



Monterey Bay CA Chapter, NECA

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ADVANCED ESTIMATING OF ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION CLASS SCHEDULED

Wednesday and Thursday
October 1-2, 2025

Breakfast Buffet 8:00 AM
Class Begins at 8:30 AM
Lunch 12:00 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM
on 10/1 at Giuseppe's

Location: Vespera Resort
147 Stimson Avenue |
Pismo Beach, CA | 93940

\$250 per person for NECA Members but free to Monterey Members thanks to the Wendt Scholarship. Please contact Jerri to reserve your space and make hotel reservations. **Space is very limited!**



TO BENEFIT ... PARTICIPATE!



Action Alert: Tell Governor Newsom to Sign SB 61 (Cortese) – 5% Cap on Private Construction Retention

SB 61 (Cortese), NECA-sponsored legislation to cap retention on private construction projects at 5%, has cleared the California State Legislature. The only step remaining is the Governor's signature to make this long-overdue reform law.

Now is the time for contractors and industry allies to urge Governor Newsom to sign SB 61.

The measure directly addresses the chronic cash flow challenges caused by excessive retention withholding on private works of improvement. By capping retention at 5%, SB 61 will bring financial stability and predictability to contractors statewide, aligning private sector practices with the successful 5% cap already in place for public works.

Even if you've taken action before, we urge you to do so again. It's critical that the Governor hears just how important this legislation is to our industry.



Take action now to send your message to the Governor by clicking: [HERE](#)

PROTECT EMPLOYEES FROM HEAT ILLNESS

As temperatures rise across California, employers must be prepared to protect workers from heat illness. Cal/OSHA's heat illness prevention standard applies to all outdoor worksites.

Cal/OSHA investigates heat-related incidents and complaints of hazards at outdoor worksites in industries such as agriculture, landscaping, and construction. These investigations ensure compliance with the [heat illness prevention](#) standard and the [injury and illness prevention standard](#), which require employers with outdoor workers to take these precautions:

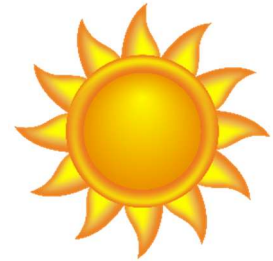
- **Plan** – develop and implement an effective written heat illness

prevention plan that includes emergency response procedures.

- **Training** – train all employees and supervisors on heat illness prevention.
- **Water** – provide drinking water that is fresh, pure, suitably cool and free of charge so each worker can drink at least 1 quart per hour and encourage workers to do so.
- **Rest** – encourage workers to take a cool-down rest in the shade for at least five minutes when they feel the need to do so to protect themselves from overheating. Workers should not wait until they feel sick to cool down.
- **Shade** – provide proper shade when temperatures exceed 80 degrees. Workers have the right to request and be provided shade to cool off at any time.
- **Observe** – closely observe all employees during a heat wave and any employee newly assigned to a high heat area. Lighter work, frequent breaks or shorter hours will help employees who have not been working in high temperatures adapt to the new conditions.

Additional information about heat illness prevention are posted on [Cal/OSHA's Heat Illness Prevention page](#). Cal/OSHA also has extensive multilingual materials for employers, workers and trainers on its [Water. Rest. Shade.](#)

[Public Awareness Campaign](#) website.



ELECTRI UPDATE

ELECTRI's Podcast Feature

Josh Bone discusses the upcoming KPI benchmarking website on Graybar's "Keepin' the Lights On" podcast.

- Where to listen: Listen via [Graybar](#), your favorite podcast platform or on [YouTube](#).

New ELECTRI Research Releases

Two publications now available to help electrical contractors tackle industry challenges. Both studies are based on contractor interviews, real-world case studies, and practical tools to apply in your business today. We encourage you to review and share these resources with your members:

- Understanding, Identifying, and Measuring Rework: Led by Hala Nassereddine, this report helps contractors identify rework causes and minimize future impacts. [Explore the full interactive report](#) »
- Artificial Intelligence Implementation Roadmap: A guide to integrating AI into electrical contracting workflows. [Read the full roadmap](#) »

HEALTH CARE CORNER

About Head Injuries

A head injury is any harm to your brain, skull, or scalp. Head injuries can be mild, moderate, or severe. Severe head injuries can result in permanent brain damage or be life threatening.

Head Injury Types:

- ✓ Concussion: A jarring injury to your brain. Usually, people remain conscious.
- ✓ Brain contusion: A bruise of the brain. Minor bleeding in the brain causes swelling.
- ✓ Skull fracture: Sometimes, the broken skull bones can cut into the brain.

- ✓ Hematoma: Blood that occurs inside the skull next to the brain or under the scalp.
- ✓ It can appear right away or may take several days.

Risks and causes of head injuries:

- ✓ Jobs, such as construction, due to falls or unsecured objects hitting the head.
- ✓ Playing a sport or activity that involves physical contact, like football.
- ✓ Children and elderly people are at greater risk for falls.
- ✓ Severe head injuries are most likely to occur in a car, motorcycle, or bicycle wreck.

Symptoms of a head injury - Most brain injuries occur inside the skull and are not visible. Thus, it is important to know the signs and symptoms so you can seek medical help.

- ✓ Headache and nausea.
- ✓ Dizziness or being disoriented right afterward.
- ✓ Problems focusing or remembering.
- ✓ Other symptoms: ringing in your ears, neck pain, emotional or vision problems.

- ✓ These symptoms often go away in a few weeks but may last longer.

If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, consider seeking medical care.

- ✓ Get help right away if you notice the following:
- ✓ Any symptom that get worse, such as headaches, nausea, or fatigue
- ✓ Frequent vomiting.
- ✓ Drastic changes in behavior, such as anger or confusion.
- ✓ Pupils that are bigger than normal (dilated) or different sizes.
- ✓ Trouble walking or speaking or breathing.
- ✓ Drainage of bloody or clear fluids from the ears or nose.
- ✓ Weakness or numbness in the arms or legs.
- ✓ Seizures, loss of consciousness.
- ✓ You cannot always avoid head injuries, but you can do things to decrease your risk:
- ✓ Wearing proper protective gear at work or when playing sports.
- ✓ Wearing a seatbelt in the car.
- ✓ Wearing a helmet on a motorcycle or bicycle.
- ✓ Keep a close watch on children and elderly

people for falls or accidents.

Please tell your electricians that are covered by the plan that I am here to support you and your family's health and wellbeing. Please contact me with questions or if you need assistance. Thank you.

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UPCOMING CLASSES OFFERED THROUGH THE JATC

Please note that if you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.

CPR/FIRST AID

**Saturday, August 2nd
8am-1pm**

This is NOT a drop-in class. Sign-up is required.

Instructor Merralinda Goddard will be teaching on the basics of First Aid and CPR.

Please note that class size is limited and sign-up is required. (Also note that if you reserve a space and do not show up for class, you will be responsible for paying for the class.)

**CONFINED SPACE
AWARENESS TRAINING
Cancelled due to lack of
sign-ups. We hope to
reschedule for sometime
in the summer.
OSHA 10**

If you are interested in taking an online OSHA 10 course, please contact Stacy at info@tricountyjatc.org to sign up.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL
CLASSES REQUIRE
REGISTRATION PRIOR TO
THE CLASS.**

**Please contact Stacy at
info@tricountyjatc.org to
sign up for all classes.**



APPRENTICE APPLICATION INFORMATION

The Tri-County Electrical JATC is accepting applications on a year-round basis. **OUR PROCEDURES HAVE CHANGED!!!** Please note that we will only accept online applications and applicants need only follow the directions obtained in our website to apply. For more information regarding the process, please click in the following link: [JATC INFORMATION](#)

CLASS COMPLETIONS

None

JATC INSTRUCTORS NEEDED!

The JATC is seeking instructors for apprenticeship and journeyman training courses on an ongoing basis. If you or someone that you know is interested in teaching – even to substitute or teach journeyman upgrade classes, or if you have a specialty that you would like to assist in for one night, please contact Stacy at the JATC office for more information. Your help in teaching our future generations is always greatly appreciated.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!



NECA 2025 CHICAGO
SEPTEMBER 12-15

The NECA Show

presented by the National Electrical Contractors Association

McCormick Place Convention Center
September 12-15, 2025

#1 Event for Power, Light, Controls, Energy,
Information & Communications Technology

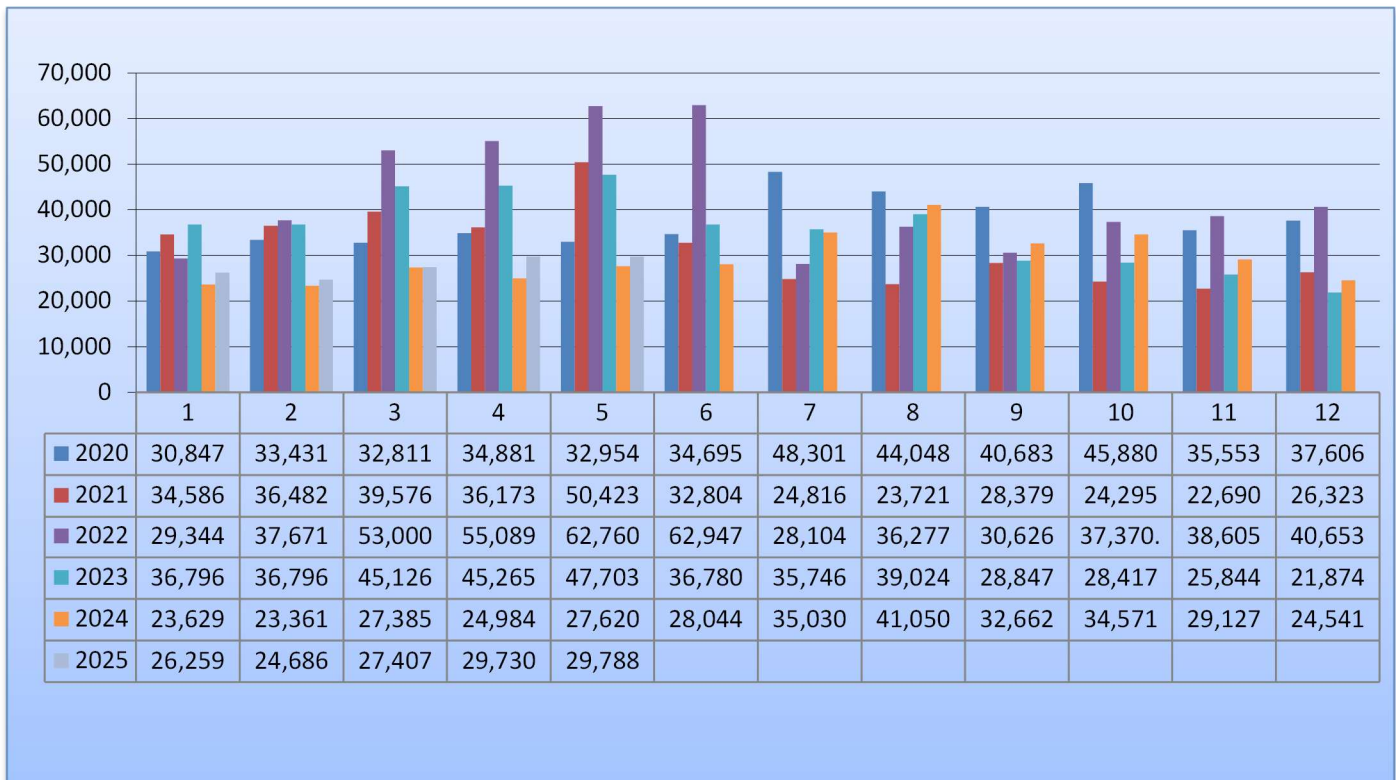


Our chapter has been assigned to the Marriott Marquis which is attached to the convention center. If you are interested in registering, please contact Jerri at jlchamplin@gmail.com

AVAILABILITY LIST UPDATE

On the Inside Out-of-Work List, there are 85 on Book 1, 201 on Book 2, 48 on Book 3 and 0 on Book 4. There are 4 Book 1, 6 on Book 2, 0 on Book 3 and 0 on Book 4 for Sound & Comm. There are 0 CE's on Book 1 and 0 on Book 2, 94 CW's on Book 1 and 0 CW's on Book 2 and 0 on Book 0 available. ***If you are interested in hiring a new apprentice in the near future, please contact Stacy at the JATC office to let her know your future needs. No apprentices are currently available.***

INSIDE WORK HOUR HISTORY



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14 –16, 2025

Electri Meeting
Toronto, Canada

July 26 – August 1, 2025

National Training Institute
Ann Arbor, MI

August 13-16, 2025

District 9 Meeting
Turtle Bay, HI

September 12-15, 2025

NECA Convention
Chicago, IL

October 3, 2025

Advanced Estimating Education Class
Vespera Resort
Pismo Beach, CA

November 17-19, 2025

etA Regional Conference
Las Vegas, NV

December 5, 2025

NECA Christmas Party
The Sardine Factory
By Invitation Only