MCAC NEWS BRIEF

A Snapshot of MCAC Headlines | 10.30.2026 | Issue 58

RCP BLOCK & BRICK



Proudly Serving the Southern California Masonry Industry Since 1947.

Top Stories In This Briefing



MCAC 1st Clay Shoot
October 9, 2026



California's New First Aid Requirements:
Cal/OSHA Approved.



California's 2030 Hospital Seismic Deadline:
Opportunities for Masonry Construction



MCAC 1st Clay Classic
& it won't be our last...

On October 9, 2026, the Mason Contractors Association of California (MCAC) hosted its inaugural sporting clays event at Birds Landing Hunting Preserve in Birds Landing, CA.

The morning kicked off with coffee, breakfast burritos, and safety clinic before our shooters took to the rolling hills. After the 15-station competition, everyone enjoyed some delicious tri-tip, chicken thighs, and mac n' cheese catered by Rooster's Rolling BBQ and an exciting raffle featuring a popular YETI cooler and Blackstone grill.

In a particularly generous show of support for the industry, all of our "top shots" donated their winnings back, demonstrating the generosity and camaraderie that makes the MCAC community special.

Congratulations to Our "Top Shots"! You'll want to remember these names when it comes time to register for MCAC's 2027 Clay Classic.

- 1st Place (Tie): Chad Gozzo, Haxton Masonry, and Josh Estrella, PTS Masonry
- 2nd Place: Isidro Salgado, PTS Masonry
- 3rd Place: Dale Piwinski, Basalite Concrete Products

THANK YOU to all of our participants and event sponsors for helping make the first-ever MCAC Clay Classic possible!

BASALITE Concrete Products | JOHN JACKSON MASONRY SINCE 1963 | PACIFIC BAY MASONRY, INC. | PBM Peninsula Building Materials Co. | PTS MASONRY A UTILION COMPANY | THOMPSON BUILDING MATERIALS

THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL CONTRACTORS · SAN DIEGO CHAPTER · AGC

WEBINAR

November 4, 2026
12:00pm - 1:00pm

"Construction Law Webinar: Navigating Defaults, Termination & Closeout Issues for a Smooth Project Exit"

Presented by Finch, Thornton & Baird, join AGC San Diego for an informative webinar focused on helping construction professionals avoid contractual and procedural pitfalls when faced with contract terminations.



SAVE THE DATE

April 16, 2027
8:30am Shotgun Start

MCAC 6th Legacy Golf Tournament

Eagle Glen Golf Club | Corona, CA

We're back in 2027!

The highly anticipated MCAC Legacy Golf Tournament returns next year.

With golf registrations selling out 40 days before this year's tournament, you'll want to plan ahead.

$40 for AGC members / $75 for nonmembers
2-for-1 Special: $50 for AGC members / $90 for nonmembers

Register

Stay tuned for registration details and sponsorship opportunities.

You won't want to miss it!

Coming Soon! California's *Proposed* New Employer First-Aid Requirements



On September 17, 2026, the Cal/OSHA Standards Board unanimously approved revisions to emergency medical services and first-aid regulations impacting both general industry [General Industry Safety Order §3400] and construction employers [Construction Safety Order §1512]. The amendments are expected to take effect January 1, 2027, pending approval by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL).

Key Changes for Employers:

- **Ditch the Doctor's Note**: This notable change removes a longstanding pain point for General Industry employers that first aid kit contents be approved by a consulting physician. Instead, employers may now comply by providing a first aid kit meeting ANSI/ISEA Z308.1-2021 Class A requirements.
- **ANSI/ISEA Standard Adoption**: Employers can now automatically satisfy baseline supply rules by providing first-aid kits that comply with the ANSI/ISEA Z308.1-2021 Class A standard (or continue using a licensed healthcare professional to customize contents).
- **Mandatory Hazard Assessments**: Standard Class A kits are a baseline, but employers must evaluate their specific workplaces for unique, potentially serious risks (such as chemical exposures, thermal burns, or extreme heat) and provide specialized additional supplies where necessary.
- **Visibility and Accessibility**: Kits must be readily accessible, and employers must actively communicate their locations to workers, using physical signage or labeling where practicable.
- **Construction Rules**: Construction operations must also ensure adequate distribution of kits across the project, verify contents initially, and keep weatherproof containers maintained.

The new Cal/OSHA first-aid regulations are aimed to align with the national voluntary consensus standard for workplace first-aid kits/supplies, known as the ANSI standard.

The newly published ANSI/ISEA Z308.1-2026 national first aid kit standard, released September 17, 2026, now identifies naloxone as a *recommended* supplemental supply and is expected to take effect mid-March 2027. However, a recommendation within a voluntary national consensus standard is not the same as a California regulatory mandate, but, be prepared, because more changes are coming to California first aid kits.

Importantly, California has separately enacted legislation (AB 1976 - 2023-24) directing Cal/OSHA to consider adopting revised standards establishing workplace naloxone requirements by December 1, 2028.

What Should Construction Employers Do Now?

- Review current kits against ANSI Z308.1 Class A specifications.
- Conduct a formal job hazard assessment to see if specialized supplies are required. (e.g. heat stress & sun exposure, chemical burns, severe trauma):
- Post clear signage indicating where first-aid kits are located.
- Evaluate emergency medical response times, especially on remote or isolated jobsites.
- Ensure designated personnel have appropriate training and know how to respond to a suspected opioid overdose.
- Monitor Cal/OSHA rulemaking for the anticipated naloxone requirement and its effective date. *MCAC is monitoring and will bring you updates*.

Bottom Line: California's newly approved first aid amendments do not establish a universal naloxone requirement for construction employers. However, the ANSI/ISEA 2026 standard recommends it as a supplemental supply, and separate California legislation is moving the state toward a workplace requirement. Employers should consider naloxone as part of their emergency preparedness planning while monitoring the state's implementation timeline.

Resources: Cal/OSHA's First-Aid Standards for Construction and General Industry - October 2026

Prevailing Wage Notice: Laborer (Building Construction) and Brick Tender in San Diego County

Important Notices were added to the Office of Director – Research Unit's website on September 29, 2026, regarding the following:

- **Interim Determination** for Craft of **Laborer (Building Construction) in San Diego County**
- **Interim Determination** for the Craft/Classification of **Brick Tender in San Diego County**

To read the new notice click **here**. Full link: https://www.dir.ca.gov/oprl/2026-2/NoticeIndex.htm.

If you have any questions about these notices, please contact DIR by calling the
Prevailing Wage Hotline at (415) 703-4774 or emailing statistics@dir.ca.gov.

California's 2030 Hospital Seismic Deadline Could Create Construction Opportunities



California hospitals face a January 1, 2030, deadline to meet state seismic-safety requirements if they intend to continue providing acute care services in affected buildings. The mandate is driving hospital retrofits, infrastructure upgrades and replacement construction statewide.

Hospitals must upgrade noncompliant buildings, pursue replacement construction or discontinue acute care services in affected facilities, subject to applicable requirements and approved extensions.

What Does This Mean for Masonry Contractors?
The compliance effort could create opportunities for contractors experienced in commercial and institutional construction, including:

- Structural masonry retrofits: Reinforced CMU wall modifications and strengthening.
- Wall and connection upgrades: Masonry anchorage and other engineered improvements.
- Renovation and replacement: Masonry scopes associated with hospital modernization and new construction.

This is a hospital seismic-safety mandate, not a statewide requirement for all masonry buildings to be upgraded by 2030.

Not every project will involve masonry; scopes will depend on building conditions and engineering requirements.

Where Can Contractors Find Opportunities?
The California Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI) publishes hospital seismic ratings and compliance plans. Contractors can use these resources to identify potentially affected campuses and monitor procurement notices and general contractor opportunities.

With design, permitting and construction schedules already underway, contractors interested in healthcare projects should begin outreach early.

Resources: HCAI Hospital Seismic Safety | Seismic Ratings | Compliance Plans

WORDS TO LIVE BY

"*Mistakes are the portals of discovery*." – James Joyce

Mason Contractors Association of CA | 2485 Natomas Park Drive Suite 540 | Sacramento, CA 95833 US

Unsubscribe | Update Profile | Constant Contact Data Notice

Constant Contact

Try email marketing for free today!