

## ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

**TIM AYERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
**AUGUST 2016**

### **Director's Comments:**



It's hard to believe another summer has almost gone by. I can't speak for all of our members, but I'm certainly looking forward to cooler temperatures, and even though my favorite team will probably be bad again, the start of college football season.

The change of seasons also brings additional opportunities to get involved with AUCA. In September, we have our last 3rd Quarter lunch meeting in Mobile, with a presentation from the Alabama Department of Revenue. Last month we received a call from ADOR indicating that a large number of companies throughout the state were still not in compliance with all the Contractor's sales tax exemption reporting requirements. In response, we requested that ADOR come present to our group. So far, the meetings we held in August on this topic have been well attended, and hopefully informative for our members.

Also in September, we are partnering with the Alabama Chapter of the American Concrete Pipe Association on four classes covering Pipe and Box Culvert Installation. Additional classes will be held in October and November. These classes should be very educational, as well as offer an opportunity to network with other attendees that will include Contractors, Suppliers, Municipal Engineers, Consultants, and Department of Transportation staff.

Equally anticipated by myself, and many AUCA members, is the Fall General Meeting and Sporting Clay Shoot in Montgomery. This year the event will take place on Thursday, October 13th, and we are pleased to have Greg Canfield, Secretary from the Alabama Department of Commerce scheduled to be our guest speaker.

Thanks for your continued support and involvement with AUCA!

*Tim*

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*Upcoming AUCA Events:*

***AUCA Board of Directors Meeting***

**September 7, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.  
Montgomery, AL**

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***AUCA Quarterly Lunch Meeting***

**Mobile Area Meeting  
September 14, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.**  
Wintzell's Oyster House  
6700 Airport Boulevard  
Mobile, AL 36608

***Tax Guidance for Contractors, Subcontractors and Alabama  
Governmental Entities Regarding Construction-related Contracts***

Presented by:  
Traci Sherlock - Revenue Manager, Sales and Use Tax Division  
Alabama Department of Revenue

*Meeting Sponsored by Knapheide Truck Equipment*

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***AUCA Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot***

**October 13, 2016  
Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club  
Montgomery, AL**



## Upcoming AUCA Events:



### **AUCA 2016 Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot**

**Thursday, October 13, 2016**  
**Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club**  
**4758 Lower Wetumpka Road Montgomery, AL 36110**

**General Meeting & Steak Lunch - Begins at 11:00 a.m.**  
**Raffle Drawing - 12:30 p.m.**  
**Sporting Clay Shoot - Begins at Approximately 1:00 p.m.**



### **General Meeting & Steak Lunch** **Greg Canfield - Alabama Secretary of Commerce**

**Cost: \$20/Non-Shooters**

**(Lunch Included with Clay Shoot Registration or Sponsorship)**

Come network with your peers, win great door prizes, and enjoy a delicious steak lunch while listening to our special guest speaker. We will also vote on the 2017 AUCA Board of Directors and Officers, and present the AUCA Member of the Year Awards.

### **Annual Sporting Clay Shoot**

**Cost: \$500/Team or \$125/Individual + Cart Fee**

*(Participants must provide own Gun and Shells)*

Corporate and Station Sponsorship opportunities available.

Complete attached Registration Form and return ASAP.

Sign up now before the event sells out!



### **AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle**

We are raffling two great prizes:

Prize #1: YETI Tundra 35 Cooler

Prize #2: Beretta A300 Outlander 12 Gauge Shotgun



Tickets are \$10 each and allow two (2) chances to win.

*(You do not have to be present to win)*

All money raised from the raffle will go towards the AUCA PAC Fund to help support our Legislative efforts in Montgomery and Washington.



OCTOBER 13, 2016 - EVENT REGISTRATION FORM



To register, please complete this form and return to the AUCA office by fax or email. A copy of the registration form should also be submitted with payment.

Registration Deadline is October 7, 2016

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_
Address: \_\_\_\_\_
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_
Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

SPORTING CLAY SHOOT TEAM & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- GOLD SPONSOR - \$1,000 Includes: 4-man team, cart, name recognition and company logo on AUCA website, event signage, promotional materials, and four (4) station sponsorships
SILVER SPONSOR - \$650 Includes: 4-man team, cart, name recognition on event signage, and station sponsorship
BRONZE SPONSOR - \$250 Includes: Admission for two (2) company representatives to attend General Meeting Lunch, name recognition on event signage, station sponsorship, and may provide trappers on course to network with shooters and hand out company prizes or give-a-ways
STATION SPONSOR - \$100 Includes: Signage at individual shooting station
4-PERSON TEAM - \$500 + CART FEE
INDIVIDUAL - \$125 + CART FEE

You must provide your own shells (Factory shells only - #7-1/2 or higher shot load)

Safety rules must be followed; signed waiver required; ear plugs and eye protection recommended

GOLF CART NEEDS (CART INCLUDED w/ GOLD & SILVER SPONSORSHIPS)

Cart rentals available for \$75 per cart; reservations due 9/30/16 due to limited supply (you may bring your own cart/ATV)

CART RENTAL NEEDED: YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM PRIZES

1st Place Team: \$400 + Trophies 2nd Place Team: \$300 + Trophies 3rd Place Team: \$200 + Trophies

GENERAL MEETING LUNCH (INCLUDED w/ TEAM REGISTRATION or SPONSORSHIP)

General Meeting Lunch: \$20/Non-Shooter x Quantity ( ) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE OR ON DAY OF EVENT! Return form and payment to:

Alabama Utility Contractors Association

159 Highland Park Drive

Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Phone: (205) 582-9436

Fax: (205) 582-9155

Email: tim@aluca.org



To pay by credit card, please contact the AUCA office at (205) 582-9436.

## Upcoming Events:

### **ACPA Pipe and Box Culvert Installation Classes**

AUCA in collaboration with the Alabama Chapter of the American Concrete Pipe Association will be hosting a series of regional installation classes for Contractors, Municipal Engineers, Consultants, and DOT staff. Class sizes are limited. To RSVP, please use the below link:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L9dXtS5M2qGM72KpceM38R\\_B8R\\_VGCyGJqekhJwaV4Q/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L9dXtS5M2qGM72KpceM38R_B8R_VGCyGJqekhJwaV4Q/edit?usp=sharing)

#### **Dothan**

Thursday, September 8, 2016  
Hilton Garden Inn  
171 Hospitality Lane, Dothan, AL 36303

#### **Montgomery**

Friday, September 9, 2016  
Thompson Tractor Company  
10120 Hwy 80 E, Montgomery, AL 36117

#### **Tuscaloosa**

Thursday, September 22, 2016  
Hilton Garden Inn  
800 Hollywood Boulevard, Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

#### **Birmingham**

Friday, September 23, 2016  
Thompson Tractor Company  
2401 Pinson Valley Pkwy, Birmingham, AL 35217

#### **Huntsville**

Friday, October 14, 2016  
Hilton Garden Inn  
4801 Governors House Dr SW, Huntsville, AL 35805

#### **Mobile**

Friday November 4, 2016  
ALDOT SW Regional Office  
1701 I-65 West Service Road North, Mobile, AL 36618



*Upcoming Events:*

***Alabama Damage Prevention Summit***  
**Montgomery, AL**  
**October 4-6, 2016**

Alabama Damage Prevention Alliance (ADPA) in conjunction with Alabama 811 will hold the 3rd Annual Damage Prevention Summit at the Embassy Suites in Montgomery on October 4-6, 2016. This event is for stakeholders from all aspects of the damage prevention industry.

**Questions to be answered at this year's event:**

- ***What keeps the locator from arriving on time to a locate?***
- ***I hit a buried utility line, now what do I do?***
- ***I've waited the two working days and the lines aren't marked, can I go ahead and dig?***

Additional information about the Summit and registration information can be found at:

[www.alabama.damagepreventionsummit.com](http://www.alabama.damagepreventionsummit.com)



## News & Notes:

### **AUCA 2017 Board of Directors Nominations:**

Nomination Forms for the 2017 AUCA Board of Directors should be completed and returned to the AUCA office by fax or email no later than August 31, 2016.

The Nominating Committee will review the forms received at the September 7th AUCA Board Meeting in Montgomery. The proposed slate of candidates will be announced to the membership 30 days prior to the October 13th General Meeting.

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### **AUCA 2016/2017 Membership Directory**

The AUCA 2016/2017 Membership Directory is scheduled to be published in September. However, we need the help of all our members to ensure the success of the Directory. Members companies will be listed alphabetically, as well as by the general classification of their products and services as a cross-reference. If you have not already done so, please take the time to complete the Membership Information Forms that were sent out and return them immediately so that we can accurately include your company in the Directory.

The Membership Directory will be a spiral bound book mailed out to every AUCA member company, and will also be available in a downloadable digital format that will be linked on the AUCA website.

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### **AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle:**

Tickets will be mailed out in September for the annual AUCA PAC Raffle. We will be raffling two great prizes this year- a Beretta A300 Outlander 12 Gauge Shotgun and a YETI Tundra 35 Cooler. Tickets will be \$10 each, and allow two (2) chances to win. The drawing will be held at our October 13th General Meeting / Sporting Clay Shoot in Montgomery. You do not have to be present at the event to win either prize.

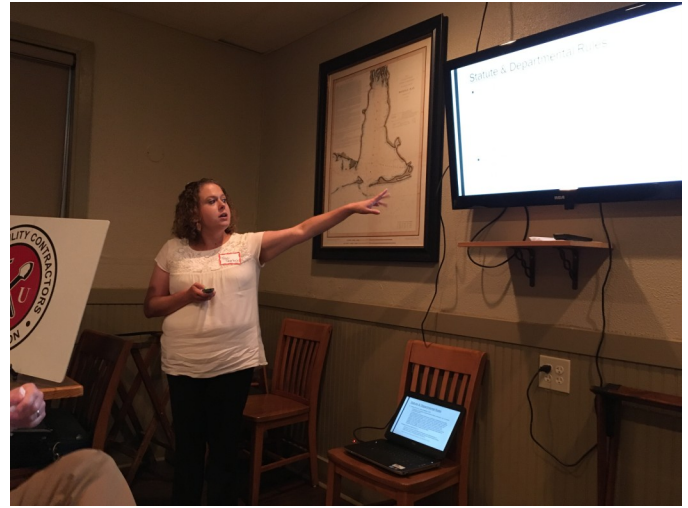
All money raised from the raffle will go towards the AUCA PAC Fund to help support our continued Legislative efforts in Montgomery and Washington.



News & Notes:

**Huntsville Area Meeting - August 18th**

*Contractor's Sales Tax Exemption Reporting Requirements  
Presented by Traci Sherlock from Alabama Department of Revenue*



**Tuscaloosa Area Meeting - August 24th**

*Contractor's Sales Tax Exemption Reporting Requirements  
Presented by Traci Sherlock from Alabama Department of Revenue*



*News & Notes:*

**Birmingham Area Meeting - August 25th**

*Contractor's Sales Tax Exemption Reporting Requirements*

*Presented by Traci Sherlock from Alabama Department of Revenue*



Special Thanks to Knapheide for Sponsoring all 3rd Quarter Lunch Meetings, and for Hosting the Birmingham Meeting at their New Facility.



**AUCA Newest Member Companies:**

**J.R. Prewitt & Associates**

Birmingham, AL

Company Representative: Ray Greer

**High Tide Oil Company**

Moody, AL

Company Representatives: Philip Lee and Drew Hamilton



## Alabama Legislative News:

### Alabama Special Legislative Session

Governor Robert Bentley issued the following proclamation:

*WHEREAS, there exists an extraordinary occasion in the State of Alabama, which demands the convening of the Legislature of Alabama, in extraordinary session, as prescribed by Article V, Section 122 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert Bentley, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby proclaim and direct that the Legislature of the State of Alabama shall convene in extraordinary session at the seat of government, Alabama State House, in Montgomery, Alabama, at 4:00 p.m. on August 15, 2016, and do hereby designate the following subjects and matters, for the adequate support of essential state services including those for our children, our elderly, and those with mental illness, as well as support for the men and women in law enforcement, which I, as Governor, deem necessary to be considered and acted upon by said Legislature, in extraordinary session assembled:*

- 1. A constitutional amendment enabling a state lottery to support the General Fund.*
- 2. Legislation providing funding for Medicaid, infrastructure investment, and/ or debt repayment.*

For a constitutional amendment for a lottery proposal to be on the ballot for the November 8th general election, the Legislature had to approve it by August 24th. However, that did not happen. A lottery bill passed the Senate by one vote, and moved to the House where it barely passed with numerous Amendments. The Senate overwhelmingly voted not to concur with the changes and the bill is now dead. Despite the setback, Governor Bentley has indicated his desire to continue the push for a lottery as an attempt to boost funding for Medicaid and the General Fund budget.

Lawmakers adjourned on August 26th, and will return after Labor Day on September 6th. A special session is limited to 12 legislative days within 30 calendar days. With up to three meeting days left in the special session, they could still pass a bill to divide up the state's \$1 billion oil spill settlement with BP.



## ***Clean Water Construction Coalition Report***

Bob Briant, Jr. - Chairman CWCC

### **WRRDA BILLS AWAIT CONGRESSIONAL ACTION IN SEPTEMBER**

Congressional passage of the WRRDA and Clean Water and Drinking Water Appropriation bills has yet to be completed in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. After Committee approval of the WRRDA reauthorization measures in both the House and Senate, floor votes in both chambers were halted due to concerns that the legislation would be amended with various EPA amendments that would not be acceptable to Republican leadership.

The Senate WRRDA reauthorization bill was released by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on April 28. The measure, S2848, contained funding and other significant provisions for clean water and drinking water projects. On May 25, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee reported its WRRDA reauthorization legislation. Originally, the House reauthorization bill was going to include significant funding for Clean Water and Drinking Water projects, however, those provisions were not included in the final House Committee bill. Coalition Representatives had worked with members of the House T & I Committee to include Clean Water and Drinking Water provisions in the House bill and were optimistic that funding language would be included in the House measure.

Coalition representatives will work with members of both Chambers to advocate for inclusion of Clean Water and Drinking Water funding language to be added to the final legislation during conference negotiations on the bill between the House and Senate.

### **HOUSE PASSES CLEAN WATER AND DRINKING WATER FY 2017 APPROPRIATION MEASURES WHILE SENATE MAY PUSH FOR A CONTINUING RESOLUTION**

The House of Representatives approved the federal fiscal year 2017 Interior and Environment Appropriations bill on July 14, 2016. This appropriations measure funds the Clean Water and Drinking Water SRF programs at \$2.1 billion. This represents an overall annual decrease to the combined CWSRF (\$1 billion) and DWSRF (\$1.07 billion) programs of approximately \$186 million. The House measure also funds the new WIFIA program at \$40 million.

The Senate fiscal year 2017 Interior bill funds the Clean Water SRF at \$1.35 billion, the Drinking Water SRF at \$1.02 billion and \$30 million for the WIFIA program. This represents an increase of \$113 million over the FY 2016 enacted level. While the Senate Appropriations Committee approved the measure on June 16, 2016, the Senate is not anticipated to move to bill to a full Senate floor vote prior to the November elections. If this is the case, a Continuing Resolution will need to be moved in order to continue funding for these programs.

The Coalition will continue to aggressively advocate for the Senate appropriations measure that contains the higher spending amounts for the CWSRF and DWSRF programs.



## Health & Safety:

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## Zika Virus Protection for Outdoor Workers

Outdoor workers may be at the greatest risk of exposure to Zika virus, which is primarily spread through the bites of infected mosquitoes. Your employer should inform you about the risk of exposure through mosquito bites and how to protect yourself.



Credit: CDC / James Gathany

### Signs and Symptoms of Zika Infection

- Fever • Rash • Joint pain • Pink or red eyes
- Muscle pain • Headache

### OSHA recommends that your employer:

- Train you on how to protect yourself and about the importance of eliminating areas where mosquitoes breed at your worksite.
- Provide insect repellents and protective clothing for your exposed skin, and encourage their use.

### How to Protect Yourself:

- Use insect repellent that contains DEET, picaridin or another EPA-registered active ingredient on skin that is not covered by clothing. Always follow label precautions.
- If using permethrin, spray it on clothing and gear only—not directly on skin.

For more information:



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[www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov) (800) 321-OSHA (6742)

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- Choose a repellent that provides protection for the amount of time that you will be outdoors.
- After returning indoors and before eating, use soap and water to wash skin that has been treated with insect repellent. Reapply repellent when returning outdoors or after eating.
- Wear clothing that covers all of your skin, including socks that cover the ankles and lower legs and hats with mosquito netting to protect the face and neck.
- In warm weather, wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing. This type of clothing protects you from the sun and provides a barrier to mosquitoes.
- Get rid of sources of standing water (e.g., tires, buckets, cans, bottles, barrels) whenever possible to reduce or eliminate mosquito breeding areas.
- OSHA and NIOSH recommend that you talk to your supervisor(s) about any outdoor work assignment(s) or travel to Zika-affected areas if you are or may become pregnant, or, for males, if your sexual partner is or may become pregnant. Consult CDC information on Zika virus and pregnancy: [www.cdc.gov/zika](http://www.cdc.gov/zika).
- If you routinely work with insecticides to control mosquitoes, you may require additional personal protective equipment.
- If symptoms develop, seek medical attention promptly. Discuss any possible exposure to mosquitoes or infections spread by mosquitoes with a healthcare provider.

For more information:



U.S. Department of Labor

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SOLELY TO PROMOTE AND ADVANCE THE  
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ALABAMA.**

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receiving this for the company owner,  
please print out a copy for him/her.**

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