

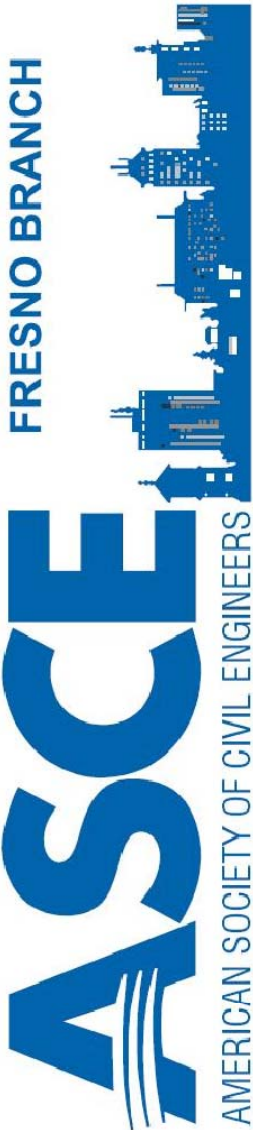


The Golden Gate Bridge

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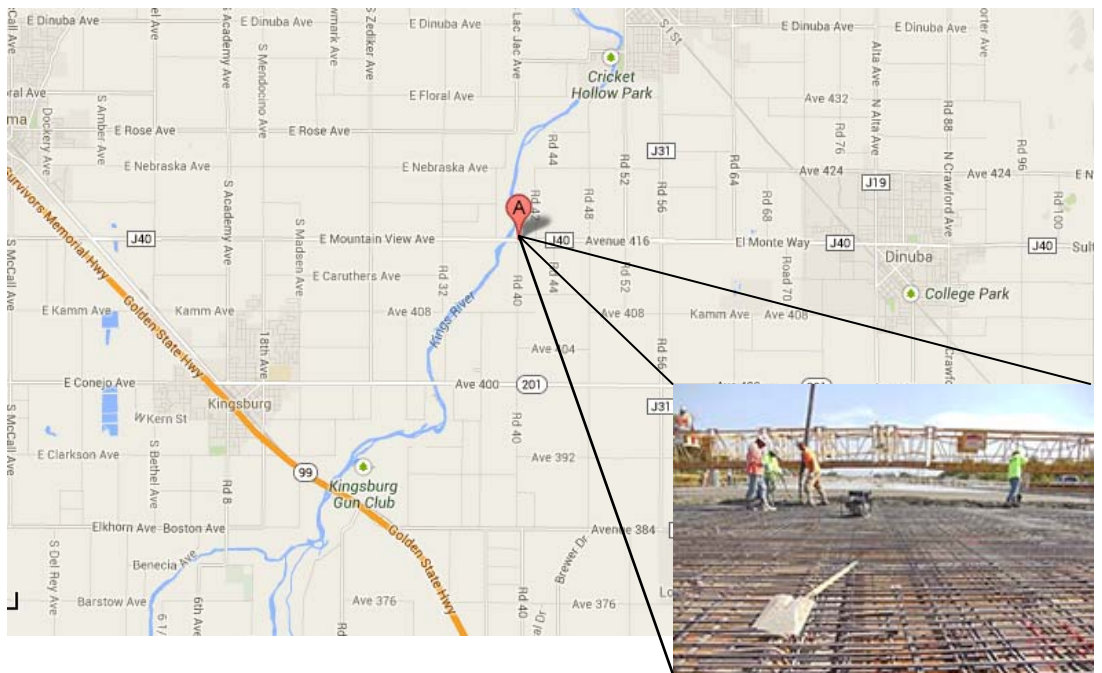
February Luncheon:

Benjamin Ruiz Jr., SE, is currently the Design Division Manager of Tulare County Public Works Department, which is the Division responsible for designing and managing the County's major road and bridge projects.

Ben will provide a presentation on the Avenue 416 Kings River Bridge.

- Place: The Old Spaghetti Factory, 1610 E Shaw Avenue
- Date: Thursday, January 20, 2014
- Time: 11:30 to 1:00
- Cost: \$15 members; \$20 non-members; \$5 students

Look for your email to sign up or you can RSVP to David Horn at dhorn@yhmail.com



ASCE Fresno Annual Bowling Tournament Recap



Let's avoid the gutter next time, Ben!



Our membership at work



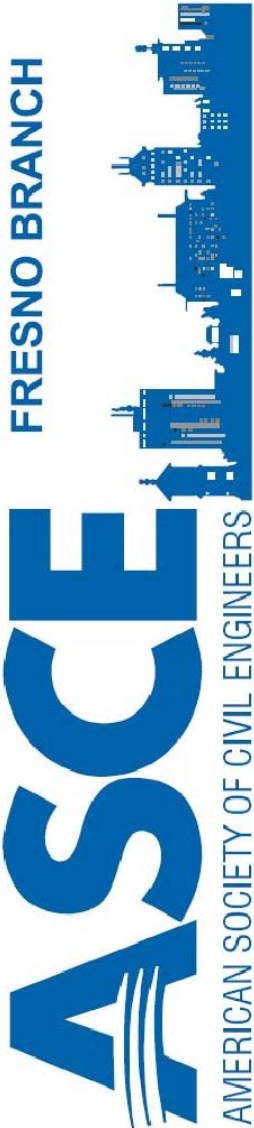
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Winners for the 13th time, BCF. Great job!

The losing team goes to Provost & Pritchard. Sorry, no picture is available.

Thanks to all participations!



2014 Annual Awards Dinner

Date: Thursday, March 27th
Time: 5:30pm Social Hour
6:30pm Dinner
Where: The Downtown Club
2120 Kern Street (Kern & Van Ness)
Cost: \$50 Professionals; \$20 Students
**RSVP to Noelle Willbanks @
nwillbanks@bskinc.com**

Individual Awards

Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Private Sector
Outstanding Civil Engineer in the Public Sector
Outstanding Civil Engineer in Community Service
Outstanding Civil Engineering Student
Outstanding Younger Civil Engineer

Project Awards

Project of the Year, Large Project
Project of the Year, Small Project
Water/Wastewater Project of the Year
Structural Engineering Project of the Year
Geotechnical Project of the Year

Submit your Nominations today



The Downtown Club



Featured Speaker

Robert D. Stevens, Ph.D., P.E., AICP, F.ASCE



Past Winners Update:

Four individual winners of the 2013 Awards Banquet advanced also received an award at the Section level in San Francisco. These four winners will be recognized by the City Manager at the February 27th City Council meeting. The Branch cordially invites you to attend the 2/27 Council meeting at 8:30am. Past winners to be recognized are Dr. Larralde and Dr. Choo, Martin Querin, and Steve Delsid.

Joke Corner

A Yokut Chief had three wives, each of whom was pregnant. The first gave birth to a boy. The chief was so very happy, he built her a shelter made of deer hide. A few days later, the second gave birth, also to a boy. The chief was elated. He found some antelope hides he had obtained from a trapper who had just come over the Sierra Nevada and made his wife a shelter with this antelope hide. The third wife gave birth a few days later, but the chief kept the details a secret. A few months earlier he had been over to the coast and had negotiated with a trader just returned from Africa for some hippopotamus hides; out of these hides, he built this wife a shelter twice as big as the two he had just built. The chief then challenged the members of the village to guess what had occurred. Many tried unsuccessfully. Finally, one young brave declared that the third wife had given birth to twin boys. "Correct," said the chief. "How did you figure it out' the other members of the village asked. The warrior answered, "You should have gone to the mission school like I did. There I read about Pythagoras and his theorem that the value of the squaw of the hippopotamus is equal to the sons of the squaws of the other two hides."

Laws of Nature

1. Law of Mechanical Repair - After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch & you'll have to pee.
2. Law of Gravity - Any tool, nut, bolt, screw, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
3. Law of Probability - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.
4. Law of Random Numbers - If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal & someone always answers.
5. Law of the Alibi - If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.
6. Variation Law - If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now (works every time).
7. Law of the Bath - When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings.
8. Law of Close Encounters - The probability of meeting someone you know increases dramatically when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
9. Law of the Result - When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.
10. Law of Biomechanics - The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.
11. Law of the Theater & Hockey Arena - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet & who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies & stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.
12. The Coffee Law - As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.
13. Murphy's Law of Lockers - If there are only 2 people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.
14. Law of Physical Surfaces - The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich landing face down on a floor, are directly correlated to the newness & cost of the carpet or rug.
15. Law of Logical Argument - Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.
16. Brown's Law of Physical Appearance - If the clothes fit, they're ugly.
17. Oliver's Law of Public Speaking - A closed mouth gathers no feet.
18. Wilson's Law of Commercial Marketing Strategy - As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.
19. Doctors' Law - If you don't feel well, make an appointment to go to the doctor, by the time you get there you'll feel better. But don't make an appointment, and you'll stay sick.