

ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION

TIM AYERS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SEPTEMBER 2019

Director's Comments:



The calendar may say that it is now officially autumn, but the temperatures certainly haven't cooled off much. Fortunately, for many of our member companies, neither has the economy. While the plentiful work is a good thing, make sure to be careful not to overexert yourselves, or your employees, while working out in the extreme heat.

On October 17th, AUCA will hold our Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot at Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club in Montgomery. We are pleased to have former Auburn University Head Football Coach, and current U.S. Senate candidate Tommy Tuberville as our special guest speaker.

We are expecting a tremendous turnout, and most of our shooting team slots have been reserved. If you plan to participate, and have not already sent in your registration form, please do so immediately in order to guarantee your space.

For those not shooting, you are still welcome to attend the General Meeting Lunch and hear from Coach Tuberville. We will also vote on our slate of candidates for the 2020 AUCA Board of Directors, as well as present awards and give away prizes. Additionally, we will have our annual PAC Raffle drawing. Please be on the lookout for the tickets that have been mailed, and consider purchasing them to help support our continued legislative efforts.

Finally, Governor Kay Ivey announced this month that she had been diagnosed with malignant lung cancer. Please keep her in your prayers as she begins receiving radiation treatments.

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Upcoming Event:

AUCA Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot

Current Event Sponsors:

(Additional sponsorship opportunities available - deadline is October 11th)

Gold Sponsors:



Silver Sponsors:



Bronze Sponsors:





AUCA 2019 Fall General Meeting & Sporting Clay Shoot

Thursday, October 17, 2019
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 Guest Speaker: Tommy Tuberville

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 2020 AUCA Board of Directors and Officers, and present the AUCA "Member of the Year" Awards.

Annual Sporting Clay Shoot

Cost: \$600/Team or \$150/Individual

(Participants must provide own Gun and Shells)

Complete attached Registration Form and return ASAP.

Corporate Sponsorship opportunities available.

Sign up now before the event sells out!



AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle

This year we are raffling two great prizes that anyone can use:

Prize #1: \$1,000 Cash

Prize #2: \$500 Cash

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 continued Legislative efforts in Montgomery and Washington.



OCTOBER 17, 2019 - 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 11, 2019

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

4-PERSON TEAM & CART - \$600 1.) _____ 2.) _____ INDIVIDUAL SHOOTER & CART - \$150 3.) _____ 4.) _____

CART NEEDED: YES _____ NO _____

Carts provided for all shooters (you may also bring your own cart/ATV)

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

SPORTING CLAY SHOOT 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 REQUESTED BEFORE OR ON DAY OF EVENT! Return form and payment to:

Alabama Utility Contractors Association

P.O. Box 383185

Birmingham, Alabama 35238-3185



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.

News & Notes:

**ALABAMA UTILITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
PROPOSED 2020 LEADERSHIP TEAM**

To Be Voted On At General Meeting Scheduled For October 17, 2019

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT: BILL McGOUGH, *W.R. MITCHELL CONTRACTOR, INC.*

1ST VICE PRESIDENT: ERIC HUDGENS, *SLOAN UTILITY CONTRACTING, INC.*

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: DOUG BLANKENSHIP, *BLANKENSHIP CONTRACTING, INC.*

SECRETARY/TREASURER: ROBBIE BUTLER, *CLEARY CONSTRUCTION, INC.*

BOARD MEMBERS

RANDY BISHOP, *CONSTRUCTION LABOR SERVICES, INC.*

ANDRU BRAMBLETT, *PRAUS MANAGEMENT GROUP, LLC*

BILL CARTER, *BILL CARTER CONSULTING, LLC*

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RYAN McCLENDON, *J. SMITH LANIER & COMPANY*

RICHARD MURPHREE, *SOUTHERN PIPE & SUPPLY*

AARON SCHMIDT, *SCHMIDT ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRUCTION, INC.*

CHARLES SMITH, *VULCAN MATERIALS COMPANY*

STEVE WALKER, *JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES, INC.*



News & Notes:

AUCA PAC Fundraising Raffle

Tickets have been distributed to AUCA member companies for the annual AUCA PAC Raffle. All proceeds from the raffle will be directed to the AUCA PAC Fund to help support our continued legislative efforts for improved infrastructure funding, as well as fair and consistent governmental policies that impact business, taxes, and environmental regulations.

This year we will be once again be raffling two great prizes that anyone can use - CASH:

- \$1,000 Cash - Prize #1
- \$500 Cash - Prize #2

Tickets are \$10 each, and will allow you two (2) chances to win. The drawing will be held at our October 17th General Meeting / Sporting Clay Shoot in Montgomery. You do not have to be present at the event to win.

We hope that you will consider purchasing these tickets for yourself, or provide the opportunity to your employees or co-workers. If you would like to purchase any additional tickets, please contact the AUCA office at (205) 582-9436.

Construction Industry Economic Trends Event



Tuesday, October 22, 2019

Birmingham Marriott

3590 Grandview Parkway

Birmingham, AL 35243

7:30 a.m. Registration & Seminar begins at 8:00 a.m.

Register to hear a discussion on economic trends and issues impacting the construction industry, as well as a panel discussion where you will have the opportunity to ask questions and hear from experts in your field.

Space is limited and registration is required to attend.

If you have any questions, contact the BMSS, LLC office at (833) CPA-BMSS, or email marketing@bmss.com



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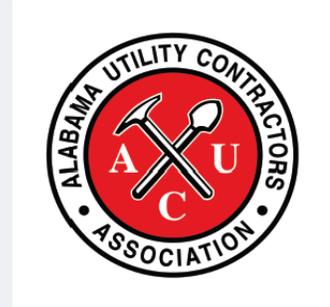
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Clean Water Construction Coalition Report

From Bob Briant, Jr. - Chairman CWCC & Sante Esposito - Key Advocates

LATE SUMMER UPDATE – FALL OUTLOOK

The CWCC is getting ready for a busy fall. 2019 is generally an off-year for federal elections (with the exception of 4 special elections to replace members who have resigned or died in the 116th US Congress). There are only three states that will hold gubernatorial elections. Short of a handful of state legislative elections, much of the political focus attention will be on the culling of the Democratic field to challenge President Trump in 2020. Hope remains that the President will come out in front of an infrastructure package (including “pay-fors”) that can see the light of day this year. There are some that say the Democrats will not give the President a “win” but we are choosing to remain optimistic and actively at the table.

Beyond tracking a “mega” deal on infrastructure, Key Advocates, on behalf of the CWCC, is focusing on following bills that would address several Coalition priorities:

- H.R.1497, “Water Quality Protection and Job Creation Act of 2019”
- H.R.2741, “Leading Infrastructure for Tomorrow’s America Act” (the “Lift America Act”)
- H.R.1162, “Water Recycling Investment and Improvement Act”
- H.R.2473, “Securing Access for the Central Valley and Enhancing (SAVE) Water Resources Act”
- S.1932, “Drought Resiliency and Water Supply Infrastructure Act”
- H.R.2019 - Smart Energy and Water Efficiency Act of 2019 (the “West Act”)

In addition, the Coalition is tracking and anticipating action in the Senate on the FY20 appropriation bills for the SRF / WIFIA programs. As reported last month, over the summer the House passed a “minibus” that includes the FY20 Interior Appropriations Bill providing \$1.81B for the Clean Water SRF, \$1.3B (the amount authorized by the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018) for the Safe Drinking Water SRF, and \$50M for WIFIA.

Similarly, in June the House passed its version of the FY20 Energy and Water Appropriations bill as part of another “minibus” which provides \$63.617M for Title XVI (of which \$10M is for the Title XVI WIIN grant program) and \$60M for WaterSMART and lists the names of the FY18 USBR Title XVI grant awardees, as required by law.

In addition, we can report that there has been no action in the Senate on the transportation appropriations bills we have been tracking.



Clean Water Construction Coalition Report

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BILL PROVIDING FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY TO ADVANCE PRESSING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS HEADS TO PRESIDENT'S DESK

After passage in the Senate last week, this week the House swiftly and unanimously voted to pass legislation authored by New Jersey Senator Cory Booker (D) that could help communities across the country push priority water infrastructure projects into construction. S.1689, dubbed the "The Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act," now heads to President Trump's desk to be signed into law.

The Water Infrastructure Funding Transfer Act would give states facing public health crises (including lead in drinking water) the flexibility to make a one-time transfer of the federal funds in their Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) to their Drinking Water SRF. CWCC supports the President signing this bill into law and has expressed this position directly with the Office of the President.

If this bill is signed into law, all states would be able to utilize this change by transferring up to \$100 million in federal funds from their Clean Water State Revolving Fund to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. This would be at the sole discretion of the State. This bill was stimulated initially by communication between the Office of Senator Booker, the NJDEP and the UTCA of NJ noting the lack of flexibility when one side of the SRF is flush with funding and the other is not.

The effort on the bill was accelerated in light of increased scrutiny over lead issues in the City of Newark and a recommendation from the EPA for bottled water to be offered to residents. An engineering study was released in October 2018 finding that lead was leaching into Newark's drinking water because of ineffective corrosion treatment at one of the City's water treatment plants. The solution is a multi-phase plan to replace all known lead service lines in the City of Newark, which are being bid on by local contractors as we speak.

S.1689 is important for all CWCC members working in states that have a surplus of Clean Water SRF (i.e., wastewater, stormwater projects) funding and are seeing an increased demand for Drinking Water SRF (i.e., lead, water treatment projects) that cannot be met by the funding agency. Getting funding off the sidelines and assigned to projects that are ready to be bid meets a clear priority for the CWCC.

Health & Safety:

Provided by Josh Broaddus @ J. Smith Lanier & Company

OSHA's Lockout/Tagout Standard – Forms of Hazardous Energy

[Reference 1910.147]

The OSHA Lockout/Tagout standard applies when we perform servicing or maintenance on certain pieces of equipment or machinery. Most of us recognize that electricity is the primary source of hazardous energy we face, but it's certainly not the only one. Here is an overview of some of the forms of actual AND potential hazardous energy we may have to deal with when we perform work covered by this standard:

- **Electrical Energy** – Electricity directly drives many of the motors on our equipment, but it also powers many of our switches and valves. In addition, some equipment with certain types of rectifiers or capacitors may actually retain potentially hazardous electrical energy even after we disconnect the main power supply;
- **Pneumatic Energy** – Air pressure is used to power some cylinders and control switches. It is critical to recognize that in some cases, this form of power could still be present even after we turn off power to the compressor, disconnect a supply line, or turn off a valve;
- **Hydraulic Energy** – Just like with pneumatic power that we just discussed, hydraulic pressure is also used to move cylinders and switches. And it, too, can remain under pressure even after the hydraulic pump has been de-energized;
- **Mechanical Energy** – Turning flywheels, springs under compression or tension, cams; these are all forms of mechanical energy that must be released or restrained on some equipment and machinery, even after the main power source has been de-energized;
- **Thermal Energy** – When the temperature rises, many gases will expand. If this takes place inside of a closed pipe, supply line, or vessel, a corresponding increase in pressure can occur. This increased pressure could result in a nasty surprise if we have not anticipated and controlled this form of energy before we start working on the equipment;
- **Chemical Energy** – As with thermal energy, some chemical reactions create heat and/or pressure (think of the gas bubbles generated when an Alka-Seltzer is dropped into a glass of water). Think of how that could be hazardous if this reaction occurs inside of a sealed vessel, pipe, or supply line;
- **Gravity** – An object, such as the block and hook of an overhead hoist, the upper die of a press, or the elevated mast of a forklift, could come crashing down even after the main power supply has been turned off. All it would take is the release of a brake, the activation of a valve, or the loosening of a hose or supply line.



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