

## News Briefs

### Wall and Ceiling Alliance Celebrates Northern California's Top Construction Projects



The Wall and Ceiling Alliance (WACA) on June 6 held its Construction Excellence Awards (CEA) show honoring contractors that demonstrated exceptional craftsmanship in their respective fields in Northern California. The ceremony showcased individuals and companies who contributed to the framework of the winning projects.

A panel of AIA judges evaluates the projects and selects the winners representing large to small projects. CEA had more than 300 guests in attendance and is one of the largest wall and ceiling awards programs in the western region.

Thirteen contractors accepted Construction Excellence Awards, including O'Donnell Plastering, Inc., Anning-Johnson Company, Golden Gate Drywall, Robert Boeger Plastering, Inc., Swinerton, and Level 5 Inc. The Project of the Year awards went to Brady Company/Central California, Inc., J&J Acoustics, Inc., and California Drywall Co.

In addition to construction merit, top companies were recognized for achieving strategic safety goals and low injury and illness rates. Excellence in Safety Awards went to KHS&S Contractors, California Drywall Co., and Raymond-Northern California, Inc. for their high safety records and implementing best safety practices in the work environment.

Suppliers and manufacturers who supported the winning projects were also recognized. A total of forty companies represented by contractors, suppliers, and manufacturers were honored at the Fairmont hotel in San Jose in front of industry leaders, colleagues, and peers.

A crystal Lifetime Achievement award was given to Jim Stafford, a veteran in the industry with almost five decades of service and contributions to helping grow the wall and ceiling community. Stafford, who will be retiring soon, was formerly with KHS&S Contractors and is currently with the Carpenters

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## SF Board of Supervisors Approves \$629 Million Bond for Earthquake Resilience

The San Francisco Board of Supervisors on June 25 voted to approve a \$628.5 million bond for seismic retrofitting and resiliency for fire stations, police stations, and other critical public safety infrastructure like San Francisco's Emergency Firefighting Water System. Mayor London Breed introduced the Earthquake Safety and Emergency Resilience (ESER) Bond on May 7, 2019.

"The best way to bounce back from a disaster is to make sure we're as resilient as possible," says Mayor London Breed. "This ESER Bond will help our City make critical infrastructure investments so that we're prepared for the next earthquake or other natural disaster and so our first responders can take care of our residents when it matters most."

The Board's second vote on the Bond will take place on Tuesday, July 9, after which it will be formally placed on the March 2020 ballot. If approved by voters, the Bond would provide:

- \$275 million to fund seismic retrofitting and resiliency projects for Neighborhood Fire Stations and support facilities, such as firefighting training facilities,
- \$153.5 million for the Emergency Firefighting Water System,
- \$121 million to fund seismic retrofitting and resiliency projects for San Francisco Police District Stations, and support facilities,
- \$70 million for disaster response facilities, and
- \$9 million for the Department of Emergency Management 9-1-1 Call Center.

"The ESER 2020 General Obligation Bond is part of the City's Ten-Year Capital Plan which responsibly identifies the City's capital needs," says City Administrator Naomi M. Kelly. "San Francisco's fiscal policies ensure that the tax rate will not rise through prudent debt management. Planning today for tomorrow's emergencies will better prepare first responders to protect our communities during an emergency."

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so do the demands for emergency services to assist our residents during their greatest time of need," says Mary Ellen Carroll, executive director, San Francisco Department of Emergency Management. "Improving and expanding our 9-1-1 capabilities, upgrading critical technology systems, and investing in disaster response facilities will help us become a more prepared and resilient city."

The ESER Bond Program is an initiative to bolster earthquake safety and emergency response resiliency through capital improvements to critical infrastructure. San Francisco voters overwhelmingly approved the first \$412 million ESER Bond in 2010 and the second \$400 million ESER Bond in 2014, both receiving nearly 80 percent support. The Bond Program is

administered by San Francisco Public Works, which designs and implements many of the infrastructure improvement projects funded by the Bond.

The 10-Year Capital Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 30, 2019 includes the ESER Bond funding. The \$153.5 million planned for the Emergency Firefighting Water System includes \$28.5 million to ensure the system can deliver coverage to the west side of the City.

Published every odd year, the 10-Year Capital Plan is a fiscally constrained expenditure plan that lays out infrastructure investments over the next decade. The City Administrator prepares the document with input from citywide stakeholders, who have put forth their best ideas and most realistic estimates of San Francisco's future needs.

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