



**California/Nevada Section  
Bimonthly Update  
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Thirty Fifth Edition**

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Mark your calendars now for our annual meeting in February in conjunction with the Tulare Farm Show/World Ag Expo ([www.worldagexpo.com](http://www.worldagexpo.com)). If you are interested in becoming an officer of the Section, please contact Past Chair Victor Duraj at [vduraj@ucdavis.edu](mailto:vduraj@ucdavis.edu). Those of you that will be hosting a booth at the Tulare Farm Show, let us know so we can look you up, advertise for you in the January Bimonthly Update, and/or drop on by during the show.

The nomination form for California/Nevada Section Engineer of the Year can be downloaded from [www.asabecanv.org](http://www.asabecanv.org). Submissions must be postmarked by January 1, 2010. To request a hard copy of the form or for any Award related questions, please contact Richard Cavaletto at [rcavalet@calpoly.edu](mailto:rcavalet@calpoly.edu) or (805) 756-2383.

- \* **E-Week - February 19-25, 2012**

Start planning! Visit <http://www.eweek.org/GetInvolved/GetInvolved.aspx> and/or contact Carolyn Jones at [carolyn.jones@ca.usda.gov](mailto:carolyn.jones@ca.usda.gov) if you would like materials for a National Engineers' Week presentation. Materials can be picked up during our Tulare meeting.

The CA/NV Section may also have a few New Faces of Engineering to show off at local events! A few ideas for activities:

you could bring a student to work for a day, do a presentation in a grade school class, display E-Week posters in your workplace, participate in a career fair, wear Society logo apparel, or participate in existing E-Week activities.



If you do participate in any of the above listed activities, please let us know about it for an upcoming CA/NV Update. We'd love to hear about it!

- \* **UC Davis Agricultural and Biological Engineering program enrollments**

UC Davis has 43 current Biological Systems Engineering (BSE) graduate students, 146 BSE undergraduates, and just welcomed 57 freshmen that started in the fall quarter of 2011.

- \* **Modesto JC hosts Fall Meeting of Tractor & Equipment Association**

ASABE Member and Modesto Junior College Ag Instructor Steve Amador hosted the Fall Meeting of the Tractor & Equipment Association ([www.tractorandequipment.org](http://www.tractorandequipment.org)). Steve, along with fellow instructor Todd, provided an overview of the program, a student-cooked BBQ, a tour of the ag shop

with their 1/4 Scale Tractors, a tour of the engine shop with their pulling truck, and a late evening drive-by of the college's new and extraordinary 75,000 sq-ft Pavilion.

[http://www.pirateslog.org/2.4509/new-ag-pavilion-going-up-1.1736489#.TrBbCnLc\\_gc](http://www.pirateslog.org/2.4509/new-ag-pavilion-going-up-1.1736489#.TrBbCnLc_gc)

**\* Far West Equipment Dealers Association – Annual Convention, November 3-5**

The Far West Equipment Dealers Association ([www.fweda.org](http://www.fweda.org)) is holding its annual convention November 3-5 in Monterey, CA. FWEDA's mission statement is "Committed to building the best business environment for Far West members." For a glimpse of the agenda click to <http://fweda.org/pdf/Tentative%20Agenda.pdf>, which this year includes Technology Speakers Panel consisting of well known agricultural entities, a Welcome Breakfast speech by the USS Cole's Commander Kirk Lippold, and of course a suite of team building, marketing, and sales sessions. Victor Duraj will be there Friday as VP of Tractor& Equipment Association hosting the Friday night Casino Night, and Saturday briefly addressing the Joint Luncheon on behalf of the T&E President who cannot attend. He'll be announcing T&E Scholarship winners and maybe something else.

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