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**CALPASC Political Action**

By [Brad Diede](#)

Thanks go to the following CALPASC members! This is an election year and it is imperative that we elect candidates who appreciate that our industry stimulates the California economy. Please help us create relationships with legislators and candidates. Most members contribute \$125 to the PAC when they renew dues, but CALPASC needs far more than that to maintain political action credibility and keep those other special interests at bay that would otherwise put you out of business! If you have not contributed extra to the CALPASC Political Action Committee (PAC) this year, please do so ASAP! Below is a list of our members, who have pledged handsomely!

- CVC Construction - \$9,000
- H&D Electric - \$6,000
- Silverwood Landscape - \$5,000
- Pacific Lath and Plaster - \$2,500
- Thompson Building Materials - \$2,500
- Gardemeyer Finish Carpentry - \$2,400
- Kenyon Plastering - \$2,000
- Benchmark Landscape - \$1,000
- Coastal Concrete - \$1,000
- Cal Coast Const. Spec. Inc. - \$1,000
- Homestead Sheet Metal - \$1,000
- Lucas & Mercier Construction, Inc. - \$1,000
- T.W.R. Framing - \$1,000
- American Design - \$500
- Citadel Tile and Marble - \$500
- Dynamic Plumbing - \$500
- InterWest Insurance Services, Inc. - \$500
- Premier Plumbing Company - \$500
- RCR Plumbing & Mechanical Inc. - \$500
- Urban Concrete - \$500
- X-Act Finish & Trim, Inc. - \$500
- Tom Lewis - \$250
- Van De Poel, Levy & Allen, LLP - \$250

**PLEASE REPLY TO THIS EMAIL AND MAKE A PLEDGE NOW** and we will follow-up with you to collect.

**Possible Lien Law Changes**

By [Brad Diede](#)

The Legislature has been attempting to update technicalities of 100 year old statutes in lien law for many years now. Our fear has been that trade contractors will lose lien rights if they are not careful. To that end, CALPASC organized a coalition of trade contractor associations and a legal team including John Boze, Bill Porter and Conor McElroy (along with four other attorneys) who have poured through the nearly 300 pages of proposed law and suggested amendments. We continue to work with the legislature in this vein and so far they have accepted our amendments, protecting trade contractor lien rights. But if this law passes and is implemented in a couple years, it will require advance education in the trade contractor community and CALPASC will be sure to help deliver that education.

**CALPASC speaks strongly for Cal/OSHA appeals procedures to limit the ability of flagrant violators to cheat the system!**

By [Bruce Wick](#)

I spoke out, along with Kevin Bland of the California Framing Contractors Association; to make sure that appeals procedures are fair and timely. At the Cal/OSHA Appeals Board Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, May 27; several procedural issues were discussed. The most important were the provisions that require true and timely abatement by contractors (often out of state) who are not providing important safety equipment such as fall protection. CALPASC members who are in substantial compliance can't fairly compete with flagrant violators who try to get away without substantial compliance with key safety regulations. I have been working with several coalition partners led by CalChamber, to bring efficiency and fairness to many facets of the Cal/OSHA appeals process. The process of revisions will continue several more months, but the message was loud and clear on stopping flagrant violators.

**Bay area roofing contractor is jailed for failure to provide fall protection for employee who dies after a 40 foot fall!**

By [Bruce Wick](#)

The owner and foreman of C & R, Inc. were both indicted by a San Francisco County grand jury. 37 year old Antonio Martinez died when he fell approximately 40 feet off of a flat roof apartment building. Martinez was not provided any fall protection equipment or system. The next day, while investigating the incident, Cal/OSHA inspectors observed two employees working on the same roof with no fall protection. The charges are violations of California Penal Code Section 192 (involuntary manslaughter), and California Labor Code Section 6425 (willful violation of a Cal/OSHA safety standard).

**In the Spotlight:  
Doug Bellamy**



Among other things Doug Bellamy is a poet, award winning songwriter and current author for "Construction Dimensions", not to mention a notable figure in the Southern California construction industry. Doug has personally been involved in the construction of more than 60,000 homes in San Diego alone. As President of Innovative Drywall Systems Inc. DBA Alta Drywall, he is known for his proactive, innovative approach to our changing industry, and use of modern technology and cutting edge products and services. The result is a long list of very satisfied customers. Licensed in 1976 he currently holds a C-9, B, HIC certification in the state of California. Doug stands among the few who have substantially influenced the local Drywall industry.

This year, with the support of Alta's management team Alta obtained national recognition by winning 1st place in the AWCI (Associated Wall and Ceiling Industry) National Excellence of Construction Safety Award. To view the [complimentary 3 minute Safety Video](#) and comments provided by AWCI or one of his [recent articles](#) in "Construction Dimensions," simply click on the links. When asked about CALPASC, he replied: "CALPASC is one of those support systems the wise Sub-contractor knows better than to do without." Visit Alta online at [altadrywall.com](http://altadrywall.com).

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