



CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION CHRONICLE



TRAINING TOOLBOX

Find your next safety course or training program in our Training Toolbox!



Upcoming Class Dates

Competent Person Trench Safety – Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Forklift Training – Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Adult & Infant First Aid/CPR – Saturday, December 7th, 2024

Safety Professional Program – January 2025*

Welding Program – January 2025*

Core – Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

Electrical 1 – Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

Electrical 2 – Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

Electrical 3 – Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

Electrical 4 – Wednesday, January 8th, 2025

Oilfield Passport – Every Friday/One Saturday a Month (contact for schedule)

**Must receive at least 10 applications to hold this class.*

All Available Courses

- Forklift Training
- Red Cross Adult & Infant First Aid/CPR
- California Oil Producers Contractor Safety Passport Orientation
- OSHA 10 | OSHA 30
- Advanced Utility Locator
- Competent Person Trench Safety
- Confined Space Entry
- Confined Space Rescue (Tier I and Tier II)
- Blueprint Navigation
- Backhoe Training
- Loader Training
- Excavator Training
- Class A Truck Driving
- Class B Truck Driving
- ELDT Class A Training

Contact the ABC Central California Chapter to schedule a class.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

DIEGO GARZA, JTI ELECTRICAL & INSTRUMENTATION

Can you please introduce yourself and what company you work for?

"My name is Diego Garza, and I work for JTI."

What does your company do and what is your role there?

"JTI does Industrial Electric and Motor Controls work. I am an Electrician and do a little bit of everything."

What class are you currently enrolled in at ABC?

"I am in Electrical 2."

What led you to pursue a career in the construction industry?

"I have been around the industry since I was young. I started out when I was 13 years old. I was around the industry my whole life and job opportunities presented themselves."

What are your career goals or plans after completing training at ABC?

"I would like to own my own business someday."



BECKETT WILLIAMS, JTS MODULAR

Can you please introduce yourself and what company you work for?

"My name is Beckett, and I work for JTS Modular."

What does your company do and what is your role there?

"We build modular buildings for schools, doctor's offices, etc."

What class are you currently enrolled in at ABC?

"I am enrolled in the Core class in the Electrical Program right now."

What led you to pursue a career in the construction industry?

"I was intrigued by the electrical side of the construction field."

What are your career goals or plans after completing training at ABC?

"I want to see what the electrical field has to offer as far as opening my own business."

EVENT LINEUP

Check out upcoming ABC events and local industry happenings in our event lineup.

Events

ABC National Virtual Legal Conference - December 5th

ABC Central California Safety Training Day - December 7th

Winter Craft Training Orientation - January 8th, 2025

ABC Convention 2025 - February 25th - 27th, 2025

ABC's First Annual Cornhole Tournament - April 25th, 2025

ABC National Legislative Conference - June 24th - 25th, 2025



ABC Central California Safety Academy 2024
Oct. 16-17





ABC Central California's 20th Annual Golf Tournament

Oct 25, 2024, Sundale Country Club

The ABC Central California Chapter hosted its 20th Annual Golf Tournament, sponsored by JTI Electrical & Instrumentation, with a day filled with camaraderie, competition, and community spirit.

The tournament featured an array of delicious food options along the course, refreshing drinks to keep participants energized, and goody bags filled with fantastic, sponsored items. The top teams took home cash prizes for gross and net team scores. The day wrapped up with a raffle that included awesome prizes, culminating in a \$2,000 cash prize awarded to one lucky golfer!

A big thank you to all of the sponsors and golfers for making this milestone event unforgettable. Here's to another 20 years of hitting the greens for ABC!



Cannon Shot Benefitting ABC PAC on Hole 7



ABC Leadership Institute 2024

Nov 12-14, 2024, Scottsdale, Arizona



ABC's Leadership Institute is a professional development program for chapter board of director chairs, chair-elects, and ABC member volunteer leaders as well as chapter presidents and staff seeking to elevate their business leadership skills. Congratulations to the Chairman of our Board, Greg Gutierrez of Truitt Corporation, who presented the Merit Moment at the ABC National Board Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ!

MEET OUR MEMBERS

CRAIG EVERETT, JTI ELECTRICAL & INSTRUMENTATION

Can you please introduce yourself, what company you work for, and what you do there?

"My name is Craig Everett, and I started at JTI Electric in early 2020. I am currently a state certified Journeyman Electrician."

What does your company do?

"JTI Electrical & Instrumentation, LLC has over 25 years of experience in engineered solutions for industrial, food & beverage, steel mill, mining, and oil & gas facilities. From electrical engineering & design, power distribution, mechanical design & fabrication, controls & automation, and UL508A panel fabrication - JTI is the turn-key solution to your automation challenges."

What led you to pursue a career in the construction industry?

"My cousin and brothers had worked in the electrical trade for years. Seeing the success in both their professional careers and personal lives made me also want that same success."

When and how did you first become involved with our ABC chapter?

"I first became involved at ABC in 2020 as part of their Electrician Training program. In April 2024, I successfully passed my CA state electrician exam. Knowing the educational benefits I gained while attending ABC, I wanted to give back to our trade and became a teacher at ABC for year 3 students."



What is your advice to new ABC Electrical Program students?

“Take your schooling seriously and learn the NEC. The schooling will get you to where you need to be in order to take your state exam and become a licensed electrician. Your dedication in the field and classroom will provide lifelong benefits to both you and your family, which I have seen and experienced.”



Photos Courtesy of JTI Electrical & Instrumentation, LLC



LEGISLATIVE LENS



Election Day 2024: Local Results at a Glance

ABC Central California saw promising outcomes for the 2024 General Election, with several of its endorsed candidates leading in their races. As of December 2nd, reported results reflect a positive trend for ABC-endorsed candidates, pending final outcomes. David Valadao took the lead against Rudy Salas in the race for Congressional District 22, with Valadao holding 53.4% of the votes and Salas with 46.6%. Congressional District 20 delivered expected results, with Vince Fong holding a

decisive lead of 65.1% over Mike Boudreaux (34.9%), who had previously withdrawn from the race and endorsed Congressman Fong. Despite efforts to rally voters behind Ken Weir for Assembly District 32, Fong was also victorious in this race, defeating Weir by an 18.2% lead. This outcome will trigger a special election expected to take place in June 2025.

ABC Central California chose not to take a stance in the race for Bakersfield City Council Ward 5 as all the candidates were deemed equally capable of serving the voters effectively. In the race for Bakersfield City Council Ward 2, Andrae Gonzalez led by nearly 20% over opponent Micheal Cardenas, with results showing an approximate 60/40 split. In the race for Bakersfield City Council Ward 5, Larry Koman, a city planning commissioner, maintained a steady lead with 43.65% of the vote, followed by Mike Madrigal at 39.03% and Kevin Oliver at 17.33%. Ward 6 winner Zack Bashirtash led with 35.67% of the votes, while runner up Imelda Ceja received 32.84%. In Supervisorial District 2, Chris Parlier secured the seat, leading the results with 31.77% against opponents Dale Cisneros (22.91%), Bernita Jenkins, Ben Dewell, Kelly Lee Carden, and Pete Graff. Supervisorial District 5, one of the closest races in Kern County, show a near 50/50 split with Kimberly Salas (49.79%) trailing against incumbent Leticia Perez (50.21%). Steve Rodrigue took the lead for the Kern High School District Board of Trustees Area 2 with 35.25% of votes, followed by Manuel Ramirez (26.12%), Otilia Curiel, and Ronnie Cruz.

SAFETY BULLETIN

Health and Safety Committee

A health and safety committee provides a forum for employees and management to work together to solve health and safety problems. An effective committee can help prevent injury and illness on the job; increase awareness of health and safety issues among employees, supervisors, and managers; and develop strategies to make the school environment safe and healthy.

Hazard Identification, Evaluation, and Control

- Review injury data, accident reports, and workers' compensation records.
- Conduct regular walkaround inspections to identify potential health and safety hazards.
- Establish or improve procedures for employees to report safety hazards or suggest improvements without fear of reprisal.

Information and Education

- Respond to concerns raised by employees and supervisors.
- Keep employees and supervisors informed about the committee's activities.

Committee Membership and Procedures

- Make sure there is representation of both employees and supervisors.
- Have employees or their union pick their own representatives.
- Make sure there are administrators on the committee who have the authority to make decisions.
- Choose members who will be active and productive team players. Both management and employee representatives should be fully committed to the committee's work.
- Make sure management and employee representatives share responsibility for setting agendas and goals, chairing meetings, and taking on specific tasks.
- Agree on guidelines for effective communication and mutual respect among committee members.
- Establish procedures for employees to report hazards or suggest safety improvements to the committee without fear of reprisal.

Resources Needed

- Send the agenda and other relevant committee information to committee members and other interested parties at least five days prior to the meeting.
- Review minutes from the last meeting and check on the status of any pending actions.
- Review any concerns and suggestions from employees or supervisors so they can be brought to the committee.

Running a Productive Meeting

- Start on time.
- Establish the ground rules: Ensure there is agreement on process. For example, will disagreements be resolved by formal votes?
- Seek approval of the agenda by participants. Revise if needed.
- Introduce new members and guests.
- Set clear time limits for discussion of agenda items.
- Review action items from the previous meeting.
- Keep good minutes of the meeting to document decisions made.
- Establish action items and responsibilities: Who, what, and when?
- Set the date, time, and place of the next meeting, and develop a preliminary agenda.
- Evaluate the meeting. Were expectations met? Was the agenda followed? Were problems resolved? Can future meetings be improved?
- Close the meeting on time and on a positive note.

Meeting Follow-up:

- Prepare the meeting minutes.
- Distribute and/or post the minutes.
- Follow up on action items and publicize your successes.

BE PART OF THE ACTION: SERVE ON AN ABC COMMITTEE!

Want to become more involved with our ABC Chapter? Join a committee! ABC Central California's committees are the voice of our association! Our committees provide a platform for member collaboration and innovation. Make a lasting impact on our chapter and join a committee today! **Contact the chapter office for more information and committee meeting schedules.**

Safety Committee

The Safety Committee aims to provide and promote proactive leadership regarding safety, health, and the environment. Responsible for planning and implementing quarterly safety workshops and keeping members up to date on safety regulations.

Membership Committee

The mission of the Membership Committee is to clearly demonstrate the value of Associated Builders and Contractors in order to grow and sustain a vibrant membership, assisting with member retention, recruitment, and engagement, including events.

Government Affairs Committee

The Government Affairs Committee seeks to advance the Merit Shop Philosophy in counties of interest to our members through political means and inform members of critical political issues that impact their freedom to work in a merit shop community.

Training Committee

The goal of the Training Committee is to evaluate, monitor, and improve all craft training programs, determine the needs of ABC members, and develop training programs in response to the demand of the membership.