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## **CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS & SERVICES EXPO 2012**

**Marconi Automotive Museum & Foundation for Kids**  
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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <b>2:00-4:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Seminars</b>                                     |
| <b>4:30-7:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Construction Products &amp; Services Expo</b>    |
| <b>5:00-7:00 p.m.</b> | <b>No Host Bar and Served Hors d'ouerves</b>        |
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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Michael D. Baker, CSI*



How many of you can recall, when the client asked you for a proposal? In most cases, he or she said, "How much time do you need to prepare the proposal?" Generally you asked, "May I have 10-14 days to prepare the proposal?" He or she said, "Take as much time as you need."

Those were the days.

Now fast forward, 10-20 years later - your client has become super busy. With the evolution of: Email, Facebook, Twitter and Linked in, Mr or Mrs. client says, "Can you get me my proposal in the next 24-48 hours."

You let out with a scream, "I can't handle this Super Rush! - Immediate time turn around push. Stop the World, I want to get off!"

Question: what ever happened to the times when we were given a reasonable amount of time to complete our business proposal? Deadlines are important in all aspects of our lives. For all of you that are still in active work world, try to plea bargain with your client.

I feel if we are given a reasonable amount of time, we can take the time to turn out a quality response and still meet your client's expectations.

Good luck in your efforts to turn the clock backward and provide your client with the best documents or business proposal.

Do be sure to plan to attend the Construction Products and Services Expo (CPSE) on September 25th at the Marconi Automotive Museum in Tustin. We will have two great educational seminars for design professionals. Seminar times are from 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM and from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM. The trade show will run from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM at which you will see all of the latest in manufacturers' product offerings. Plan to come to CPSE and bring a friend too.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Baker".

Mike Baker  
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## **WREN'S WESTERN OUTPUT**

**David & Goliath**

*By Annette Wren,  
FCSI, CDT*

In Southern California, we have a huge group of the monetary supporters of the green movement. They just love to talk about how green they are, protest issues not of their ilk and monetarily support all kinds of legislation to get us all on board. Where are these environmentalists on this HUGE issue of water being taken by the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) from the High Sierra community of Mammoth Lakes? Are they out in "LADWP land" watering their massive lawns?

The history of water taken from the Owens Valley and Eastern Sierra Nevada goes back to the time of President Teddy Roosevelt - wrongly termed an "environmentalist" by some. His authorization of the aqueduct (part of his Progressive agenda for America) started the destruction of a once lush valley filled with green vegetation, springs of water, ranches and farms. Currently, you would experience a desert and a dust bowl as you drive through.

The owner of the water rights, LADWP, has currently decided to strong arm and sue an environmentally conscious community, Mammoth Lakes. Mono County's Assemblywoman Kristin Olsen wrote the following in a letter to her Assembly colleagues in the Los Angeles area to oppose the lawsuits, "LADWP is pursuing a legal strategy that is clearly designed to muscle Mammoth into capitulating to an unreasonable, unjustified, and unaffordable purchase of replacement water." Basically, LADWP will cause the community of Mammoth Lakes to dry up similarly to the experience at Owens Lake. Feed LADWP customers and starve those from whence the LADWP water came!

Read on: (copy below reprinted by permission of the Mammoth Community Water District).

**Help Us Stop the LADWP Water Grab!**  
<http://www.mcwd.dst.ca.us/CityofLALawsuits.htm>

The Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (LADWP) is repeating its historic Owens Valley Water Grab. Just in time for the 100th anniversary of the LA Aqueduct opening and draining the Owens River. LADWP is suing the Mammoth Community Water District (MCWD), attacking MCWD's long-standing water diversions from Mammoth Creek for use in Mammoth homes and businesses.

LADWP recently filed two baseless lawsuits against MCWD. One lawsuit challenges MCWD's Final Environmental Impact Report concerning the

# WOLFE'S HOWL

By Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI,  
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When architects were Master Builders, they were responsible for an entire project, from beginning to end. Over the years, as buildings became more complex, the architect became the leader of a team of professionals, a Master Builder by committee. However, along the way, a number of things fell aside, leaving others to take on essential functions that apparently were no longer important to the team. The first of these was extensive knowledge of building materials and construction, encouraged by the separation of architecture into separate fields of design and construction.

Since then, architects seem to have less interest in - or less time to address - other things, such as complete design, site services, and estimating. Yes, many architects provide some of those services, and some do better than others, but some have simply allowed others to take them on. And some project delivery systems have reduced the architect's role whether they liked it or not.

Why are architects not fighting to keep these lost services, and allowing others to take more control? Perhaps they are not willing or able to accept the associated risk.

## Complete Design

Architects should know in advance that the completed building and its systems will satisfy all of the owner's needs. Architects spend a great deal of time working on space planning and circulation, but the physical space of a building is only part of the total design. The building also must provide a suitable environment for its occupants; systems should be easily operated and maintained; finishes should be durable, easily maintained, and easily replaceable; and the energy consumption should be within limits established acceptable to the owner.

The architect, who concentrates only on spatial and aesthetic qualities, paying little attention to building systems, is not doing the job. The new buildings may look nice, and they may win awards for the architect, but often they don't work as expected. The building envelope leaks, operating costs are too high, mechanical systems are noisy and hard to balance, lights are needlessly bright in some areas but inadequate in others. It's easy to blame the consultants, but the architect is ultimately responsible.

The consequences of the lack of complete design are evident in the demand for commissioning. A separate professional is now called on to analyze building systems, project operating costs, and verify correct operation of those building systems before the owner accepts the building as complete. All of these could be done by the architect's team.

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#### SEMINARS

##### SESSION ONE: SUSTAINABLE BUILDING ENCLOSURE DESIGN 2:00 - 2:45 PM

DuPont Tyvek proudly presents **Mark LaLiberte**. This presentation will review the top attributes of sustainable building enclosure design, which include energy efficiency, durability, and sustainable materials, as well as strategies for achieving these attributes. Attention will be made to the importance of design features for increased moisture management and the role of air barriers in preventing uncontrolled airflow. Mark LaLiberte is a distinguished trainer, author and consultant who has devoted over two decades to the homebuilding industry regarding the benefits of constructing durable, energy efficient, healthier, more sustainable homes. Mark teaches builders, architects and other industry professionals how to access the best construction education tools and techniques in an easy-to-use format.

##### SESSION TWO: THE FUTURE OF SPECIFICATIONS 3:00 - 4:30 PM

In an era of reduced fees, accelerated deadlines, increased liability, and an aging workforce, many design firms across the nation are struggling to find ways to update and maintain their master specifications, as well as find ever more efficient ways of producing project specifications. In today's world there are a number of technology based "automated" specification production systems promising to solve all these issues, and more! Are these systems right for your firm? How do they compare to the traditional method of producing specifications, based on the specialized knowledge and expertise of dedicated construction specifiers? How can firms "future proof" their specifications as the field of available specification writers age and retire? How do local manufacturers succeed when design firms use nationally produced spec databases? Join us for what promises to be an invigorating panel discussion on this hot topic impacting so many members of our local industry.

#### Panel:

Facilitator: STEVEN OLITSKY, AIA, CSI, CCS - PAST PRESIDENT OCCCSI

**Jo Drummond, FCSI, CCS** JO DRUMMOND, FCSI, CCS, a Construction Specifications Consultant since 1984, has prepared specifications for over 1,500 projects, including buildings of all types, including public and private schools under numerous jurisdictions, hospitals, colleges, offices, parks, site development and programming documents. Jo is a Past President of the Los Angeles Chapter of CSI and Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice (SCIP). Before opening her business, Jo was a Vice President at Wells Fargo Bank, where she managed the design, construction and maintenance of all bank owned facilities in Southern California.

**David Eaves**, a LEED® Accredited Professional, is an Associate with the firm LPA, Inc. and for the last 10 years has served as a Project Director entirely focused on K-12 education projects throughout the State of California. David has considerable experience as the project specification writer for many projects that he has managed and has been instrumental in the firm's integration of specification writing into the firm's practice over the last 5 years, using tools such as Interspec's "e-specs for Revit" and more recently BSD's "speclink-e" software tools.

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Host Bryan and Delia Stanley.



Heidi Sualua & luau organizer Leie Sualua.



WWCCA table: Christy & Darin Coats and Gavin Archer & Debra Stephan.



Don & Dana Thornburg (Omega) and Pete Thomsen (Omega).



Connie & John Regener enjoying the event.



Beth & Ed Ballantyne, Christine Campanovo (Siena), and Justin Kerfoot (LPA).



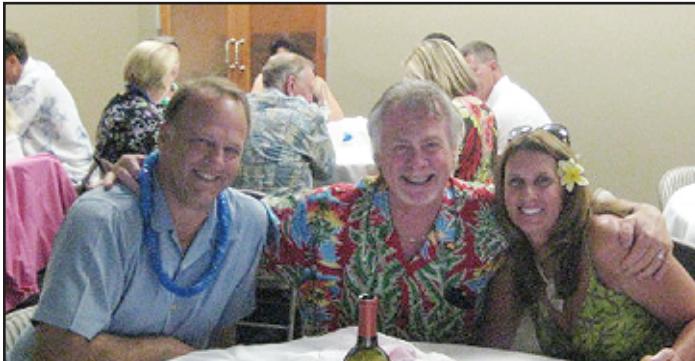
Rich Matteo (STV) with Sherilyn (Westport Innovations) & David Hopkins, AIA.



Jim & Sada Haugness with Martin Rodriguez.

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WWCCA's Mark Fowler with Mr. & Mrs. Jim Dunleavy.



Past President Steve Olitsky (Specifier) with Joann & Rex Revard (Mapei).



Mike Granatowski (Mapei) & Debbie Pedley.



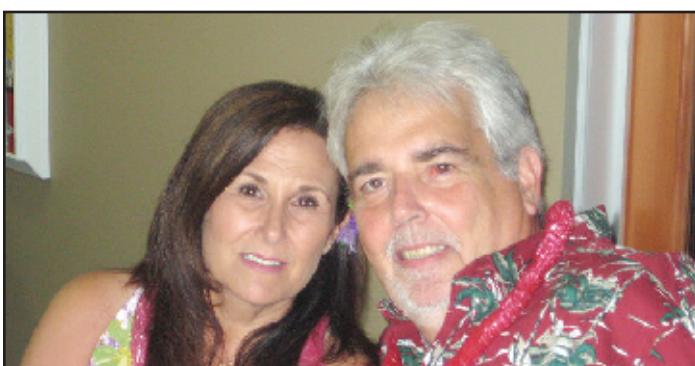
Royce Wise (Specifier), Mark Niese (KAL) and Penny Balogh (Sherwin Williams).



Joe Esquer (Frazee Paint) with wife Melody.



David & Paula Brown (DBCE Enterprises).



Irene & Wiley Zagageski.



The caterers - Mercado Corona.

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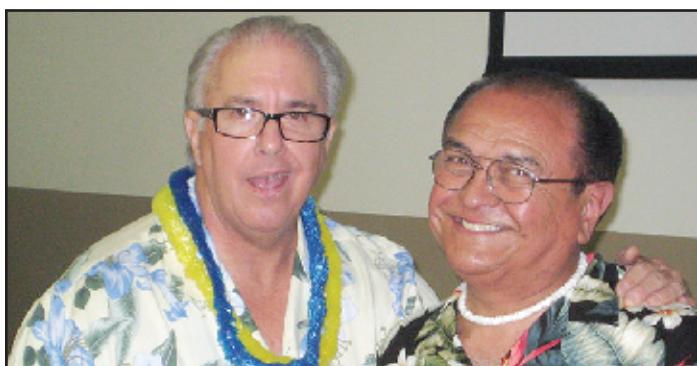
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Past President Steve Olitsky gives a President's Award to Gary Kehrier.



President Mike Baker and Mark Fowler (WWCCA/TSIB).



Awards Chair Gary Kehrier gives the Chapter Certificate of Merit to Joe Esquer.



Awards Chair Gary Kehrier presents the OCCCSI Rookie of the Year Award to Mike Granatowski.



Gary Kehrier displays the permanent plaque for the Samuel Drucker Memorial Award with recipient Pete Thomsen.



The crowd awaits the show!



TUPUA Productions band warms up the crowd.



The dancers and conch shells announce that the show is about to begin.

# TUPUA Productions

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# OC NEWS FLASH

## Sad News

Mike Lytle, Past President of OCCCSI 1986-1988, passed away of cancer in February 2012. We learned of his passing in late June. We do not have a mailing address for Lee Lytle, his widow. Attempts to send a message to Lee's email address were not successful. If anyone has proven contact information, please let us know.

## New & Renewing OCCCSI Members

Thank you to the following Orange County Chapter CSI members who have chosen to join our chapter or renew their membership through June 2012:

**Balogh, Penny**  
**Chew, Marvin**  
**Clements, Gregory**  
**Cranston, Ivan**  
**DeGraw, Supranee**  
**Dorgan, Chad**  
**Hough, Michelle Duclett**  
**Faza, Salem**  
**Goldstein, Paul**  
**Horton, Bill**  
**Kaatz, Dustin**  
**Kovacevich, Mark**  
**LoBasso, Joe**  
**Maietta, Dave**  
**McCarthy, Mike**  
**McKeon, Terry**  
**Mejia, Tomas**  
**Olitsky, Steven**  
**Sands, Mike**  
**Stanley, Bryan**  
**Stanley, Curtis**  
**Thomsen, Pete**  
**Varner, Bryan**  
**Wohler, Vince**

## Congratulations Dana!

Our very own **Dana Thornburg** of Omega Products International took first place at the Orange County Fair in July for her fabulous berry pie. Dana is a fabulous baker! Some of us have been lucky enough to taste her creative and tasty cupcakes. You go girl!

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Ed Ballantyne (new exhibitor Comatico Tiles) gets down!



Royce Wise gives it a wiggle!



Christine Campanovo has a new career!



Debbie Pedley rocks!



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## WEST REGION CORNER

By Dave Willis, CSI, CDT, CCCM,  
President West Region, CSI

Greetings to all in the West Region. By the time you read this I will have taken the reins from Craig Mount as President of the West Region. I want to first thank Craig for the wonderful job he has done over the last two years as our President. I hope to live up to the high standards he has set. My door will always be open to anyone needing assistance in the Region. I welcome Eric Camin as my right hand man as our West Region President Elect. We are all ready working together planning West Region coming events.

There are a few important dates coming up in the region you all need to put on your calendars. First, we will have the first northern California Leadership Workshop in Walnut Creek August 3rd through August 5th at the Embassy Suites Hotel. This venue is very drivable for all northern chapters and for those flying, there is BART service from the Oakland or San Francisco airports right to the hotel. The station is adjacent to the hotel. We will be using the same great program presented last year in southern California. I think I have stated before, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it".

Secondly, the West Region Fall Board Meeting will be held at the Radisson San Jose Airport Hotel on Saturday October 20. We will probably not start until 9:00 or 10:00 A.M. to allow time for those driving to get there without leaving at the crack of dawn. There will be notices sent out with an agenda in plenty of time for you to review. There is a hotel shuttle from the airport for those flying in. If you plan to come a day early, the hotel rate for October 19 is only \$79.00 plus applicable taxes. There will be no speak out prior to the board meeting. If there are issues that need to be brought to the boards' attention, they can be presented at the West Region Caucus at the Institute Convention in Phoenix. The Caucus will be held on Thursday September 13 at 5:45 P.M. The room location will be in the convention package. Eric Camin will be in charge of the caucus because I will be unable to attend the conference. Craig Mount had a good suggestion that given time, the West Region might want to join the Northwest Region caucus to get acquainted since we will be joining them next June for a Bi-Region Conference in Spokane, Washington.

This leads me to the next bit of information for the Region. As I mentioned, we will be joining the Northwest Region's conference in Spokane, Washington June 12 thru 16 in 2013. We have a West Region ad hoc committee consisting of Wally Holman, Mike Pinto, John Petrucelli and myself. Initial contacts with the Northwest have been made. They are looking for help finding Speakers, and someone to take responsibility for the

## WEST REGION REPORT

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Hospitality Suites each evening. Please let us know if there is anyone interested in helping out here.

In the last two weeks, I have had the Honor and pleasure of installing the incoming FY 13 officers of the Santa Clara Valley, and San Francisco Chapters Board of Directors. Today I have the honor of installing the officers at my home chapter in Fresno. I look forward every year to be invited to do these installations.

We are still looking for a few West Region Committee Chair positions. If you are interested in getting involved at the Region level, we are looking for committee chairs for Certification, Technical, and Academic affairs. I will be making a few calls, but any help would be appreciated. I want to thank those that have stepped up to fill Committee Chair Positions.

Last but by no means least, I would like to take time to honor our new West Region Fellows. They are both from the Redwood Empire Chapter, and they are, Bryan Varner, FCSI, CCCA, LEED AP, and John Guill, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, SKIP. If you have a minute, please let them know how proud and happy we are for them.

That's all for now. I hope everyone is doing well, and I hope to see you all when making my annual Chapter visitations.

**Editor's Note:** Longtime LACSI member, Marilyn Smith FCSI, CCS is also being elevated to Fellowship. Marilyn recently moved to the Midwest.



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## **WREN'S WESTERN OUTPUT**

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establishment of long-term fishery bypass flows for Mammoth Creek. The other lawsuit challenges MCWD's 2010 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which identifies how the District will fulfill the community's water needs as its population grows in the future.

In each lawsuit, LADWP alleges that MCWD has no valid water rights to divert water from Mammoth Creek - the community's primary water source. But, MCWD's water rights are solidly founded in state law and have been relied upon by our community for more than 60 years.

LADWP's unfounded lawsuits will cost ratepayers significantly and will not result in more water for anyone.

LADWP will actually BENEFIT from the fishery bypass flow requirements, which it is challenging in one of its lawsuits. LADWP's legal challenge attempts to undermine an exhaustive, 20-year environmental study to determine the stream flows necessary to sustain a healthy trout population in Mammoth Creek.

We need your help telling Los Angeles City officials to stop this LADWP water grab. Check out our Fact Sheet and History of Mammoth Creek on this crucial issue, as well as our Sample Letter, then call, email and write them. Also, be sure to tell your Los Angeles friends and family members, and urge them to contact city officials as well.

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## **WOLFE'S HOWL**

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### **Site Services**

Architects are not responsible for many of the problems encountered in construction. Owners want the most bang for their buck, and they sometimes make poor decisions, sacrificing long-term considerations for lower initial cost. They often encourage architects to cut fees and services in a bidding war, resulting in less time for design, reduced quality control, and less time at the site. A lot can go wrong in a few days, and many problems are concealed by following work. Poor connections, lack of concealed supports, improper materials, and a host of other defective work may go unnoticed for years.

Saving the cost of site observation by the architect is false economy, and architects should fight to keep this unique opportunity to make sure that their own interests, as well as those of the owner, are protected. It's odd that many owners

## **WOLFE'S HOWL**

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now hire independent representatives and testing agencies to oversee their projects. As architects have given up this basic service, others have moved in to fill the void.

### **Estimating**

One of the owner's most important concerns is the budget, and the owner relies on the architect to come up with a design that can be built with the available funds. Shouldn't an architect know enough about costs to design a building that is within the owner's budget? Unfortunately, many design professionals have little knowledge of construction costs, and owners find that bids vary substantially from estimates. Independent estimating firms now offer their services to owners and architects alike. Some owners require the architect to provide estimates, which then are verified by other estimators. To me, that suggests lack of faith in the architect, at least in this area.

### **Construction Management**

Architects aren't the only ones who have given up some of their traditional duties. Construction managers have done an excellent job of carving out their own niche, taking over the juicy parts of the architect and the contractor, while leaving the architect and contractor responsible for whatever goes wrong.

There is nothing inherently wrong with construction management. With it, owners can benefit from early involvement of someone with knowledge of construction processes, costs of systems and products, and current market conditions - that someone, in most cases, not being the architect.

These are some of the things architects choose not to do. Next month, we'll look at changes that have reduced the architect's responsibilities, at the same time increasing the importance of the contractor.

p.s. It seems a few readers were a bit put off by the first article in this series, What happened to the Master Builder? Some of my questions may be uncomfortable, but they must be asked. While architects remain leaders of the design team, much of what they did in the past is now done by others, and their importance will continue to decrease unless architects do something to reverse the trend. Certainly, a well-trained, experienced architect is able to bring much to any type of construction project. Architects are generalists, trained to seek optimum relationships and dimensions of spaces to meet the requirements of the owner's program, and at the same instilling beauty, from the overall form to the smallest detail. And that, I will argue, is one heck of a job description; it presents a challenge that is virtually impossible to meet. Practical requirements often force the architect to make decisions based on incomplete information, and make it impossible to work out every detail.

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