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

New Access Link Coming to the Public Works Portal



Public Works

**Attention Public Works
Contractors**

The [Public Works Portal](#) will be upgraded on **Friday, April 3, 2026**.

After the update, users will need to access the platform through a **new web link**.

The new web link is www.dir.service-now.com/pw

We recommend bookmarking this new link.

Key enhancements include:

- New Contractor Dashboard
- Integrated Contractor Registration and Payment
- Project Favorites and Archive Options
- Manual eCPR Submission Interface

Stay tuned for updated support resources for the PW Portal upgrade:

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- New user guides will be available on the PW Support Center web page
- Live workshops will be scheduled for additional support
- Please visit the link for more
www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/SupportCenter.html

Not sure where to begin when it comes to employee benefits? Join MCAC Preferred Insurance Provider, Saint Moore Insurance Agency, for a free Lunch & Learn.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED:

Hear directly from insurance carriers about what's ahead for benefits in 2026: key trends, cost-saving strategies, and simple ways to enhance your benefits, whether you're starting from scratch or looking to improve what you currently offer.

WHEN: Wednesday, April 8th, 2026
TIME: 11:00 AM – 1:30 PM
WHERE: 1150 Brookside Ave, **Suite J2**
Redlands, CA 92373
CONTACT: Stephanie Torres
(909) 793-2151
stephanie@stmooreinsurance.com

Lunch provided!

RSVP today by going [here](#), or by scanning the QR code on the flyer.

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STRENGTHENING YOUR BENEFITS STRATEGY FOR 2026

LUNCH AND LEARN

Here's your chance to get info direct from the insurance carriers!

During this event, the carriers will discuss:

- Emerging benefit trends for 2026
- Creative plan enhancements at minimal to no additional cost
- Contract and carrier updates that may create new opportunities
- Cost-containment strategies that improve value for both employer and employees
- Competitive positioning strategies to support recruitment and retention

Limited Seats!
Free to Attend



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AB 1885: The End of Retention for Public Works Projects?

Last year marked a victory for retention on private works with SB 61 capping private works retention at 5%. This year, AB 1885 seeks to apply even greater retention relief on public works.

[AB 1885](#) is a newly proposed bill that would eliminate retention on public projects unless contractors and subcontractors fail to provide required bonding. [AB 1885 Fact Sheet](#)

SUMMARY POINTS:

- This bill prevents public entities from withholding retention from GCs and precludes GCs from withholding from subs.
- The exception is that if the entity's solicitation for bids requires the subcontractor to provide bonds, and the subcontractor refuses, then the GC may withhold retention. It is not prevalent for public entities to require bonds from subcontractors, and if it happens, the sub can determine whether to allow retention or provide the bonds. If the subcontractor provides bonds, then retention is not allowed.
- Subs can ask RFIs at time of bid to clarify whether bonds will actually be required, and if so, subs can include the cost of bonds in their bids so they pass through the cost and at the same time avoid withholding of retention.

Associated General Contractors of California (AGC) is the bill's sponsor. MCAC supports this measure and will be closely monitoring along with our fellow trade association partners.



MCAC 5TH ANNUAL LEGACY GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAY 1, 2026
 7:00am Registration
 8:30am Shotgun

**EAGLE GLEN GOLF CLUB
 CORONA, CA**

\$300 - Player
 \$1,200 - Foursome

Breakfast + Lunch Provided
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Golfer spots are SOLD OUT, but a few sponsorships remain up for grabs:

- On-Course Tent Sponsors (4) - \$750
- Breakfast Sponsors (3) - \$500
- Lunch Sponsors (2) - \$500
- Hole Sign Sponsors (18) - \$350
- Raffle Prize Sponsors (any amount)

Don't miss your chance to get your brand in front of the industry at the [Mason Contractors Association of California](#) (MCAC)'s most anticipated event of the year.

Lock in your sponsorship – email Julie@mca-ca.org.

July 17 Deadline: April 1, 2026

License Law Alert: A Technicality That Could Cost You...A Lot

A recent California court decision is raising real concerns for subcontractors. At its core, the ruling suggests that a common business entity structure change -- for example,

from a corporation to a limited liability company -- could render a contractor not "duly licensed" during the time of transition even if all the following remain true...

- The same license classification is in place
- The same Responsible Managing Officer oversees the work
- Operations continue without interruption
- Delays are caused by licensing agencies—not the contractor



If you have ever heard our friend and trusted resource, Phil Vermeulen of Contractors Licensing Center and Vermeulen Government Affairs, speak he routinely warns of the draconian provisions of California's Business & Professions Code Section 7031 for precisely this issue of being (or not being) "duly licensed" and the ways it can be exploited to avoid payments to contractors.

California's Business & Professions Code Section 7031 carries some of the harshest penalties in the country. If a contractor is found to be unlicensed at any point on a project, the consequences can include:

- Forfeiture of all compensation—even for completed work
- Loss of lien rights and ability to collect payment

If left standing, this ruling leaves virtually every California subcontractor at risk of potentially catastrophic economic loss whenever a routine corporate conversion occurs and administrative processing is delayed.

The American Subcontractors Association (ASA) has [petitioned for review](#) of the ruling - Pacific

Carpets, LLC v. 2525 Main Apartments, LP, et. al., Case No. S294545 -- to, among other things, clarify the proper scope applies and prevent misuse of Section 7031 as a payment avoidance tactic.

We will continue to keep members informed.

MCAC is a member of ASAC (American Subcontractors Association of California). One of the key MCAC member benefits is the network of relationships we maintain with affiliate industry associations. When MCAC belongs to an industry association, we share the benefits of that organization with you. We are happy to have ASAC as a leading voice on subcontractor issues among those affiliations.

Workers' Compensation

Workers Compensation Rating Changes for Masonry and Construction Executives

The proposed changes to masonry's dual wage class code thresholds and executive compensation minimum and maximum remuneration levels below were approved by the Workers' Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau's (WCIRB) Classification and Rating Committee and Governing Committee and included in a [regulatory filing](#) submitted to the California Insurance Commissioner for review and approval, to be effective September 1, 2026.

- Classifications 5027/5028, *Masonry* - increase the **hourly wage threshold from \$35.00 to \$37.00 per hour** to reflect wage inflation since the threshold was last amended in 2024. (Ref pages A-2 and A-3 of regulatory filing)
- Classification 5606, *Contractors – construction or erection – executive level supervisors* - adjusts the **minimum and maximum payroll limitations for executive officers**, partners, individual employers, and members of limited liability companies to **\$66,300 (minimum) and \$171,600 (maximum)** respectively to reflect wage inflation since the minimum and maximum payroll limitations were last amended in 2025. (Ref pages A-2 and A-3 of regulatory filing)
- Classification 5201/5205, *Concrete or Cement Work* - for those of you who also perform concrete operations - adjusts the hourly wage eligibility for Class Code 5201 from below \$33.00 to below \$36.00 and from above \$33.00 to above \$36.00 for Class Code 5205 eligibility. (Ref pages A-21 and A-22 of regulatory filing)



Zero Emission Ride & Drive Event - April 29, 2026 - San Diego, CA

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) and CALSTART are sponsoring a free [Zero-Emission Truck and Off-Road Equipment Showcase + Ride & Drive](#) event.

Date: April 29, 2026
 Time: 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
 Location: Pechanga Arena

3500 Sports Arena Blvd.
 San Diego, CA 92110

What to expect:

- Test drive zero-emission medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment.
- Discover technical assistance and funding programs to support your zero-emissions technology purchases
- Connect with industry leaders, fleet owners, OEMs, and dealers
- CARB staff available to answer questions on programs including Advanced Clean Fleets applicable to state and local government fleets, Clean Truck Check, and Off-Road Diesel, among others.
- Free parking available for attendees

[REGISTER](#)

INDUSTRY EVENTS

January 20-22, 2026 World of Concrete / MCAA Annual Meeting – Las Vegas, NV.
Bonus! MCAC/MCAA Contractor Members receive convention show floor passes for free. Use your MCAA MEMBER NUMBER to receive this member benefit upon registration.

January 20, 2026 MCAC 171st State Meeting & 2026/27 Board of Directors Installation - Las Vegas, NV - Las Vegas Convention Center, Rm S113

February 25-26, 2026 Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH) Conference - Masonry Pavilion - Sacramento, CA

March 18, 2026 Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day - ACR 23 Eff 2021

March 31, 2026 Masonry Industry Training Association (MITA) Annual Meeting

April 9-10, 2026 Concrete Masonry Association of CA & NV (CMACN) Spring Meeting - Laguna Niguel, CA

April 30, 2026 California Masonry Summit & Expo - AV Irvine Event Center - Irvine, CA

May 1, 2026 MCAC 5th Annual Legacy Golf Tournament – Eagle Glen Golf Club – Corona, CA

June 12, 2026 MCA San Diego Golf Tournament - The Golf Club of CA - Fallbrook, CA

August 7, 2026 MCA San Diego Day at the Races - Del Mar, CA

September 13-17, 2026 MCAA Midyear Meeting - San Antonio, TX

September 24-26, 2026 Concrete Masonry Association of CA & NV (CMACN) Design Awards - Pasadena, CA

September 28, 2026 Masonry Industry Training Association (MITA) Golf Tournament - Riverside, CA

MCAC FEATURES MEMBER BENEFIT PROGRAMS FOR YOU!



A Tip to Save Big! MCAC Members Saved \$8,743 on Dues by Participating in Insurance Program

What do smart mason contractors and great insurance coverage have in common? They both save you money.

MCAC members who participated in our group insurance program through Saint Moore Insurance Agency (SMIA) collectively saved \$8,743 on their 2025/26 dues. That's real money back in your pocket—just for choosing an insurance partner that understands the unique needs of our trade.

As MCAC's Preferred Insurance Provider, Saint Moore not only delivers coverage tailored for mason contractors, they also pay a portion of your MCAC dues when you enroll in the program, and they support MCAC with a percentage of the program proceeds.

Is your insurance renewal coming up? Now's the perfect time to contact the team at SMIA to see how much you could save—on premiums and dues. With decades of experience and a contractor-first mindset, Saint Moore has become a trusted ally to many MCAC members.

Don't take our word for it—[hear directly from members](#) who've made the switch and never looked back. Savings vary by participant. Discounts are applied to premiums, and a portion of dues is paid by SMIA for qualifying participants.

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