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CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

JUNE 2012

UPDATE

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Inside Wireman Agreement

In last month's newsletter, we communicated the changes that were agreed to by the bargaining parties during the process of negotiating the Inside Agreement. Those changes would have become effective on June 1st, if the membership of the Local Union ratified the changes to the agreement at their meeting in May. Unfortunately, that did not happen.

Our agreement contemplates that events like this occasionally take place and provides that "the existing provisions of the Agreement . . . shall remain in full force and effect until a conclusion is reached in the matter of proposed changes." This means that there will be no changes in the agreement on June 1st and that the existing terms and conditions, including wage rates and fringe benefit contribution rates, remain in effect until the matter is resolved.

Had we simply deadlocked during the negotiating process, the Council on Industrial Relations (CIR) would have heard our case at its May session and the new agreement would have become effective June 1st. The next session of CIR is scheduled for the week of August 13th. If the matter is not resolved by then, we anticipate that either IBEW Local 302, or the Contra Costa Chapter, NECA or both, will submit the matter to the CIR at that time for a final and binding decision. Since it is the practice of CIR not to grant retroactive settlements, we anticipate that any changes would become effective no later than September 1, 2012.

So technically, we are still negotiating and until the matter is resolved, everything stays the same. You should continue paying your personnel exactly as you have been until we notify you of a change.

We will advise you of any significant developments.

JUNE 7, 2012

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New Lien Laws

Earlier this year we hosted a Construction Collections Seminar on "New Lien Laws Effective July 1, 2012" that focused on the new Civil Code Sections which become effective July 1, 2012.

Significant changes include:

- **New Forms** Many forms will only need to recite the new code sections; however, the language for Waiver and Releases and Preliminary Notices include significant change.
- **New Definitions** Many of the new definitions simply clarify terms, but certain revisions, such as the revised definition of "completion," significantly impact collection remedies.
- **New Laws** One of the most significant changes under the new statute allows owners working with multiple direct contractors, to record a separate Notice of Completion with respect to each direct contractor's scope of work. This change has the potential to drastically affect claimant's time periods relating to mechanic's liens, stop notices and payment bond claims.

For those of you who were not able to attend the seminar, you may review and download the course handout [here](#).

The related forms are posted at the link below:

<http://www.ccneca.org/CHAPTER-NEWSLETTER.html>



Joan Welle, Rene Conn, & Diana Remington
of Contra Costa Electric, Inc.



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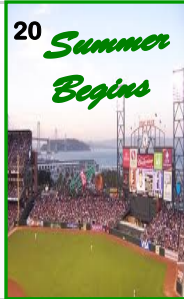
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