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NEWS At-A-Glance

2011 Design Awards Winners Announced

The Concrete Masonry Association of California and Nevada (CMACN) has announced its 2011 Design Awards winners.

Congratulations to CCMCA member winners (in alphabetical order by contractor company name):

Frazier Masonry Corp.	Grand Award – Public/Civic & Sustainable Design	Red Rock Canyon Visitors Center – Las Vegas, NV
Frazier Masonry Corp.	Honor Award – Education & Sustainable Design	S. Tahoe HS Transportation/Construc tion “Green” Academy – S. Lake Tahoe, CA
John Jackson Masonry	Honor Award – Education & Sustainable Design	UC Davis Student Health and Wellness Center – Davis, CA
Masonry Concepts, Inc.	Grand Award – Commercial Design	Madame Tussauds Hollywood Museum – Hollywood, CA
Masonry Masters, Inc.	Merit Award – Education Design	Caruso Watt Aquatics Center – Los Angeles, CA
Winegardner Masonry, Inc.	Honor Award – Public/Civic Design	Heritage Hall – Walter D. Ehlers Senior and Community Center – Buena Park, CA

The Concrete Masonry Design Awards Program recognizes and encourages outstanding architectural design that incorporates the use of concrete masonry. Projects must be located in California or Nevada, constructed and completed within the last five years, must incorporate a minimum of 30% concrete masonry units as load bearing, infill, or veneer materials to be eligible. Projects must be submitted by the architect of record.

All awards will be presented the evening of Friday, September 23, 2011 at The Island Hotel in Newport Beach, CA. Fifty percent of the 2011 award-winning projects were built by CCMCA members. So, please join us in honoring your fellow members at this event following the CCMCA meeting earlier that day. To see photos and details of all winning projects, visit the CMACN website at www.cmacn.org.

CCMCA Workers Comp Group Participants May Now Access Claims Kits Online

State Fund policyholders may now obtain claims kits online through www.statefundca.com. Simply click the Claims Kit option in the gold “I’m an Employer” box. The new online Claims Kit provides instructions and all the necessary forms to report a work-related injury or illness. While this online access means that State Fund will no longer be mailing claims kits, employers may still request individual paper forms from State Fund’s Customer Service Center at (877) 405-4545. Not a part of CCMCA’s State Fund Group? Request a conversion by visiting the CCMCA website and filling out a [Conversion Form](#).



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Wood Industry Makes Bid to Gain Preference

The wood industry has been aggressively promoting itself -- through advertisements in construction publications (for instance the [May 2011 edition of Structure magazine](#)) and providing free technical assistance to help designers integrate wood into non-residential construction (visit WoodWorks.org) Recently they added legislation to their efforts. Earlier this year the wood industry sought to gain preferred status as the building material of choice on publicly funded projects in Washington and Oregon states. The campaign originated in Canada in 2009 as the [Wood First Initiative](#) and has moved down the West Coast. Our colleagues in Washington contested that masonry, like wood, is also a locally produced environmentally friendly product and displacing the workforce of one local material over another just shifts the burden from one industry to another doing nothing to improve the state's unemployment or economy. The Oregon bill stalled in this year's session, but our Oregon colleagues are gearing up for a come-back in the next legislative session...and with good reason. Tom Holt, the chairman of the Oregon Forest Industries Council, was featured in an April 15, 2011 op-ed with Oregon newspaper, *The Oregonian*, charting the path for this initiative.

Holt points out that British Columbia's Jobs Minister even flew to Salem to testify in favor of the bill. With British Columbia and Oregon leading the way on "Wood First," it's only a matter of time before Washington and California step up to the plate.

Holt describes why "Wood First" is so critical for Oregon, but the sentiment holds true for all the states on the West Coast.

So, here in California we have moved into surveillance mode. CCMCA has, once again, teamed with lobbyist Jack Molodanof (who successfully helped us with the 2006 proposed dry cutting ban in California) to monitor wood legislation being introduced in our state. Although not an imminent threat at the moment, we would prefer not to be surprised. Thank you to our counterparts in Washington and Oregon for sharing their experiences and insight.

Please Note Correction to CCMCA 147th Meeting Day

By now, all CCMCA members should have received an electronic and mailed registration packet for the CCMCA 147th State Meeting on September 23, 2011 in Newport Beach, CA. Please note that we have corrected the registration form to reflect the correct **day** of the meeting as being **Friday**, September 23 as opposed to Saturday. Please accept my apology for any confusion the misprint may have created. The corrected forms will be available on the CCMCA website within the week at <http://www.ccmca.org/ccmca-events/september-23-2011>.

We hope to see you next month in Newport Beach!



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August Diesel Regulation Training

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is offering free training on regulations affecting heavy-duty diesel vehicles and portable equipment.

Dates for Upcoming Free Trainings:

Lompoc:	August 9, 2011	Vehicle Regulation Overview
San Diego:	August 10, 2011	Portable Equipment
San Diego:	August 11, 2011	Vehicle Regulation Overview
San Diego:	August 11, 2011	Portable Equipment
Oxnard:	August 18, 2011	Vehicle Regulation Overview
Sacramento:	August 29, 2011	Vehicle Regulation Overview

FOR MORE DATES AND TO REGISTER ONLINE:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/courselist.php>

Scroll down to the 500 Series Courses for a complete list of all diesel training. Course #'s 502, 503 and 512 are those listed above.

Make Your Liens Collectible! Webinar

Tuesday, August 16, 2011

9:00am – 10:00am

\$109/Non-CMA Members

Presented by Abdulaziz, Grossbart & Rudman and

Hosted by The Credit Management Association (CMA)

Participate in this webinar to learn the best way to handle construction disputes, stop notices and mechanic's liens under the new Mechanic's Lien Laws that took effect January 1, 2011

[Click Here](#)

<http://www.anscers.com/Home.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fdefault.aspx>

To register online or

For more info, contact CMA's Debbie Mendoza: (888) 889-7913 X222

MCAA Safety Forum

Tuesday, August 23, 2011

1:00pm

FREE! for CCMCA/MCAA Members

The MCAA Safety Forum is open to members to discuss safety related issues. This is the second Safety Forum, and the opening topic of this forum will be pending haz com changes and the global harmonization system of chemicals. The opening topic is just that. Other topics will be raised by the group. So, feel free to bring your safety questions.

[Click Here](#)

<http://www.masoncontractors.org/login.php?r=/safety/forum/>

To register online or For more info, contact MCAA: (800) 536-2225