

## State News for NSPE Members

### Welcome New NSPE-CA Members

NSPE-CA would like to give a warm welcome to our newest professional members!

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**Daniel Rojas Estevez, EIT**, civil engineer, San Diego

**Christopher Wittman, P.E.**, Commander, Operations Flight, USAF, Lompoc

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### State Licensing Board Seeks Traffic Engineering Expertise

The [California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists](#) seeks the expertise of professional engineers as it relates to the practice of traffic engineering with respect to today's workplace. The results of a questionnaire will assist the board with the development of the Traffic Engineer exam for the purpose of issuing a traffic engineer license. Click [here](#) to access the survey and participate before the December 10 deadline.

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### The Portal (Downtown Rail Extension) Presentation and Opportunities

NSPE-California and the Transbay Joint Powers Authority recently held a virtual information session on [The Portal, also known as the Downtown Rail Extension \(DTX\)](#). Access a PDF of the presentation [here](#).

The Portal is a transformational infrastructure investment that will extend Caltrain commuter rail from its current terminus at Fourth and King streets and ultimately deliver the California High-Speed Rail Authority's statewide service to the multimodal Salesforce Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. Please visit [TJPA.org](#) for additional information about The Portal's upcoming contract opportunities, and register to receive alerts. If you are interested in contract opportunities, [register here](#).

## More Upcoming Events!

November 30, 2023

(Noon-1:00 p.m.)

**BPELSG License Enforcement Issues (Zoom)**

[Register Now!](#)

December 8, 2023

(10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.)

**Sierra Nevada Brewery Tour - Chico, California**

[Register Now!](#)

TBD January 2024

(Noon -1:00 p.m.)

**Ethics Issues (Zoom)**

February 19, 2024

**San Diego Engineers Week Awards Banquet**

[Learn More.](#)

February 22, 2024

(Noon - 1:00 p.m.)

**Careers with Caltrans (Zoom)**

As details are finalized and registration opens, events and links will be listed on the [NSPE-CA home page](#).

### **Events Task Force Meetings**

All NSPE-CA members are invited to participate in events planning sessions as their schedules allow. The next session will take place from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on **December 5**. Email Executive Director Jeanne Marie Tokunaga, CAE, at [admin@nspe-ca.org](mailto:admin@nspe-ca.org) to receive the Zoom login information.

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## **There's No Drought Anywhere in California** ***How long that's expected to last, and why.***

Less than a year after facing historic water shortages, California this week was declared drought-free thanks to a year of epic rains, with an El Niño forecast that could keep wet conditions going into 2024, the [Los Angeles Times reports](#).

The US Drought monitor's latest data show the vast majority of California reporting no drought as of October 17, though pockets in the northernmost and southeastern parts of the state are still considered abnormally dry.



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## Check Out the Latest Issue of *PE*

### Future Forward

Emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and nanotechnology are revolutionizing the world. But these technologies are developing at a pace much faster than can be effectively absorbed into critical engineered infrastructure. The NSPE Emerging Technologies Committee is laser focused on ensuring that new technologies can benefit society and the profession with minimal risk to safety and security.



### Claiming a Seat at the Table

Does it ever seem like your ideas go unnoticed? Do you sometimes feel like you have stalled in your organization? Does it seem like your team is not getting the support it needs? If you want to “claim a seat at the table,” how you show up, use your influence, and communicate can be the difference between winning opportunities or not.

[Access the full issue online.](#) Members who subscribe to the digital edition of *PE* can also access the current and back issues.

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## Engineers Week 2024 — Welcome to the Future!

Founded by NSPE in 1951, [Engineers Week](#) (February 18–24, 2024) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future

engineering workforce. The latest theme for Engineers Week — **Welcome to the Future!** — seeks to inspire the next generation to play a vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges that impact future generations. By working together to develop new technologies, products, and opportunities, engineers create new possibilities that make the world a better place.



Engineers Week is a time for you to:

- Celebrate how engineers make a difference in our world.
- Add your voice to the conversation about the need for engineers, technicians, and technologists.
- Engage students in engineering.

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## Share Your Views: Outreach to the Next Generation

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