



2019 ACEC California's EEA Golden State Winner: Woodland Aquifer Storage and Recovery Wells #29 and #30 (Carollo Engineers, Inc.)

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California

Engineering and Land Surveying firms excel at serving California communities through extraordinary & innovative design in order to solve real-world problems.

- Brad Diede,
Executive Director,
ACEC California

2019 Year End Review

2019 was a year of successes and challenges. Our QBS efforts are going strong as we continue to educate more and more public agencies about the benefits of QBS. Our Continuity of Services legislation was met with unfounded opposition, but we are charging forward and will continue to seek reform. Our membership continues growing year after year. We appreciate our members' communicating with public officials, putting time and effort toward our committees, providing input on public policy, planning and presenting programs, and personally contributing financially to our Federal PAC. This year ACEC California raised more funds for ACEC National Federal PAC than ever! With our members' ongoing support, we continue to build strength and with strength comes more success.

2019 LEGISLATIVE ACTIONS

- Created the state's first historic building rehabilitation tax credit (SB 451)
- Secured exemptions for Architects and Engineers from the Dynamex decision, which impacts independent contractors (AB 5)
- Authorized Design-Build for an Orange County desalination project (AB 1752)
- Advanced the cause of increasing STEM education (SCR 15, et al.)
- Developed a White Paper on Seismic Resiliency and advocated for similar legislation (AB 393)



ACEC California Keystone Successes & Efforts

ACEC California is undertaking an ongoing legislative effort to fix the state's unclear conflict of interest statute, Government Code 1090, which is depriving public agencies of access to the best, most qualified professionals for their projects. AB 626, our sponsored bill, restores clarity by making clear that state law does not automatically preclude a design professional from participating in subsequent phases of a public works project if they had any involvement in an earlier phase. Consultants should be able to provide their public clients a continuity of services without those agencies running afoul of an imprecise law.



In December of 2018, ACEC California announced the arrival of new Director of Government Affairs, Tyler Munzing. Tyler advocates on behalf of ACEC California's members and is responsible for tying together the organization's policy agenda with political objectives that promote the engineering and land surveying professions. Tyler brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to the position and is no stranger to the issues of ACEC California.

He previously served as Legislative Director for Senator Anthony Canella, working on energy, transportation and design professional issues.

QBS EDUCATIONAL & PUBLIC AGENCY OUTREACH

As part of ACEC California's commitment to Qualifications-Based Selection, working jointly with local APWA chapters, we participated in multiple informational workshops focused on procuring professional services and QBS.

ACEC California also worked closely with local agency partners around the state to assist with QBS compliance, resulting in over 20 positive RFP/RFQ modifications.

