



**SOUTHERN SIERRAS CHAPTER, NECA**

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**S T A T I C**

***HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE***

*The Board of Directors and Chapter Staff cordially invite you and your guests to a Holiday Open House.*

*This is an excellent opportunity for you and your staff to come and meet with fellow Contractors and their staff and to share a little Holiday spirit.*

*Thursday, December 8, 2011*

*Chapter Office  
1688 Plum Lane  
Redlands, CA*

*4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*Buffet will be served*

*Please R.S.V.P.*

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**REMINDER**

The Chapter will not have an Installation/Dinner Dance in January 2012.

The Holiday Open House is in lieu of the Installation.

- Topics of Interest**
- ◆ Holiday Open House
  - ◆ Tax Bulletin
  - ◆ District IX Council Meeting
  - ◆ EV Workshop
- Enclosures:
- Electric Vehicle Workshop flyer
  - Calendar

## Governor Signs Bill Prohibiting Local Bans on Project Labor Agreements

Governor Jerry Brown (D) signed a bill that prohibits local governments and public entities from adopting bans on project labor agreements for public works projects, and requires cities with PLA bans to repeal them or lose state funding for projects.

In a signing message, Brown said the opponents of S.B. 922 mischaracterized the measure as one that would require PLAs.

“Contrary to what the opponents claim, this bill does not require any local government to adopt a PLA,” Brown said in his signing message. “In fact, this bill preserves the right of all sides to debate what obviously is a hotly contested issue. Seems fair to me - even democratic.”

The new law, authored by Senate President Pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg (D) is backed by State Building and Construction Trades Council of California. According to SBCTC, it will still allow local governments to choose whether to enter into PLAs.

If the eight cities with PLA bans repeal them, they could still choose whether to use PLAs on their projects. The existence of the ban itself, and not the local decision against using a PLA on a specific project, would be the bar to receiving state funding for construction projects, according to the building trades.

Establishes Broad Rules for PLA. The new law also establishes broad rules for use of PLAs in municipalities, mandating that they contain provisions such as a prohibition on discrimination, open bidding for union and non-union contractors, drug testing for workers, guarantees against work stoppages, and neutral arbitration of disputes.

Associated Builders and Contractors of California argued the measure nullifies locally adopt rules banning PLAs. ABC has been backing anti-PLA measures in municipalities around the state since 2009, and many of the bans have been adopted with voter support.

Labor groups turned to lawmakers to nullify the local PLA bans in the face of popular support for the bans, ABC argued.

The new law takes effect January 1, 2012.



## DECEMBER HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is here...Local 440, Local 477, and the Chapter Office will observe the following holidays and will be closed. Make sure to mark your calendars accordingly.

The Chapter Office will be closed, **Monday December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2012.**

Local Union 440, will observe the following Holidays: **Monday, December 26, 2011 Monday, January 2, 2012.**

Local Union 477, will observe the following holidays: **Monday, December 26, 2011 and Monday, January 2, 2012.**

We wish you Happy Holidays. In whatever festivities you have planned, gathering with family or with friends, be sure to count your blessings.

The LMCC office and the Apprenticeship School will also observe Monday, December 26, 2011 and January 2, 2012.

## TAX BULLETIN

For 2012, the base wage for Social Security taxes increases to \$110,100, up from \$106,800 in 2009. The 7.65% tax rate is the combined rate for Social Security and Medicare. The Social Security portion is 6.20% on earnings up to the applicable taxable maximum amount and the Medicare portion is 1.45% on all earnings.

## SPECIAL OCCASIONS

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

John Prentice	Eadie & Payne, CPA's	12/02
Carole Shankle	Southern Sierra Chapter, NECA	12/12
Tom Ispas	Daniel's Elec. Const. Co., Inc.	12/16
Michele Helton	BHElectric, Inc.	12/17

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bob & Mary Hayes	R.I.S. Electrical Contractors, Inc.	12/01
Steve & Kristina McArron	NECA Office, LLC	12/22
Bill & Trish Haumann	Bill Haumann Electric, Inc.	12/24

## UPCOMING EVENTS

District Nine Meeting	March 28-20, 2012 Scottsdale, Arizona
Legislative Conference	May 7-11, 2012 Washington, D.C.
Chapter Golf Tournament	June 8, 2012 Morongo Golf Club
Tri-District Meeting	July 15-19, 2012 Ireland
National Training Institute	July 28 - August 3, 2012 University of Michigan Ann Arbor, Michigan
National Convention	September 30 - October 2, 2012 Las Vegas, Nevada
National Convention	September 29 - October 2, 2013 Washington, D.C.

## APPLICATIONS

The **1st Monday** of each month the Apprenticeship School is taking "Open Applications" for the apprentice program.

The applicant must apply at the Training School located at, 1855 Business center Drive, San Bernardino between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions about the program, call Rick Purper at (909) 890-1703.

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## 2012 District IX Winter Council Meeting

Next year's District IX Winter Council Meeting will be held March 28-30, 2012 at the Fairmont Scottsdale Princess in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Room reservations are on a first-come first-serve basis, so you are encouraged to book early.

Highlights of the meeting will include:

- 3/28 - Pre-Conference Golf Tournament
- 3/29 - Chapter Mgr's Lunch Mtg. Council Meeting Reception & Dinner
- 3/30 - ECCT Breakfast  
GM Breakfast  
Political Presentation  
GM Meeting  
Lunch

If you have any questions, please contact Precision Meetings & Events at (703) 739-4480.

## Electric Vehicle Workshop December 9, 2011

The Inland Empire IBEW-NECA LMCC will be hosting an Electric Vehicle Workshop **Friday, December 9, 2011.**

This Workshop will cover contractor information for being listed as a "preferred installer."

The Workshop will cover training for workers, financing programs from cities and utilities and the infrastructure that cities, counties and businesses will need to install and provide for the public.

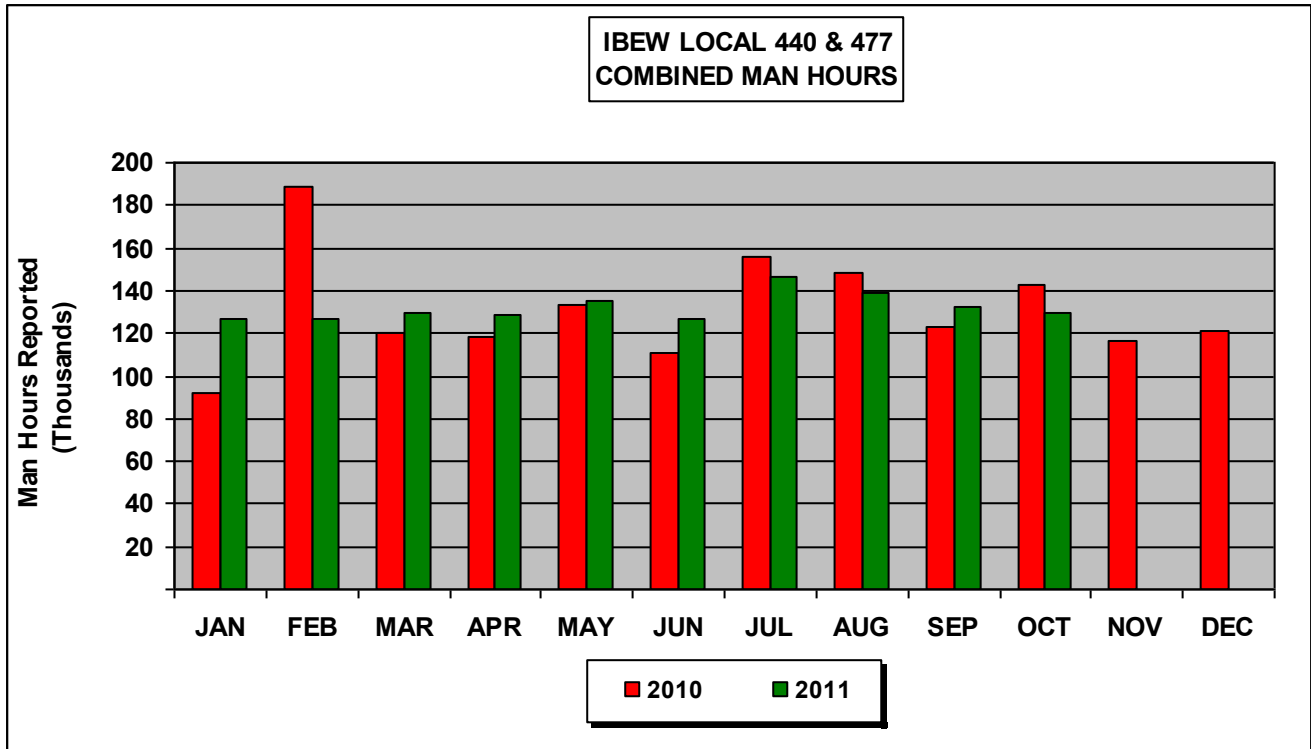
Speakers will include City political leaders (Redlands, San Bernardino and Riverside), Western Riverside Coalition of Governments, SANBAG and an opportunity to test drive a Chevrolet Volt.

See enclosed flyer for more information.

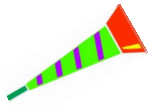
Note: Lunch will be provided.

### Question: Know your IMEI?

**Answer:** Did you know there is a unique serial number that identifies each mobile phone? Press \*#06# on your phone's keypad, and it will display a 15 digit number. Make a record of that number, it is your International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI) number; and, if the phone is lost or stolen, the phone can be identified even if a new SIM card is added. Your provider can also block others from using the phone on their network, which could help protect you against expensive 1-900 phone calls and similar mischief.



The NECA Board of Directors,  
Chapter Manager and Staff  
would like to wish all the  
Southern Sierras Chapter members,  
their families and staff a



**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
2012**

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