



Department of Transportation (MCDOT)

Director's Report – April 19, 2016

- **Budget Preparation (FY 16/17):** On April 8, 2016, MCDOT Deputy Director – Business Services, Chamise Cubbison, transmitted preliminary Road Fund budgets for Budget Units (BU) 3010 (General Maintenance), BU 3041 (Capital Improvements), and BU 3030 (Storm Damage) to the CEO's office for the upcoming fiscal year. All staff worked long, hard hours – particularly Chamise and her budget team consisting of Patti Black, Megan Di Franco, and Colleen Nowlin in submitting BUs 3050, 3060, 3080 and 3090 (Airports), and BU 4510 (Disposal Sites), and BU 4511 (Landfill Closure). The budget climate for the upcoming fiscal year is even “bleaker” than that for the current year (FY 15/16) and the Department is once again faced with tough decisions as to how to most effectively meet reductions in the Road Fund revenue due to lower gas prices.
- **National Association of County Engineers (NACE) Conference:** The MCDOT Director will be out of town the last week of April to participate in the 2016 National Association of County Engineers Conference. This is an opportunity to meet and discuss common issues with other County Engineers from counties throughout the United States. The meetings rotate by regions. This year we are meeting in Tacoma, Washington in the West Coast Region. The meetings are devised to update local agencies on current news, as well as, provide a networking opportunity.

Membership for NACE is included within membership dues for the County Engineers Association of California (CEAC). CEAC holds a concurrent fall conference with the California State Association of Counties and a concurrent spring conference with the League of California Cities. This MCDOT Director attended the 2008 Oregon NACE conference, and because this one is close has decided to attend. The opportunity to meet and discuss common issues with other Engineers and Transportation officials from surrounding states should be beneficial.

- **Road Division Activities:** MCDOT Road Division personnel are performing normal spring activities including mowing for vegetation control and grading gravel roads countywide.
- **CEAC Lobby Day – Wednesday, May 18, 2016, Sacramento, CA:** The MCDOT Director is hoping to attend this event which will have an emphasis on two key infrastructure issues – Transportation and Storm Water Funding. This will be a key time, particularly on the transportation funding issue, as the Governor will have just released his May Revision of the FY 16/17 State Budget and our new target for getting a transportation funding/reform package passed is June 15th. It is also imperative to keep the Legislature informed of the ongoing struggle counties have to fund programs and infrastructure. In the past, County Engineers from multiple counties, represented by common State Senators and Assembly members, have requested a common meeting to save time and use our numbers to make an impression. However, if Mendocino County Board members would like to attend this event we could request an exclusive Mendocino County meeting. Board members should let me know what they would like to do in possibly meeting with State officials on transportation funding.
- **Upcoming Vacation for MCDOT Director:** The MCDOT Director wanted to let the Board know that he will be on vacation for the first week of May.