



OUR 63rd YEAR

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August 2026



Inside Wireman Agreement

2026 - 2029

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Over the past several months, Labor and Management have worked together on a comprehensive reorganization of our Inside Collective Bargaining Agreement. While the document may look significantly different, the objective of this effort was straightforward: to improve the organization, readability, and usability of the agreement while preserving its existing language and intent.

The new format should look familiar. The reorganization follows a pattern guide developed by our national organizations that serves as the foundation for many collective bargaining agreements throughout the Bay Area. Adopting this proven format creates a more logical structure, makes the agreement easier to navigate, and promotes greater consistency with neighboring agreements, all while maintaining the provisions that govern our local agreement.

We encourage everyone to take time to become familiar with the new format. While the layout has changed, the agreement remains the product of decades of collective bargaining and continues to serve as the foundation of our working relationship.

Effective August 1, 2026

The Industry Trust Contribution increased \$0.50/hour.

Click [here](#) for the new Wage Rate Sheet which reflects that change. New cost per hour sheets reflecting this increase can be found [here](#).



Governor Newsom Signs NECA-Sponsored SB 33 into Law

We are proud to announce that Governor Gavin Newsom has signed NECA-sponsored [SB 33 \(Cortese\)](#) into law, permanently preserving California's public works change order and claims resolution process.

Attached is Senator Dave Cortese's press release announcing the signing of SB 33 into law, which provides additional information about this important legislative victory.

SB 33 makes permanent the process that requires public agencies to review contractor claims in a timely manner, promptly pay undisputed amounts, and work to resolve disputes before they escalate into costly litigation.

By removing the sunset on these provisions, SB 33 provides long-term certainty for contractors performing public works projects throughout California and helps ensure they are paid fairly and promptly for work performed at the direction of a public agency.

We extend our sincere appreciation to Governor Gavin Newsom for signing SB 33 into law and to Senator Dave Cortese for his leadership in authoring and championing this important legislation.

Finally, thank you to the many NECA member contractors, Chapter Managers and industry partners who supported this effort. We are especially grateful to everyone who responded to our grassroots action alert and emailed Governor Newsom in support of SB 33. Your advocacy helped make this legislative victory possible.

Portability update:

Local 302 is now offering a remote portability option for members who are clearing into the Local 302 Jurisdiction.

The past practice has always required your employees to come in person to complete the clearance process. They have now added the ability for someone to clear in via computer or mobile device. I have attached a link to a JotForm below which will initiate the portability request process.

[Local 302 Portability Registration Form](#)



In the spirit of continuing education and providing you with information to guide your portfolio management decisions, we are sharing the quarterly Economic and Capital Market Analysis brief developed by Focus Investment Advisors.

Click [here](#) to view.

UPCOMING HOLIDAYS

Inside Wireman Holidays:

September 4, 2026 Off-Day
September 7, 2026 Labor Day

Sound and Communications Holidays:

September 4, 2026 Friday Before Labor Day
September 7, 2026 Labor Day



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