



SUMMER

OUR 56TH YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

December 2019



*As we close another year, we gratefully
pause to wish you a warm and
happy holiday season, and
we thank you for
your continued support.*

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER, NECA

Mike Geller & Sharon Spare



9th District Northern California Addendum #2

Sound and Communications Agreement

December 1, 2019 - November 30, 2022

Last week the Council on Industrial Relations issued its [decision](#) on our Sound and Communications settlement for the Northern California area. While the decision was quite a bit more than we anticipated, “it is what it is” and is listed below. Keep in mind that Schedule 2-A covers San Mateo, San Jose, Alameda, and Monterey. Schedule 2-D covers San Francisco. Schedule 2-E covers Contra Costa, Napa/Solano and Marin/Sonoma.

Total package increases:

- ⇒ Effective December 1, 2019 - Schedule 2-A and 2-D total package will be increased \$4.25 per hour. Schedule 2-E total package will be increased \$3.20 per hour. Schedule 2-B wages will be increased by 88% of the Schedule 2-E wages.
- ⇒ Effective December 1, 2020 - Schedule 2-A and 2-D total package will be increased \$4.00 per hour. Schedule 2-E total package will be increased \$3.20 per hour. Schedule 2-B wages will be increased by 88% of the Schedule 2-E wages.
- ⇒ Effective December 1, 2021 - Schedule 2-A and 2-D total package will be increased \$4.00 per hour. Schedule 2-E total package will be increased \$3.15 per hour. Schedule 2-B wages will be increased by 88% of the Schedule 2-E wages.

There were a few minor changes to the Agreement, which we will detail when we distribute an electronic copy of the Agreement in a few weeks.

Allocation for December 1, 2019 Increase



On Saturday, November 23, 2019, the IBEW members working under our Sound and Communications Agreement in Northern California met for the purpose of allocating their dollar/hour increase in December and voted to allocate \$0.75 to pension and \$0.50 to their Health and Welfare. Keep in mind there are five distinct [Wage/Fringe benefit Schedules](#) (A, B, C, D, E), each covering a different geographical area. Schedule E covers work performed in Contra Costa County. Depending on the nature of your operation, you probably work in more than one Schedule area. Also available on-line are our representative [cost-per-hour sheets](#) and the [shift-rates](#) (reference Schedule E).

IT'S ~~NOT!~~ TOO LATE

December 12th, 2019



SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE 2017 NEC

Featuring Michael Johnston

*Zio Fraedos Restaurant, Pleasant Hill, CA
11:45 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. (Lunch Included.)*

We are pleased to announce that Michael Johnston, the National Electrical Contractors Association's Executive Director of Standards and Safety, will be presenting a short course on the Significant Changes to the NEC as the State of California adopts the 2017 version on January 1, 2020. This is your opportunity to get insight on how the changes may affect the way you bid and install work going forward.



Mr. Johnston has been active in the Code making process for much of his life. In fact, the 2017 NEC Handbook has been dedicated to him. Please take full advantage of this free program sponsored by the Electrical Industry Trust and our Electrical Code Interpretations Committee.



RSVP

*Keeping Your Eye
on the Target*



From time to time we remind you that the Social Security Administration is no longer mailing statements showing your earnings history and projecting your SSA benefits. You need to retrieve the information online at <https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount/>. If you have not already done so, take a few minutes to set up your account. At least once a year you should verify that your earnings history is accurate and that someone else is not reporting under your number.

Equally important, you should keep an eye on your projected benefits, and how they change from year to year.



SYNERGY eLinks	
<u>2018 SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN</u>	<u>2018 SUMMARY ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE ELECTRICAL WORKERS RETIREMENT PLAN</u>
<u>MARKET SHARE REPORT SEPTEMBER 2019</u>	<u>NECA 2019 CA LEGISLATIVE SCORECARD</u>
<u>DISCLOSURE ABOUT AN EMPLOYER'S PARTICIPATION IN A MULTIEMPLOYER PLAN</u>	<u>2020 INSIDE WIREMAN & SOUND HOLIDAYS</u>
<u>NOTICE OF SUMMARY PLAN INFORMATION FOR THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL BENEFIT FUND (NEBF)</u>	<u>NEBF 2018 ANNUAL FUNDING NOTICE</u>



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 RETIREMENT Training Center Martinez 11::00 a.m.	4	5	6	7
8	9 HEALTH & WELFARE Training Center Martinez 11::00 a.m.	10 JATC Training Center Martinez 2::00 p.m.	11	12 ELECTRICAL CODE Zio Fraedos Sub: 10:30 a.m. General: 11:30 a.m.	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <i>Happy First Day of Winter!</i> 
22	23	 Christmas Eve is holiday for Sound & Com Christmas Day is holiday for Sound & Com and Inside Wireman.		26	27	28
29	30	31	1 New Years Day Holiday Inside and Sound			