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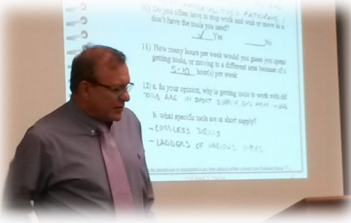
OUR 53RD YEAR

CONTRA COSTA CHAPTER

April 2016

Dr. Awad Hanna

Seminars



Tuning Up

Thirty-eight people attended our March 4th Seminar “The Seven Habits of High Performing Contractors,” featuring Dr. Awad Hanna. We plan to have him back this fall for “Improving Construction Productivity” and next spring for “Effective Change Order Management.” Watch this bulletin for further details.

Light Year for Bargaining with the IBEW in Northern California

The Northern California Chapter, NECA is bargaining with both Local 595 and Local 180 this year. The Local 595 West (Alameda) and Local 180 agreements expire in June, while the Local 595 East (Stockton) agreement expires in December.

The CW/CE addendum has been resolved for the next three years at approximately 3% per year. We will post the new rates on our website in the next week or so. There will also be a required tool list and the CW step 1 hours have been adjusted from zero to 3000 hours (vs existing of 1000-3000 hours). We will also try to establish a central reporting point for all employer remittances so that individuals do not lose health coverage. Details to follow.

April Membership Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Chapter Membership will take place on Tuesday, April 19th beginning with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. at the Cooperage, 32 Lafayette Circle, Lafayette. Parking is available in several of the lots adjacent to the restaurant. [RSVP](#)





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for NECA 2016 Updates**
<http://necaconvention.org/>

Save the Date!

Plan to attend the NECA 2016 Convention and Trade Show October 7-10 in Boston, MA at the Boston Convention & Exposition Center!

Early Registration opens June 2, 2016. Mark your Calendar!

NOTE: NECA 2016 Boston has changed to a Friday–Monday schedule.

Notice Clarifying:



Certified Payroll Reporting (CPR) Requirements

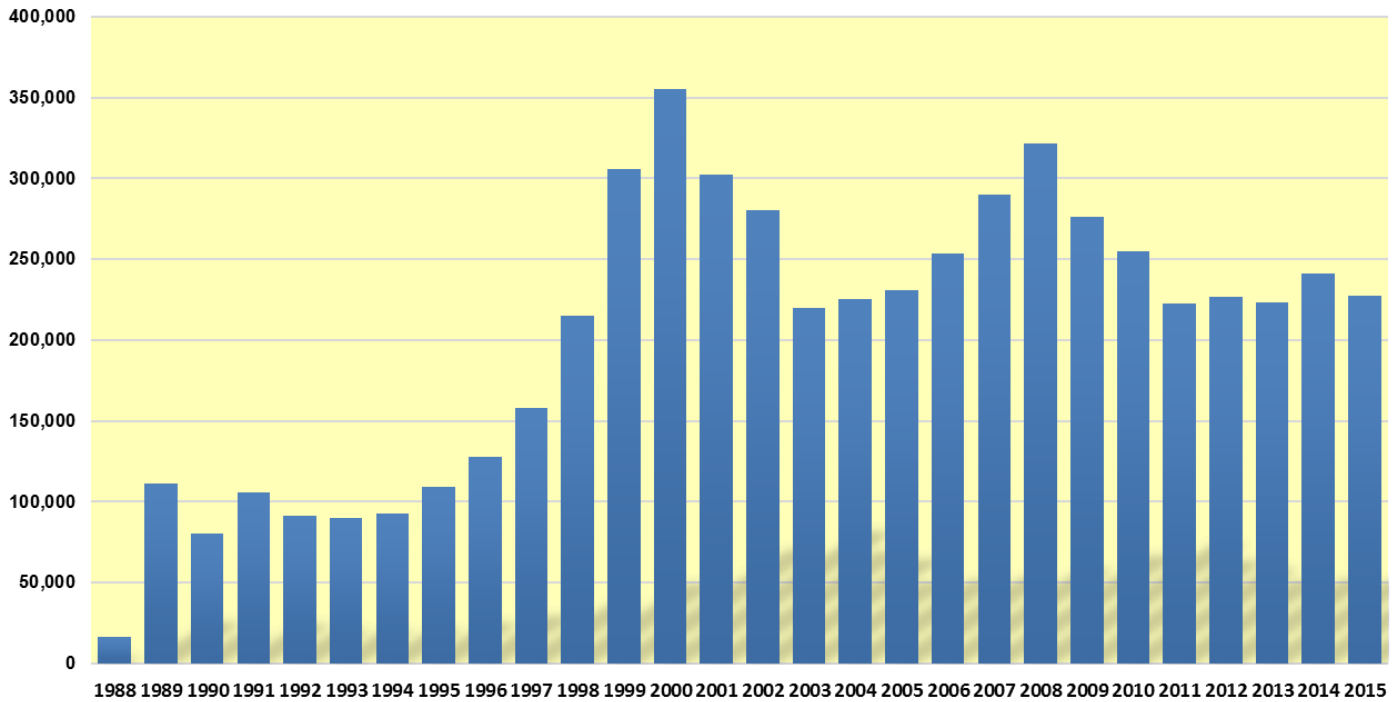
In January DIR announced its decision to temporarily halt enforcement of the requirement to use the eCPR system, pending further outreach, education, and upgrades to that system. This was not a suspension of the 85 year old requirement to keep CPRs. Keeping appropriate CPRs records and furnishing them on request to the Labor Commissioner, awarding bodies, and anyone else authorized to request them is still a mandatory requirement. DIR's eCPR system was not shut down, it is still up and running, and contractors can choose to continue submitting CPRs through that system.

Contractors should remain aware of the need to keep CPRs for all work on public works projects and of the possibility that the Labor Commissioner, awarding body, or another agency may ask you to produce those records at any time.

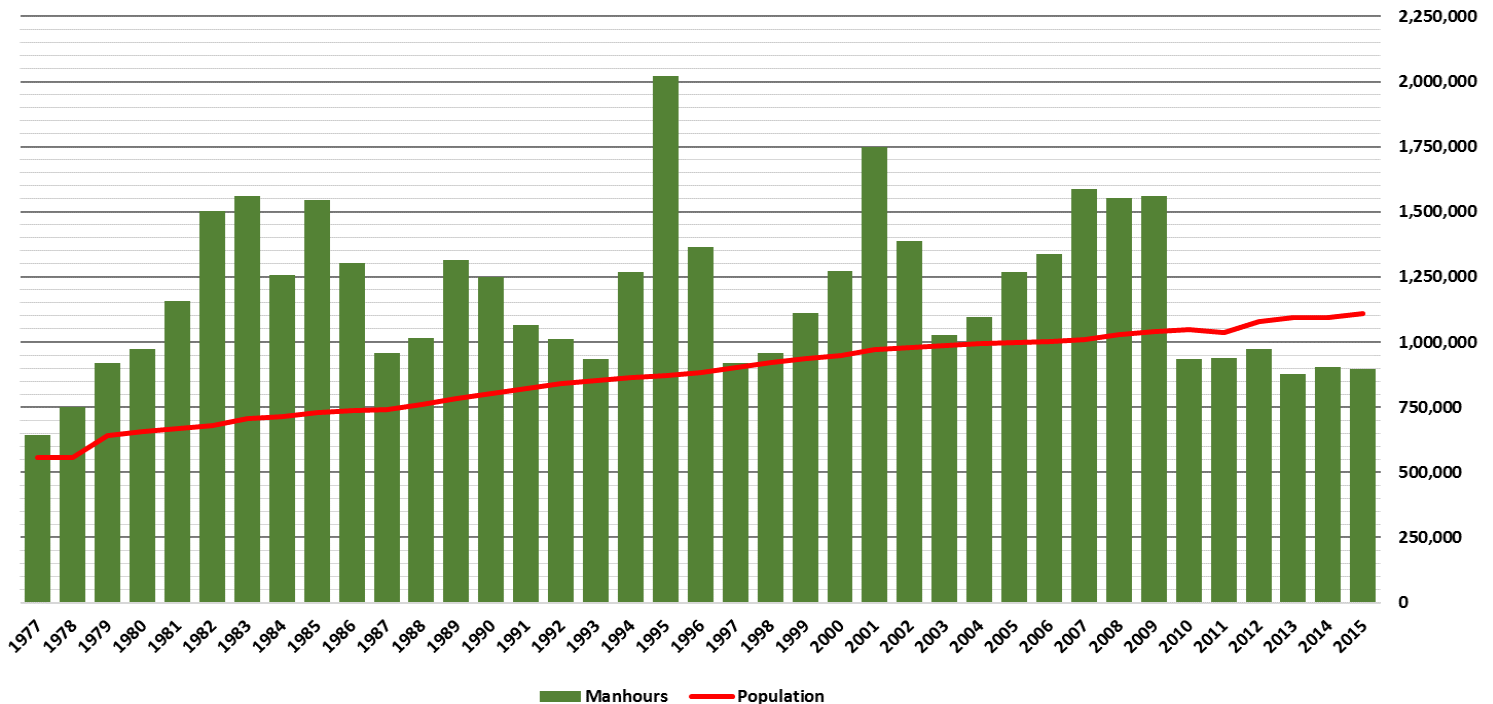
Enforcement of the requirement to furnish CPRs through the eCPR system will resume when the upgrades currently in development are deployed. The upgrades are slated to occur, in July 2016.

Click [here](#) to read entire notice.

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Sound and Communication Manhours
Attributed to Contra Costa County Employers**

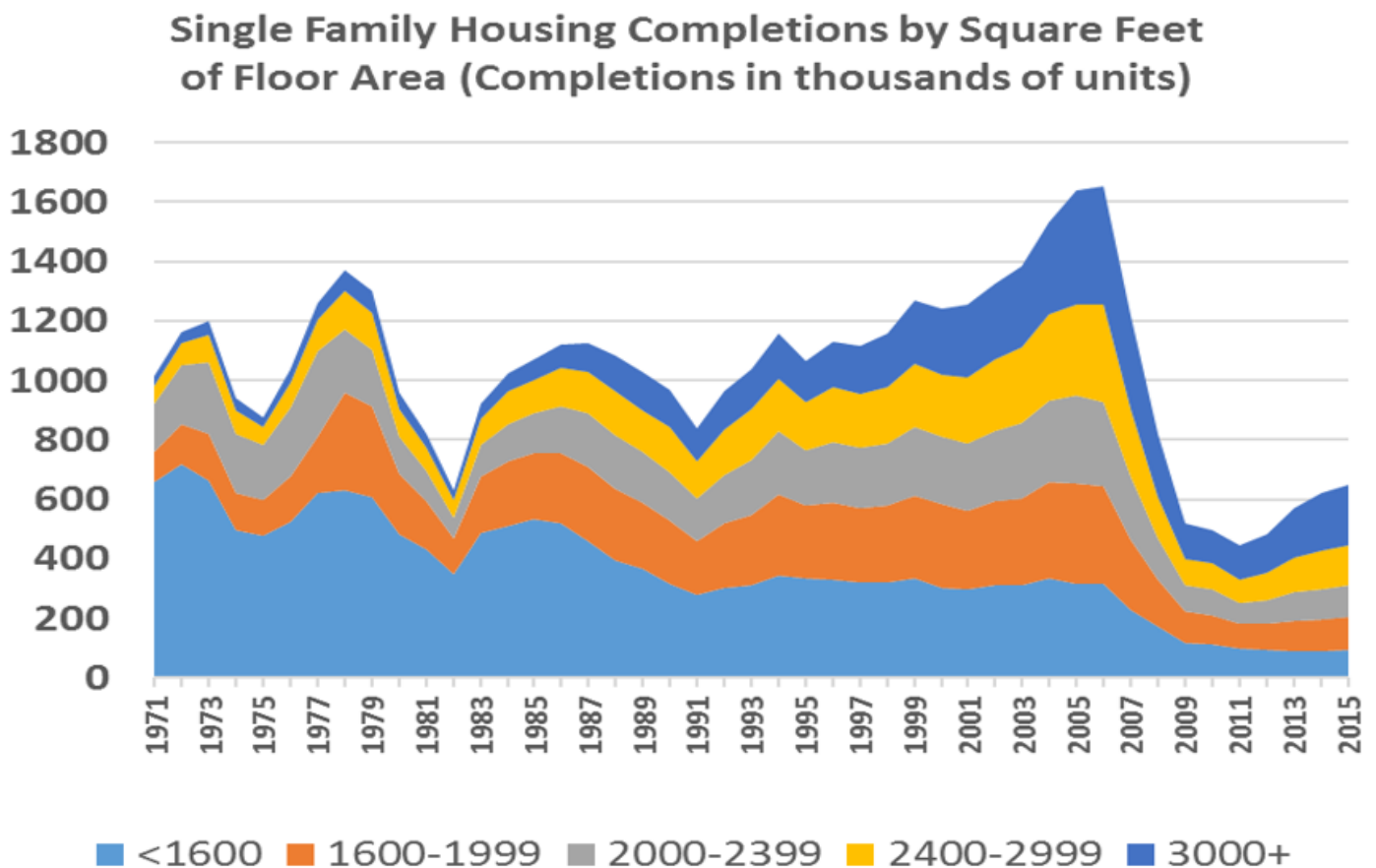


**IBEW LOCAL UNION 302
Inside Wireman/Maintenance
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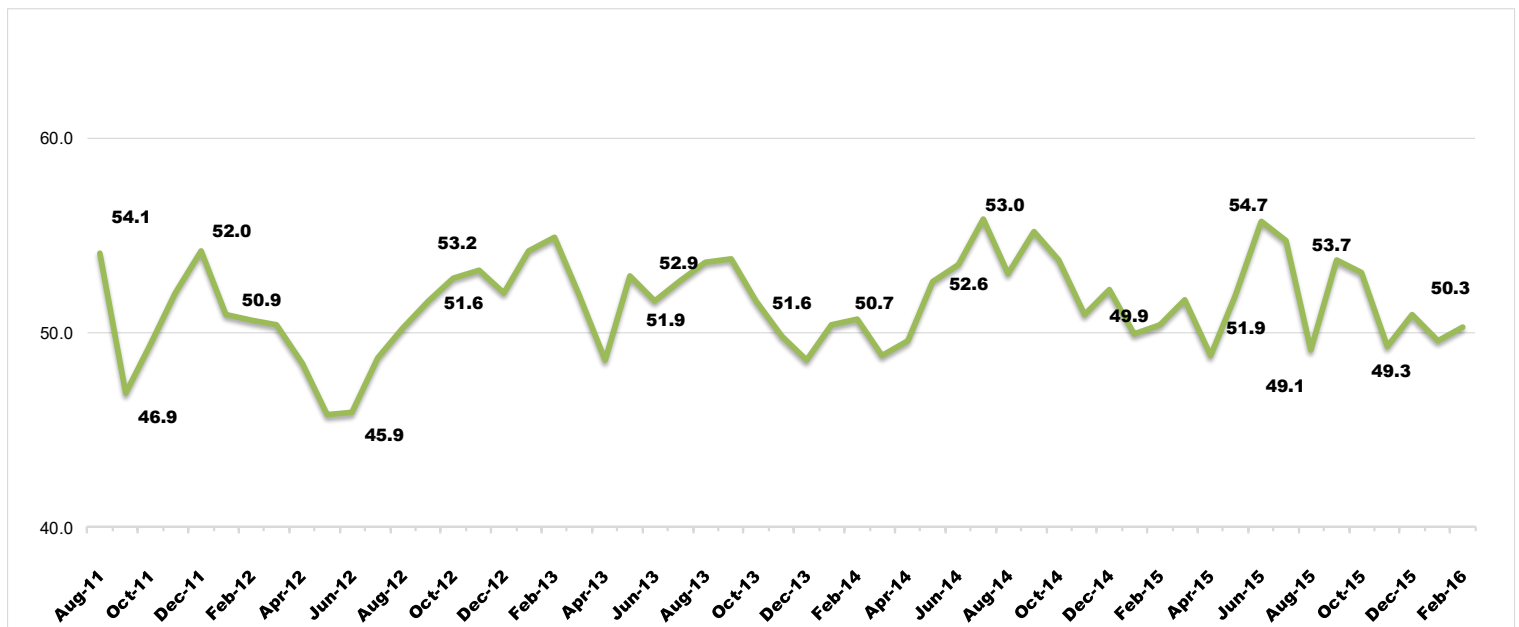
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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS](#)

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Chapter: 6:00 p.m.

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