



MCAC NEWS BRIEF

A Snapshot of MCAC Headlines | 7.29.2022 | Issue 24



Proudly Serving the Southern California Masonry Industry Since 1947.

Top Stories In This Briefing



MCAC and Industry Partners
Secure Final Cut Media to
Show *Why Masonry* is a Fire
Resilient Solution



Governor Signs AB 2173
Making 5% Public Works
Retention Permanent



ICPI and NCMA Merge
Pledging to Continue
Working with National Mason
Contractors Association



Production Company Retained for Fire Resiliency Video

As we have been reporting, UC Davis is hosting its inaugural [Wildfire Resilient Structures Conference \(WIRES\)](#) Conference February 2023 in San Diego, CA to bring stakeholders and decision makers together with the goal of improving the wildfire resilience of California's buildings and other structures. Mason Contractors Association of California (MCAC) and its industry partners, Concrete Masonry Association of California and Nevada (CMACN) and Masonry Institute of America (MIA), will be attending the WiReS Conference and participating as a sponsor.

Our planning committee has been hard at work preparing to put masonry in front of this unique audience. At the center of this effort is a video to showcase masonry's fire resistance. After collecting referrals, soliciting proposals from local and national production firms and evaluating portfolios of work, [Final Cut Media \(FCM\)](#) was selected for the task. Our

production kickoff meeting is August 2, and we are excited to work with the FCM team to bring our vision to life.

The final feature video will be displayed at the masonry booth during the WiReS Conference and shorter cut-down versions will be shared among our industry partners and members for use at future trade shows, when bidding on projects, and for posting to social media platforms (websites, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.).

The Objective

Illustrate to WiReS Conference attendees, specifically architects, engineers, manufacturers, building officials, government representatives, homeowners, insurers, realtors, and lenders how masonry construction supports the conference goal of improving wildfire resilience of California's building and other structures.

Let's *show* them '**why masonry**' is a solution to building fire resilient structures.

Governor Signs AB 2173 Making 5% Public Works Retention Permanent



On July 19, 2022, [Governor Gavin Newsom signed AB 2173](#) thereby making permanent the 5% retention cap on public projects originally enacted by SB 93 in 2011.

MCAC requested the Governor's signature in a [July 12, 2022 letter](#).

Background:

- SB 293 (2011) capped public works retentions at 5% (from 10%) until January 1, 2016 and reduced the timeline of private and public progress payments from 10 to 7 days (no sunset date on the progress payments timeline).
- Then, AB 1705 (2014) came along and extended the public works 5% maximum retention withholding until January 1, 2018.
- Later, AB 92 (2017) extended the public works 5% maximum retention withholding until January 1, 2023.
- Now, we can enjoy the stability AB 2173 provides on public retentions.

Of course, there are exceptions to the rule that allow retention withholdings to exceed 5% including:

- Subcontractor cannot or refuses to provide a performance and payment bond issued by an admitted surety insurer (Note: subcontractor must receive written notice of the bond requirements prior to or when bid is requested).
- Project is deemed "substantially complex" by the awarding entity and the bid documents detail the basis for the finding and the actual retention amount.

[AB 2173 text](#)



Two National Construction Associations Merge

As of July 1, the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI) and the National Concrete Masonry Association (NCMA) are a single entity known as ICPI-NCMA.

ICPI-NCMA represents the producers of concrete masonry, segmental concrete pavement, segmental retaining walls, manufactured stone veneer, and more, as well as contractors that install a wide variety of hardscape products.

Representatives from the newly formed entity say we can expect collaboration on workforce development and market growth between MCAA (Mason Contractors Association of America) and ICPI-NCMA to continue citing tremendous opportunities for mason contractors in hardscape installation.

The unified association looks forward to continued partnership and success with *MCAA and mason contractors.

Masonry Magazine article [here](#)

ICPI-NCMA News [here](#)

***Membership in MCAC = Membership in MCAA
State + National = More membership Value**

