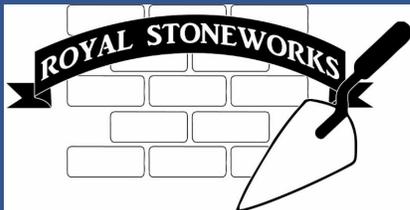




MCAC NEW MEMBERS



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Silica: Where Are We Now?

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MCAC and its construction coalition partners have testified at every Cal/OSHA Standards Board hearing in support of maintaining compliance flexibility options for California employers since the new federal OSHA silica standard went into effect June 23, 2016. The most recent meeting was a consensus-building session on December 14, 2016 wherein all interested parties worked to do just that -- achieve consensus.

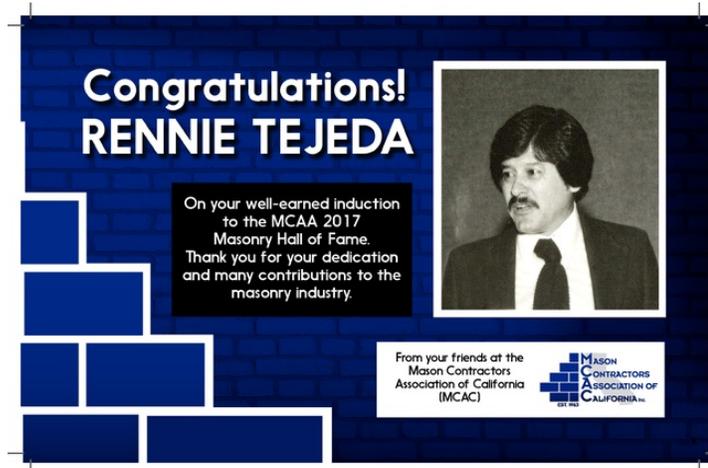
In summary, consensus was not achieved at the December meeting regarding masonry industry positions of adding vacuum saws to Table 1 and excluding mortar mixing from the new silica standard. The coalition has submitted [an updated position letter to Cal/OSHA](#) in response to comments provided at the December meeting and is currently working to collect additional data in support of vacuum saws being as effective as wet methods for dust control and applying a time limit to the mortar mixing exemption to address exposure concerns raised at that meeting.

So, where are we now and are you ready? Read

[more.](#)

MCAC Honorary Member, Rennie Tejada, Inducted to 2017 Masonry Hall of Fame

Rennie Tejada has dedicated his life to the masonry industry and was actively involved for over thirty-five years. His passion for masonry and vision for the industry are what set him apart. He was a great leader in the industry, who was well-respected by both his fellow masonry contractors and the general contractors he worked and interacted with on projects. More importantly, he was a mentor to many of the younger masonry contractors who looked up to him and sought advice from him due to his experience and integrity.



More of [Rennie's story here.](#)



Members Are Asking MCAC!

Contractor Question - Is our company responsible for keeping track of our subcontractor's Certified Payroll entry to the DIR website? Or is it enough to have proof we have given them the DIR project ID # for their entry on the website?

Since you are jointly and separately liable with your subs regarding prevailing wage violations, it's advisable that: 1) you make sure your subs are complying with Certified Payroll and Prevailing Wage requirements and 2) include verbiage in your contracts to hold your subs accountable for complying with Certified Payroll and Prevailing Wage requirements.

[Read more.](#) Track your ready-mix subcontractors' payroll submissions using the DIR payroll search feature at <https://efiling.dir.ca.gov/eCPR/pages/search>.

"Thank you Julie for your quick response and sound advice!"

Elite Distribution Supports California Apprentices at World of Concrete

MCAC "FEATURES" Members Doing Extraordinary Things: This month we feature Elite Distribution's Support of California Apprentices.

Congratulations to Elite Distribution for a successful Associate Member Campaign. Shawn Nelson, owner of Elite Distribution, contacted MCAC with an idea to help support apprentices that were heading to the 2017 National Skills Challenge Contest held January 18 during the World of Concrete: A portion of sales from the campaign would be donated to support apprentice contest registration fees. The campaign ran December 1st-31st, 2016. Immediately after the email was sent, Shawn started receiving orders which led to new customers ordering from Elite and existing

customers supporting his efforts for MCAC...and, ultimately, a California apprentice was sponsored by Elite Distribution to compete in this year's National Skills Challenge! Thank you, Elite Distribution and all who supported this effort with your purchases.

If you are an Associate member of MCAC and interested in a similar campaign opportunity, contact Julie or Elouise to partner with MCAC.

Post Your Cal/OSHA 300A Log - February 1 to April 30

California law requires employers to post the Cal/OSHA Form 300A from February 1 to April 30 of the year following the year covered by the form. The form must be displayed in a conspicuous area where notices to employees are customarily located. A copy of the form must also be made available to employees that move from worksite to worksite and to employees that do not have a fixed establishment to which they report. Upon conclusion of the required posting time, the form may be taken down and should be kept on file for five years following the year to which it applies.

Sincerely,

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