

# WTS Sacramento Chapter e-NEWS

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## Message from the President

I am pleased to announce that WTS Sacramento is now accepting nominations for its **2010 Awards!** I hope you will take the time to nominate individuals, companies and projects that are deserving of recognition!



The Awards provide an opportunity to honor fellow members of our transportation community who have promoted diversity and innovation. We are accepting nominations for **WTS Member of the Year, Woman of the Year, Employer of the Year, the Diversity Leadership Award**, and the **Innovative Transportation Solutions Award**. For award criteria, nomination forms and submission instructions, click here for our [Call for Nominations \(pdf\)](#).

Nominations are due to Judy Matsui-Drury at [jmatsui@CH2M.com](mailto:jmatsui@CH2M.com) by 5:00pm on Friday, September 10. Awards will be presented at the **WTS Sacramento Annual Awards and Scholarship Dinner on Tuesday, December 14** at the Sheraton Grand Hotel. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Remember, you have until Friday to RSVP for our next lunch program on **Tuesday, August 24**. **Mike Luken**, the Port of West Sacramento Manager, will be providing a Port overview and discussing the **ARRA TIGER-funded Marine Highway Project**. [Register to attend by clicking here](#).

Below, read about our upcoming Professional Development Series and see our July Program recap.

Until next month,

Myriam Frausto  
WTS Sacramento Chapter President

## Professional Development Series

## August Program



**Tuesday,  
August 24, 2010**

**Mike Luken, Port of  
West Sacramento  
Manager**

[Click here for full  
program details and to  
RSVP!](#)

**Location:** SACOG  
Board Room

**Time:**  
11:30am - 1pm

**Cost:** Free for  
Members, \$15 for  
Non-Members

**RSVP by August 20**

## Advance Notice

**September  
Program:**  
Wednesday,  
September 15  
**Brian Williams,**  
Executive Director,

Don't forget WTS Sacramento's upcoming Professional Development Workshops! To RSVP, please contact Dave Lopez at [dlopez@markthomas.com](mailto:dlopez@markthomas.com).

All workshops will be held at the AECOM Sacramento office at 2020 L Street, Suite 300, from 6 - 8 pm. For a printable series flyer, please click on the Professional Development logo.



The dates and topics are:

**Leadership vs. Management**

Date: Thursday, August 26

Participants will evaluate the relationship between leadership and management, and discuss ways to maximize the effectiveness of both.

**Negotiating Skills: Fighting Fires without Burning Bridges**

Date: Thursday, September 9

Participants will learn how to effectively participate in decision-making, uncover mutual interests, and reach agreements using a non-combative approach.

**Giving Effective Presentations**

Date: Tuesday, September 14

Participants will explore and discuss methods, strategies and tactics for successful presentation development and delivery.

**Cost:**

WTS Members: \$20/session, or \$45 for the series

Non-Members: \$35/session, or \$90 for the series

Please note that no-shows will be charged.

## July Program Recap: Bimla Rhinehart

On Tuesday, July 27, WTS Sacramento's monthly lunch program featured the California Transportation Commission's Executive Director, Bimla Rhinehart. Her topic was "CTC Priorities and Challenges."

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**October Program:**

Wednesday,  
October 20

**Mike McKeever**,  
Executive Director,  
Sacramento Area  
Council of  
Governments

**Annual Awards &  
Scholarship Dinner**

Tuesday,  
December 14  
*Sheraton Grand Hotel*

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Ms. Rhinehart opened her presentation by providing some background information about the Commission. The CTC was established in 1978 to consolidate into one board the responsibilities of four independent entities: The California Highway Commission, the State Transportation Board, the State Aeronautics Board, and the California Toll Bridge Authority. The Commission consists of 11 voting members - nine of which are appointed by the Governor and the other two by the Senate Rules Committee and Speaker of the Assembly. Many of the commissioners are developers and businessmen and women with tremendous experience.

The Commission is responsible for the programming and allocation of funds for transportation improvements in California, including the 5-year State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the 4-year State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), and the one-time programs established through Proposition 1B and the Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). Ms. Rhinehart explained how most transportation projects are now funded through multiple sources, making for very complicated accounting.



In addition to cobbling together funding sources, the Commission assists the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing with evaluating transportation



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policies and plans. The Commission also publishes an annual report and is working on compiling a comprehensive transportation needs assessment for the entire state.

Thank you, Bimla, for an informative presentation on the efforts of the Commission to help preserve, protect, and grow our state's transportation systems! And thank you for your continued support of WTS!



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