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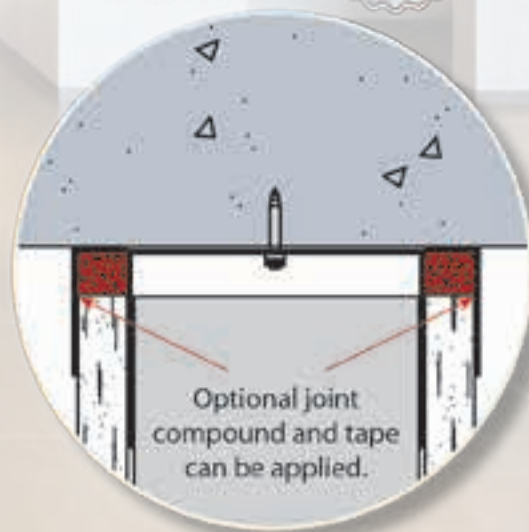
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WELCOME NEW OPPORTUNITIES



First of all, let me say how proud I am to be your incoming president. I take this responsibility very seriously, along with the challenges and opportunities it presents. We have worked very hard over the years to achieve the success WACA has today. I believe these efforts have laid the foundation for a stronger, more influential WACA in the years to come.



Jim Ruane
Board President

I have been part of this industry for over 46 years through the family business, which has been passed on from generation to generation in the Ruane family. I have seen our industry change through the years, and I've also seen our association evolve. It wasn't too long ago that our drywall and plaster associations were composed of small independent groups of contractors. With a lot of effort by contractors to improve our resources and operations, WACA was formed.

As one of the founding WACA board of directors members, I reflect on what WACA has achieved, having become an example and blueprint for other groups in our industry. I'm proud to say our association is highly recognized in Northern California and on a national level.

With our advancements, we have stronger weight in labor negotiations and in the development of codes and specifications in the industry. With this momentum, it's imperative that we build on the influence developed through this progress.

This continuous movement cannot be done alone — we need more active member participation. I envision

members having greater involvement in behind-the-scenes efforts that most of you never have the chance to see. Being an active member means more than attending a social meeting every few months. There are important trusteeships to fill, key events to plan and vital labor negotiations to work through.

I'd like to take this moment to formally introduce the 2017-2018 board of directors and officers who will lead the association. The new officers for the next three-year term include Nancy Brinkerhoff, whom I'd like to thank for her previous leadership as WACA's president and secretary/treasurer, and David Link as vice president. The board includes Don Archuleta, Gregg Brady, Jim Watson, John Sytsma, Kristen Meiswinkel, Roger E. Henley, Shawna Alvarado, Steve Eckstrom and Tim Stiller. I've had the privilege to work with these board directors and feel confident in their leadership and in the guidance they will provide to my new role.

I look forward to serving WACA's members as board president and welcome this new opportunity to better serve our wall and ceiling community by making a positive contribution to WACA.

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The Ultimate Fire-Resistant Construction Seminar by Nestor Sanchez

On March 16, the Wall and Ceiling Bureau (WCB) team hosted the seminar on fire-resistant construction, instructed by industry expert Nestor Sanchez.

Since 1994, Sanchez has been the architectural systems manager for USG Corporation. He oversees and evaluates USG products and systems through testing and analysis. Previously, he was an engineering group leader for Underwriters Laboratories.

Sanchez spoke about fire-rated gypsum construction from horizontal membranes to top-down construction and shaft walls. Some of the specific topics covered were corridor ceilings, stair soffits, five-sided enclosures, fire-resistance requirements of walls versus hollow

metal frames and doors, call boxes and indicator boxes, so-called California hospital details and new developments regarding fire-resistant materials. The high demand for this industry speaker and construction information led to a packed-house attendance for the class.

WACA and WCB appreciated the opportunity to provide another valuable education seminar for members. If you have a suggestion for future classes, email technical director Ben Duterte at ben@wcbureau.org.



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Cal/OSHA Consultation Service

A Nonenforcement Safety and Health Resource for Construction Employers

by Chris Lee, WACA Safety Consultant

When many employers hear a reference to Cal/OSHA, they instinctively think of enforcement officers conducting inspections, issuing citations and levying monetary penalties. However, there is some good news for employers seeking professional safety and health assistance who want to voluntarily comply with regulations — Cal/OSHA Consultation Services.

Both federal OSHA and Cal/OSHA have programs to promote voluntary compliance as well as employer/employee education and training to identify and correct hazards on the job site. This is a particularly good option for employers who do not have either a full-time or contract safety professional on staff.

Mission of Consultation Services

The mission of Cal/OSHA Consultation Services is to help eliminate worker injuries and illnesses by providing effective workplace safety and health assistance to California's employers and employees. Its objectives are:

- Identify hazards and promote safety and health to small, high-hazard employers
- Educate employers and employees about the benefits of safety and health
- Encourage employers and employees to maintain good safety and health practices

Types of Assistance

On-site visits are available but provided only at the employer's request. A critical part of an on-site consultation is evaluating and suggesting improvements in workplace safety and health programs, which are summarized in a written report.

Off-site consultation can be provided to employers and employees away from the work site via telephone, email or office meetings.

Educational materials are also available. Consultation Services provides educational materials, including eTools to help reduce/eliminate workplace injuries and illnesses. Publications are available for download at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/PubOrder.asp. The eTools can be obtained at www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/etools.

The partnership programs administered by Cal/OSHA — where industry, labor and Cal/OSHA work together — recognize workplace safety and health programs that effectively prevent injuries and illnesses.

Outreach assistance is available in the form of Cal/OSHA conducting and participating in workplace safety and health seminars, conferences, workshops and other events with employers and employees. These events focus on high-hazard industries, processes and job categories.



Consultation Background and Confidentiality

Consultants are knowledgeable safety and industrial hygiene professionals — many have certifications in their field. Every consultation is confidential and free.

An important fact to note is that Cal/OSHA Consultation Services is separate from enforcement. No information from employers is shared with enforcement.

Potential Benefits of Engaging the Consultation Service

- Reduction in preventable accidents and injuries
- Reduced workers' compensation premiums
- Decreased employee absence and turnover rates
- Stronger workplace safety culture
- Possibility for an abatement period (if hazards are found), not a citation and penalty

For more information or to schedule a visit, contact Cal/OSHA Consultation Services toll-free at (800) 963-9424 or by email at InfoCons@dir.ca.gov.



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Exhibitor Opportunities Available

Reach out to the wall and ceiling industry. Get your company noticed! Booth space is available to demonstrate your products and/or services.

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Wright Bros. Supply

by Alan Abeyta, Outside Sales — Bay Area and North Bay



Large or small, we treat all customers and their requests as being the most important order until the job is done.

Wright Bros. Supply was established in 1979 by two retired Army brothers, Dick and Wayne Wright. They were one of the first specialty distributors in the North Bay to provide drywall stocking services.

In 1990, they sold to the current ownership — Sean Martin, Greg Moore and Richard Caldwell — all of whom are Santa Rosa natives who grew up in the construction trades. At the start of the new millennium, we upgraded our equipment and computers. In 2002, we opened our Benicia branch to expand and better service the needs of the Bay Area drywall, metal framing and plastering contractors. During the last 10 years, both the Benicia and Santa Rosa yards moved to larger facilities to accommodate our growing business and our need for more inventory and personnel. By 2014, we opened a yard in Chico, strategically positioning our business to service all Northern California.

Our employees are well-trained, safety-certified and have the technical and product knowledge to better serve our customers. Many of our employees have worked in the industry for more than 25 years. We are still independent and locally owned, serving local contractors and communities.

Being a part of the WACA community is very important to Wright Bros. Supply. We have been a member and supported the organization since its inception. WACA has provided our company with networking and educational opportunities that we otherwise would not have. We look forward to continuing our association with WACA for years to come.

The mission statement of Wright Bros. Supply is short: "Provide the best quality service and support with quality materials at a competitive price."



We supply all of the major drywall manufacturers: Georgia Pacific Gypsum, USG, PABCO Gypsum, National Gypsum and CertainTeed Gypsum. And we supply CEMCO, ClarkDietrich Building Systems and Consolidated Fabricators metal framing. On the plastering side, our major brands are Sto Corp., Parex USA Incorporated, Omega Products and BMI Products. In addition, we carry the trims and accessories to complete any project, including EIFS, CI and WB.

Having a branch in Santa Rosa and one in Benicia affords us the opportunity to participate in many winery projects as well. One is Silver Oak Winery in Healdsburg. This project is a Platinum LEED project for which we are supplying specialty drywall, framing and finish products. Wright Bros. Supply also has the reputation of taking on difficult stocking projects that our competitors have turned down.

Wright Bros. Supply remains committed to local businesses and takes pride in giving back to the community by supporting local charities, schools, and other community needs and projects. With the support of our many customers, we've given back to the community and become the preferred building material supplier in the Greater Bay Area. We do our best to make sure all our clients and their businesses are successful, and we appreciate our customers and their continued support. All of us at Wright Bros. Supply treat each customer with the utmost importance. We recognize the value of providing the same excellent service to each of our customers no matter the size of the business or project. Large or small, we treat all customers and their request as being the most important order until the job is done.



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For event questions, contact Julie Dunaway at julie@wallandceiling.org



Pacific West Lath & Plaster, Inc.

by Paul F. Maples, Company Officer



As a WACA member, we have the peace of mind and security with technical support, inspection reporting and up-to-date industry standards. This technical expertise ensures that the quality of work throughout project entirety is current in a constantly evolving industry.

The business started in 1990, when two small lath and plaster companies merged and created a company of approximately 30 employees total. Eventually, I bought out all the partners, and in 1992, Pacific West Lath & Plaster, Inc. was incorporated. This year, we celebrate our 25th anniversary with the 35 staff members we currently have on board.

Pacific West Lath & Plaster, Inc. is a construction subcontractor specializing in exterior stucco applications. We also own and install scaffolding related to our trade. We are licensed and insured for new construction and remodels of commercial and mixed-use projects. Our company is also licensed to operate on residential projects if the project is insured under an owner-controlled insurance program.

We operate within the following Northern California and Bay Area counties: Alameda, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Marin, Napa, Placer, Sacramento, Santa Clara, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tuolumne, Yolo and Yuba.

Pacific West is a union signatory company: We only accept contracts that are prevailing wage. Many projects in our area of operations are not prevailing wage; therefore, contracts are awarded to the lowest bidder. Pacific West believes in union operations. Employees deserve advantages such as benefits, a retirement program and respectable wages for their hard work. This approach creates greater opportunities to work for some of the best contractors that Northern California has to offer, which also support prevailing wage and the union industry.

Pacific West has been through one of the most difficult recessions of this generation. When many companies closed their doors, we had to adjust. Because Pacific West is an established and bondable company, we could secure contracts when others could not. This ability ensured survival through the recession. Fortunately, the construction industry has since taken off again, which now gives us the means to be very selective with our customer base. Currently, we are fortunate enough to work on job sites with excellent customer management, quick payment terms and



Bridge Triangle Apartments

suppliers that are unsurpassed in getting the job done. More importantly, our employees are the best of the best. These employees have remained with us through the recession, and because of their knowledge, education and experience, they are the backbone of Pacific West's success.

As a WACA member, we have peace of mind and security with technical support, inspection reporting and up-to-date industry standards. This technical expertise ensures that the quality of work throughout a project's entirety is current in a constantly evolving industry. We know we have an excellent resource that we can access at any point to assist us, whether meeting on the job site together or for post-project completion analysis. We are grateful to have that extra level of security to maintain our company and serve our customers to the greatest of our ability.

At the time of this writing, we're working on six different projects. In Sacramento, we're working on the downtown 700 K St. with C.F.Y. Development, Inc., the Sacramento State Student Housing 2 with OTTO Construction and contractor Advent Companies, located at 820 and 825 Delta Lane in West Sacramento. In Foster City, we're progressing on Foster Square with LENNAR, located at 1099 Foster Square Lane, and in Oakland it's 11th & Jackson with Branagh, Inc. located at 11th and Jackson streets. We're also working on Hunter's Point Shipyard Block 56/57 with CAHILL Contractors, Inc. in San Francisco.

Pacific West is very proud of the number of projects we've completed in the past 25 years. In the last two years, we are especially proud of our work at Avalon Walnut Creek, Avalon Hayes Valley, Hunter's Point Block 49, Bridge Triangle Apartments and South Hayward BART, just to name a few.



Our current and completed project portfolio can be accessed at www.pacwestplaster.com.

The growth of Pacific West in the last five years is one of our greatest achievements. Because we have carefully selected customers, maintained great relationships with great suppliers and retained the best employees in the industry, Pacific West has tripled revenues and consistently increased profit margins more than any period in the company's history.

This success really comes down to having the right employees in place. As the company's officer since 1992, I have delegated, supervised and entrusted my office staff and foremen to run the company as if it were their own. In doing so, Pacific West's current state and future is now in their hands. That said, I am excited to report that 2017 and 2018 are likely to be the company's most successful years yet.



2017 Leadership Training Opportunities for Top Employees

Contractors are encouraged to take advantage of these subsidized training opportunities for employees! The programs are sponsored by the Carpenters for top candidates. Applicants who are accepted to the programs get accommodations such as airfare, room and board, as well as a stipend (members only).

The Carpenters UBC International Training Center has established a successful leadership training program geared specifically for superintendents, foremen and other management as

well as journey-level carpenters. Held at the cutting-edge training center in Las Vegas, classes focus on communication skills, responses to conflicts, generational changes and many other aspects of jobsite leadership.

How can contractors apply? For the foreman training, contractors are to submit a one-page letter including the candidate's name and why the person is a great candidate for the program to **Ricky Score at rscore@nccrc.org**.

The training schedule for the year is as follows:

UBC Journeymen: Building Better Leadership for a Strong Future (all Journey-level members)

- September 7-10
- November 16-19

Collaborative Leadership: Building Jobsite Leaders (foremen, superintendents, estimators, project managers, owners, etc.)

- June 12-14
- August 7-9
- August 28-30
- September 25-27
- November 3-5
- November 13-15

Foreman Training (Foremen of nine months or longer)

- September 18-22

For more information, go to NCCRC.org. Sign up at your local union.



2017 CRAB FEED RECAP



WACA held its Crab Feed in a new location – still in the City by the Bay but taking place at the Fairmont San Francisco in the Crown Room on the top floor of the landmark hotel.

Networking and social hour began at 4 p.m., with guests taking their seats at 5 p.m. for the feast. Dinner began with flaky biscuits and delicious clam chowder, followed by the freshly caught, all-you-can-eat crab feed. During dinner, 13 lucky guests received a \$50 gift card. For the grand prize in the raffle, associate member CWalla donated 2 Bear Valley all-day ski resort tickets, won by Jason Dreher with STI Firestop. At sunset, the 24th floor panoramic views of the cityscape were admired by attendees.

WACA thanks the generous sponsors for supporting the annual Crab Feed.

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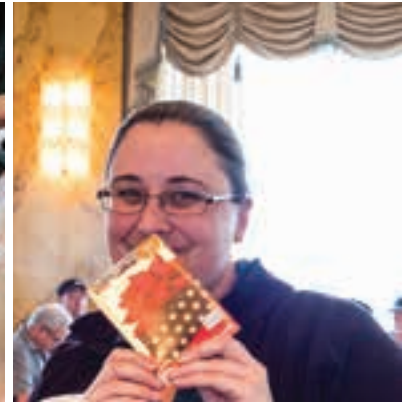
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WACA GOLF TOURNAMENT

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(Calendar of Events page, October 6, 2017
Golf Tournament event)

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11:00AM – Shotgun Start
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Tee sign with company logo/name on course

Questions? Contact Carmen Valencia-Castillo at
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by Brent Johnson and Don Pilz

Special Inspections: THE NEXT STOP IN FIRESTOPPING

As Regulations Change in the Firestopping Industry, Special Inspections Are Coming on Scene to Provide Knowledge on the Subject Matter

With 2012 IBC and 2013 CBC now in effect, special inspections for firestop penetrations and joints will now be required for high-rise buildings (structures greater than 75-feet above fire department access) as well as Category III or IV buildings and/or special occupancies under Chapter 17.

What You Should Know

Special inspections will require visual and or destructive testing. Destructive testing occurs when the special inspector will wait until the firestop product is fully cured and then take a “coupon” (removal of field installed firestop sealant or fire spray) of the sealant/spray to verify its depth at multiple locations at the bond lines. The bond line would be either at the penetration or the perimeter joint of the substrate interface. The special inspector would need to obtain the average shrinkage value of the material (the wet thickness of the material listed in the tested systems) and verify that the cured depth of material at the bond line meets these parameters. Depending on the condition, multiple coupons or sample sections must be taken, inspected and then properly repaired. One factor often overlooked by contractors and inspectors is that some firestopping materials can take weeks to fully cure, depending on variables like the humidity and temperature. This variation in time causes

challenges to project timelines, if not properly planned for. Recommendation: consider firestopping products that are fully cured upon installation and do not require the reliance of adhesive bond strength.

Who Will Perform the Special Inspections?

Currently, there are limited requirements on who can perform special inspections but these limitations are changing rapidly. The current ASTM E2174 and E3293 Standards requires the special inspector to meet at least one of the following: have minimum requirements of at least two years of experience as a construction inspector and have education, credentials, and experience acceptable to the Authorized Authority (AA); be a quality assurance agency credited by the Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ); or may meet the criteria contained in Practice E699 for agencies involved in quality assurance. The inspector may not be a competitor of any contractor and be independent from any

manufacturer, supplier, and contractor. Recently, ASTM E 3808 was developed to provide AAs and AHJs a resource to help decide who is qualified to perform the special inspections and who is not. It is possible for inspectors to get additional levels of certification like the Premier Level Certificate from the International Firestop Council or the Intertek IQP Certification. These types of certifications require a large amount of studying. They also require passing an exam and attending training sessions in person to become fully educated on the firestop industry.

Who will train the inspectors?

Currently there is training being offered to help educate special inspectors, AHJ, architects, owners and contractors on the subject by multiple resources like the International Firestop Council (firestop.org) as well as unbiased consulting firms like FireWise Consultants (firewiseconsultants.com). The International Firestop Council is currently the only resource that has an online testing process that makes it easier for individuals to learn at their own pace anywhere in the world complemented by local hands-on trainings throughout the country.

What will a typical inspection consist of?

Under the new ASTM Standards for special inspection, some of the biggest changes include a minimum set guideline for how much inspection of firestop should be done. Either visually during installation or post installations (destructive test) a set percentage of each type of condition, depending on the size of the building, will be completed. On top of this, documentation will play a bigger role as no inspection can be performed unless the correct tested listed system or engineering judgment has been approved by the AHJ and is presented to the special inspector before inspection. This means that accurately pinpointing all conditions well in advance and having a program in place during preconstruction to design these buildings more accurately is imperative.

What happens if you fail an inspection?

The ASTM Standards will give the special inspector a guideline to follow when a failed inspection occurs. Depending on the type of condition when a failed inspection occurs, the condition must be properly repaired and re-inspected on top of adding an additional inspection elsewhere on the project each time a failure occurs. If a certain number of failures occur, inspection will cease and the contractor must repair and inspect their own work before any inspections can recommence.

Potential Inspectors

For potential inspectors, the International Firestop Council has taken a proactive approach to be the leader in helping inspectors and Authority Having Jurisdiction become better educated in these code changes, inspection techniques and product understanding. Rather than just requiring attendance of a training session or individual Manufacturers Certifications, the IFC has created an 80-plus question, two-hour exam that requires 40 to 60 hours of studying, even by experienced firestop inspectors. Because of this level of detail, partnered with hands-on product training, the IFC Premier Level Certification program is a premium training program providing owners and AHJs more confidence that those special inspectors with this certificate are qualified to perform these inspections.

For complex projects, builders or owners may want to hire unbiased third party consultants such as FireWise Consultants who can assist individuals and companies throughout the country in comprehensive training to be better educated and prepared to perform these special inspections. Such third party consultants can also help architects, owners and contractors understand how the changes may affect their projects and what can be proactively done. Due to FireWise Consultants' extensive experience on OSHPD Projects, they have been selected to partner with the IFC as a local training resource, for everything from educational seminars by Firestop Product Familiarization to Hands on Special Inspector training. In addition, FireWise Con-



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sultants is working with architects and contractors to help update/properly design their construction drawings, firestop submittals and building information model to ensure all firestopping conditions are properly documented well before inspections occur. This step will reduce delays and change orders during construction.

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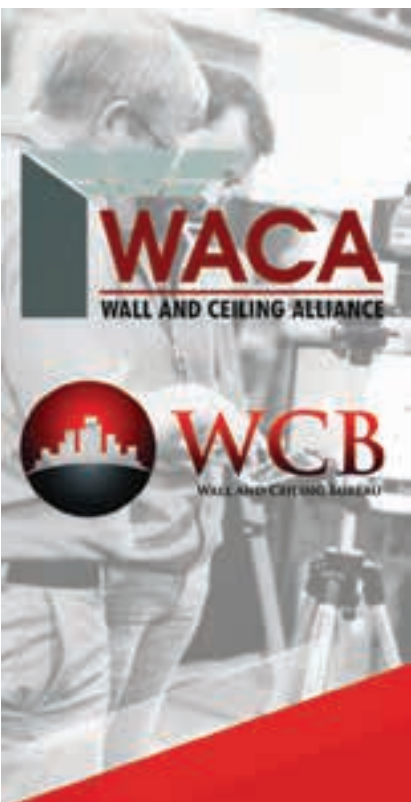


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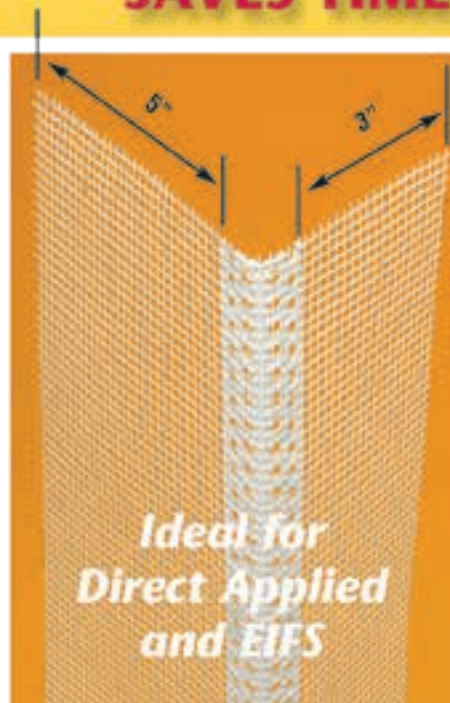
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