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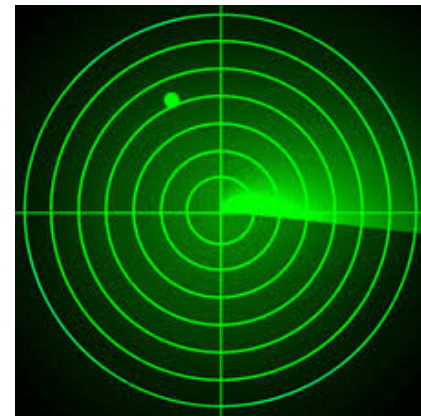
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**Membership in MCAC = Membership in MCAA**  
**State + National = More membership Value!**

## Federal PLA's Targeted for Elimination, or Are They?

The on-again, off-again federal Project Labor Agreement (PLA) policy has taken, yet, another turn.



## What Subcontractors Need to Know:

- In March 2025, the [Trump campaign issued a policy directive](#) signaling a clear intent to dismantle President Biden's 2022 executive order mandating PLAs on federal projects exceeding \$35 million.
- In May 2025, a federal judge ruled that the [Department of Defense \(DOD\) must resume enforcing the Biden-era PLA requirements](#), stating the agency lacked legal authority to suspend compliance with a standing executive order.
- The May court ruling effectively reactivates PLA enforcement on qualifying federal projects, at least for now.

As legal and political battles continue, subcontractors bidding on federal work should stay alert. For now, on large-scale federal jobs—especially those under the DOD umbrella—PLAs are back on. But with further legal challenges likely, the only certainty is continued change.

## Farewell and Best Wishes to Elouise Schultz

After nearly a decade of service, Elouise Schultz is retiring from her role as Business Development Coordinator for the Mason Contractors Association of California (MCAC). Since joining MCAC in 2015, Elouise has been an integral force behind the success of several MCAC initiatives. She helped us realize some long-imagined concepts, co-piloted MCAC events, was a champion of our mission, and had real love for the masonry industry and its people.

Elouise shared this sentiment in her farewell message saying in part, "The mason industry has been more than just a profession to me; it's been a community, a family."

Please join me in thanking Elouise for her unwavering dedication and in wishing her every happiness in this next chapter. She will be greatly missed.



Pictured Left to Right:  
Karen Tejada of R&R Masonry,  
Elouise Schultz and Julie Trost of  
MCAC @ the MCAC April 2025  
Golf Tournament

**READ ELOUISE'S FAREWELL LETTER TO  
MCAC MEMBERS HERE**



## CARB Unveils Voluntary Clean Construction Program

On May 20, 2025, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) unveiled its Voluntary [Clean Construction Program](#) during a statewide webinar. The program is part of California's ongoing efforts to reduce

emissions from construction activity and promote mobile off-road zero emission construction equipment.

The initiative aims to recognize and support contractors who take proactive steps to reduce emissions on job sites—such as using newer, cleaner equipment. While participation is voluntary, the program could influence future project requirements, public works bid competitiveness, and environmental permitting processes.

The proposed program concept would **recognize projects** with a minimum 35% zero emission equipment with the remaining equipment Tier 4 Final with diesel particulate filter (DPF) or hybrid. CARB staff would develop the program parameters, and contracting entities, policymakers, and state and local governments could then **incorporate the program in**

CARB is actively seeking industry input to ensure the program reflects the practical realities of the construction field. As part of that effort, MCAC is collecting member feedback to share with CARB.

**Questions for Consideration:**

- Is 35% of available zero emission equipment the appropriate minimum threshold?
- Should the program basis be horsepower or number of equipment?
- Should portable equipment like generators be included?
- Should internal combustion equipment smaller than 25hp be included?

**Potentially Impacted Equipment ( not a complete list):**

- Forklifts: diesel and/or rough terrain
- Skid-steer loaders
- Aerial devices: vehicle mounted

**📝Help Shape CARB's New Voluntary Clean Construction Program**

➔Please take a few minutes to complete our short survey and share your perspective. Your responses will help shape the masonry industry's voice in this important conversation.

[\[TAKE THE SURVEY →\]](#)

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## Member Spotlight: Meet Your Prosoco California Masonry Reps

Cleaning new masonry? Cleaning existing masonry? Anchoring a masonry façade? Applying a water repellent? Consolidating stone?

These are the people who will do whatever they can to help your masonry jobs go more smoothly, including helping you clean buildings, prevent water intrusion, and even restore current buildings back to life.



**Luis De Simas**, your **Southern California** Regional Sales Manager for PROSOCO



**Alex Bergeron**, your **Central California and Northern California** Regional Sales Manager for PROSOCO

Luis and Alex are here for you to help your masonry projects

succeed however possible. They'll help you select the right product for the job, train your crews, and help problem-solve your job site challenges in person.



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## BOOK YOUR HOTEL

<https://bookings.omnihotels.com/event/nashville/mcac-170th-state-meeting>

or

1-800-THE-OMNI



Planning to attend MCAC's 170th State Meeting in Nashville this October? Now's the time to secure your hotel and travel before prices go up and availability tightens.

**Registration opens in July**, and spots will fill fast—don't get left behind! Lock in your travel plans early and get ready for a memorable time with your masonry family. See y'all in Music City.

[\[SCHEDULE OF EVENTS\]](#)



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## INDUSTRY EVENTS

**January 20-23, 2025** 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.

**February 18, 2025** Masonry Industry Training Association (MITA) Annual Meeting - Moreno Valley, CA

**March 18, 2025** Construction Industry Suicide Prevention Awareness Day - ACR 23 Eff 2021

**April 18, 2025** MCAC 4th Annual Legacy Golf Tournament – Eagle Glen Golf Club – Corona, CA.

**May 9, 2025** California Masonry Summit & Expo - UCLA Luskin Conference Center - Los Angeles, CA

**June 13, 2025** MCA San Diego Golf Tournament - The Golf Club of CA - Fallbrook, CA

**July 14, 2025** [CheckOff Region 5 Town Hall](#) - Webinar

**September 7-11, 2025** [MCAA Midyear Meeting/75th Anniversary](#) - Mackinac, MI

**September 22, 2025** [Masonry Industry Training Association \(MITA\) Golf Tournament](#) - Riverside, CA

**October 3-4, 2025** MCAC 170th State Meeting - The Omni - Nashville, TN. → Registration opens July 2025! [Reserve your hotel room](#) & book your flight now.

**October 25, 2025** [Fastest Trowel / Skills Challenge](#) - Angelus Block - NEW Rialto manufacturing plant - 249 Fortuna Way, Rialto, CA

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### Concrete Conversations: CheckOff Region 5 Town Hall

Did you know California's contributions make up roughly 80% of all checkoff funds collected in Region 5's 10-state area? Want to learn more about how those funds are being used? Then, tune in **9am Pacific Time July 14** for the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) 5 virtual Town Hall. You must register to participate. Registration link is below. ↓

These virtual sessions are a great opportunity to hear important updates from the Checkoff, including the 5-year strategy, a financial overview, a brief update on national programs, and insights into regional initiatives.



**RAC 5: July 14** // Register [here](#)

**JOIN US FOR OUR UPCOMING REGIONAL TOWNHALLS**

**THE BEAUTY OF BLOCK**

**CONCRETE MASONRY CHECKOFF**

**Region 1** – July 9th at 12 PM CST/ 1PM EST

**Region 2** – July 22nd at 10AM CST/11AM EST

**Region 3** – July 23rd at 10AM CST

**Region 4** – July 10th at 3PM CST/ 2PM MT

**Region 5** – July 14th at 11AM CST/10AM MT

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### 🔗 A Tip to Save Big! MCAC Members Pocket \$8,743 in Dues Thanks to Saint Moore Insurance

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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