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### MCAC Work for Warriors Webinar November 17, 2021: Registration Now Open

Learn about unique opportunities for your staffing needs while impacting California Service Members.

Join us on **November 17, 2021 10am - 10:45am** as Work for Warriors Veteran Staffing Consultant, Jessica Fowlkes, provides a detailed overview of key components for staffing redefined which includes:

- Transitioning Active Duty Service Members
- California Guardsmen (Army, Air, State)
- Veterans and Retirees
- California's disaster survivors
- California's at-risk youth
- Families of all of the above

Established in 2012, Work for Warriors is part of the California State Military Department created to connect veterans and their families to jobs anywhere in California. There is no fee to employers or employees for utilizing the service. Let's see if there's a match that puts our warriors to work while fulfilling the need in our industry for those willing to do the work at hand. This webinar is FREE to MCAC members.

**REGISTER**

**Vaccine Mandates and Your Projects: MCAC**

## Joins Forces with Finch, Thornton and Baird to Provide Guidance



The [October 15, 2021 MCAC Alert](#) provided a brief reprieve for those doing work with the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) by reporting that the District's COVID-19 vaccine mandate originally planned for October 15 had been postponed until November 15. While the postponement provides a welcome 'intermission', it only delays the inevitable. Moreover, LAUSD is not the only entity with a vaccine mandate. Federal contractor and subcontractor employees at all tiers must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 no later than December 8, 2021. See [MCAC Sept 30 2021 Newsletter](#) article + federal [Guidance document](#). The list of entities and impacted projects will only continue to grow.

These mandates raise questions, like:

- What is the impact of these mandates to projects already in progress?
  1. Is there a way to "grandfather" existing projects into an exemption or negotiate delay penalties due to "change in conditions"?
- How should sub-haulers be handled?
  1. Is the mason contractor/block producer/etc. that retained such hauler(s) responsible for verifying their vaccine status, or is the hauler responsible to verify their own status?
- Do contractors have any recourse to pass along added costs (due to potential labor shortages, etc) to LAUSD and other entities with similar mandates?

MCAC has teamed up with the law firm of [Finch, Thornton & Baird](#) to answer some of these questions. While each project contract is unique, we want MCAC members to have a tool that can be used to navigate the LAUSD and other mandates. We are working to make this resource available to MCAC members November 2021. Stay tuned.

\*Finch, Thornton & Baird, LLP partnered with MCAC to develop the [Scaffold User Waiver Forms](#) designed to create additional protections for member contractors when faced with the common situation of other trades using the mason contractor's scaffolding.



## CARB Asks for Industry Input on Off-Road Diesel Vehicle Costs

In follow-up to our [August 2021 News Brief](#), we reported that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is charged with creating mandates to achieve California's zero-emission vehicle and equipment objectives in accordance with Governor Gavin Newsom's [executive order N-79-20](#) which states that sales of all new passenger cars and trucks are to be zero-emission by 2035, commercial trucks and construction equipment are to follow by 2045.

Multiple existing regulations will be impacted and some new regulations will be created in an effort to attain these clean air objectives. CARB has been hosting workgroups to gather data on the affects of these initiatives.

At the request of stakeholders, a survey has been created to help CARB better understand how **off-road vehicles** are purchased and other costs that stakeholders may incur as a result of the potential amendments to the Off-Road Diesel Regulation. Equipment impacted by the Off-Road Regulation is **mobile, diesel-fueled vehicles with 25 horsepower and greater engines**. Common examples are loaders, backhoes, excavators, forklifts, and oil rigs.

Fleet owners and managers are encouraged to participate in the survey to better inform the development of potential amendments that will achieve California's stricter air standards.

**The survey is due by November 12, 2021.**

The survey is an Excel spreadsheet that can be wholly or partially completed and returned to CARB by email to [ORDAmendments@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ORDAmendments@arb.ca.gov).

CARB October 15, 2021 Off-Road Diesel Regulation Potential Amendments Workgroup Agenda [here](#)

CARB Off-Road Diesel Regulation [Resources](#)

CARB Regulatory [Training Schedule](#) - FREE training covering the requirements of existing regulations and the new programs that will eventually be in effect

