2 Billion Going to California Public Transit

Governor Gavin Newsom announced the approval of over $1.9 billion to support public transportation throughout the state on July 8. The funding was approved by the California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA) and is the first wave of funding from the transit recovery package in the 2023-24 state budget.

As part of Senate Bill 125 (2023), a total of $5.1 billion will be distributed among regional transportation planning agencies over the course of multiple years. This funding comes with the flexibility to pay for transit operations or capital improvements. The money announced today will go to 22 agencies, with amounts varying based on regional population.

This vital funding serves as a lifeline for transit agencies all over the state and helps to advance California's ambitious, world-leading climate goals. At the same time, we're adding accountability measures that help put our state's transit agencies on a path toward long-term stability. Read more.

CEC Adopts Offshore Wind Energy Strategic Plan for 100% Clean Energy Future

The California Energy Commission (CEC) has taken a major step toward achieving the state's 100% clean electricity future by adopting a comprehensive strategic plan that will guide the development of offshore wind energy, one of the largest untapped sources of renewable energy in the state.

The plan outlines analysis and strategies to deploy floating turbines off the state's central and northern coasts with a planning goal of 25,000 megawatts (MW) of capacity by 2045, enough to power 25 million homes. This transformative effort advances California's ambitious clean energy goals to deliver substantial economic benefits statewide.

"Adopting this comprehensive strategic plan for offshore wind development marks yet another significant milestone in California's journey to a 100% clean energy future," said CEC Chair David Hochschild. "Offshore wind has the potential to accelerate the clean energy transition by providing a consistent, reliable source of clean electricity, supporting our ambitious climate goals, creating local manufacturing jobs and driving economic development. We are committed to harnessing this clean resource to ensure a sustainable energy future for all Californians. Read more.

NSPE's **Job Board** is your one-stop resource for professional engineering employment. Whether you are on the hunt for your next career move or looking for today's top engineering leaders and talent, you will find it here.

Featured Jobs
Deputy City Engineer
Hesperia, CA

Project Engineer
West Sacramento, CA

Licensed Professional Engineer
Fresno, CA

Find more job openings or reach the right employees on the NSPE Job Board.

*Stay up to date on legislative issues through the **NSPE Advocacy Center*** .

Celebrate Licensure and the Profession on PE Day

The annual Professional Engineers Day will be celebrated on August 7, 2024. Save the date and get ready to share your on-site photos and selfies as part of the online virtual event using the hashtag #LicensedPEday on X (Twitter), Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn. Share your reasons for being a PE and give special recognition to your colleagues and teams. Download the official PE Day logos to use in your social media posts or celebrations.

Shop at the PE Day Logo Store for gear to show off your PE pride. PE Day polo shirts are also available for purchase.

Emerging Leaders Program Seeks Candidates

The NSPE Emerging Leaders Program is seeking the next group of engineering change-makers. Candidates with 5–8 years of professional experience in the engineering field who are prepared to think strategically about their career and begin taking on leadership roles are invited to apply. Selected participants come from a variety of firms with a range of engineering expertise.

The 2025 ELP syllabus and related time-commitments are available and the application for the program is due by August 31. Candidates accepted into the program will receive notification in October.

Apply Now

EJCDC® Releases Geotechnical Engineering Services Document

The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee has released a new document - EJCDC® E-530 Agreement Between Owner & Geotechnical Engineer for Professional Services (2024 edition). NSPE members will receive a 50% discount on the EJCDC documents.

The E-530 is a standard agreement for a project owner's direct engagement of the services of a geotechnical engineering firm or individual geotechnical engineer. It is common practice for project owners to directly engage the services of a geotechnical engineering firm (or individual) whose basic task will be to investigate the subsurface condition of the site and prepare a geotechnical report for the design engineer's use in designing the project. The geotechnical report is usually also made available to prospective construction contractors and subcontractors for use in preparing bids and proposals, and to the selected construction contractor for reference during construction. Learn more.

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