Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The outlook for 2018 is looking to mirror 2017 once we get through this rain and snow period. Downtown Sacramento will continue to be a hotbed of construction activity. Pipelayers are at a premium, striping contractors are looking for more hands with Class A Licenses and every other week it seems we’re doing pre-jobs for PG&E Projects. The SB 1 (gas tax) funding will be kicking in by April and May and these road and bridge projects will be springing up throughout California.

Local 185 members need to be ready to go to work when called. If you accept a dispatch to a contractor, it’s your responsibility to get to work. By not showing up, it only gives the contractor ammunition to have another craft do our work. Virtually all our signatory contractors drug test and by not complying with a contractor’s drug policy, or not showing up after you were dispatched, it hurts your reputation and Local 185’s. We need you on these projects. With the work forecast for 2018, our Representatives need your “Eyes and Ears” on these projects to protect our jurisdiction with phone calls to our office. As diverse as the Laborers jurisdiction is, we are being attacked by most of the crafts in the Building Trades. To protect our work, we must be at every pre-job meeting, every mark-up meeting and every pre-bid meeting, otherwise we will lose the work.

One sure way to protect our work is to be the best trained work force anywhere. Sign up at the Hall for certifications, re-certifications and Class A Licenses. All are necessary if we’re to maintain our high standards with contractors. We do most Saturday and Sunday training at 185 so you won’t be losing work Monday through Friday. Take advantage of this.

From the Desk of Doyle S. Radford, Sr. Business Manager

Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas,

El pronóstico para el 2018 parece reflejar el 2017, una vez que pasemos por este periodo de lluvia y nieve. El centro de Sacramento continuará siendo un hervidero de actividad de construcción. Los colocadores de tuberías escasean, los contratistas de las compañías encargadas de pintar las líneas de tránsito están buscando más gente con licencias Clase A, y parece que semana por medio estamos haciendo pre-trabajos para proyectos de PG&E. La financiación de SB 1 (impuesto al gas) estará entrando en efecto en abril y mayo, y estos proyectos de calles y puentes estarán brotando por todo el estado de California.

Los miembros de Local 185 deben estar listos para ir a trabajar cuando sean llamados. Si usted acepta un despacho a un contratista, es su responsabilidad llegar al trabajo. Al no asistir, simplemente le da al contratista la munición para que otro oficio haga nuestro trabajo. Prácticamente todos nuestros contratistas signatarios requieren pruebas de detección de...
training and make sure your certifications are up to date.

The primary election will be coming up in June and if you have not registered to vote, please fill out the registration card at the Hall. Absentee Ballots will be going out the first week in May and it makes it easy to vote at home. Recommendations by the Local are included in this newsletter so take stock in Local 185’s recommendations and vote your pocket book, not social issues.

In closing, this Administration is Very Proud of the hard working Brothers and Sisters that make up this great Local. You have every right to believe this Local is the Best because of it’s well trained and hard working membership.

By bringing new members in through our Apprenticeship or signing a new contractor to our Master Agreement, this Local will continue to grow and prosper because of it’s members satisfying the needs of our Contractors.

God Bless the Local 185 members and their families.

Doyle S. Radford, Sr.
Business Manager

PS – Get further information from our Website: www.laborerslocal185.org

Doyle S. Radford, Sr.
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estupefacientes, y al no cumplir con la póliza de estupefacientes de un contratista, o al no asistir luego de ser despachado, se ve afectada su reputación y la de Local 185. Lo necesitamos a usted en estos proyectos. Con el pronóstico laboral para 2018, nuestros Representantes necesitan que usted tenga sus “Oídos y Ojos” en estos proyectos, para proteger a nuestra jurisdicción con llamados telefónicos a nuestra oficina. Aunque es muy diversa la jurisdicción de los trabajadores, estamos siendo atacados por la mayoría de las profesiones de los Oficios de Construcción. Para proteger nuestro trabajo, debemos estar en cada reunión de pre-trabajo, cada reunión de propuesta, y cada reunión de pre-oferta, o perderemos el trabajo.

Una manera segura de proteger nuestro trabajo es tener la fuerza laboral con la mejor capacitación de todas. Inscríbase en la oficina para certificaciones, re-certificaciones, y licencias Clase A; todas son necesarias si vamos a mantener nuestros altos estándares con los contratistas. En 185 hacemos más que nada capacitación de sábado y domingo, así que usted no estará perdiendo trabajo de lunes a viernes. Aproveche estas capacitaciones y asegúrese que sus certificaciones estén al día.

Las elecciones primarias se llevarán a cabo en junio y si usted no se ha registrado para votar, por favor complete la tarjeta de registración en la oficina. Las papeletas de voto por correo se enviarán la primera semana de mayo, y hacen que sea fácil votar desde casa. Se incluyen recomendaciones del Local en este boletín informativo, así que evalúe las recomendaciones de Local 185 y vote por su bolsillo, no los temas sociales.

Para concluir, esta administración está muy orgullosa de los hermanos y hermanas trabajadores que conforman este gran Local. Ustedes tienen todo el derecho de creer que este Local...
Brothers and Sisters,

Another good year is coming our way. Be prepared to work long hours, keep hydrated and get your rest. Keep your certifications up to date, they will be necessary for you to stay on the job. For you Journeymen, take our Apprentices under your wing and teach them as much as you can. Remember, they are our future and the ones that will keep our pensions going. And, for you Apprentices, learn as much as you can and climb the ladder so you can run jobs in the future. Follow all the rules and if you have any questions, call your Apprentice Coordinator, or us, your Representatives, we are here to help you.

We have many Union functions throughout the year. Check your calendar! We hope to see you at our events.

Remember, United We Are Stronger!

Be Safe and take care,

Armando Calzada
Secretary-Treasurer

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

The 2018 Season is getting underway. Be prepared to work long hours, including weekends. For those of you who are not working weekends, we encourage you to take advantage of the training and certifications that we have set up for you all at the Sacramento office. Laborers have picked up some new and exciting work in this ever-evolving market. It is important that you remain open to these new markets. The training and certifications is a huge part of us being able to claim this work. The Apprentices and many of our newer members have really grabbed ahold of this concept. You continue to make us proud. Our future is really looking bright. It is important that you experienced Journeyman and General Foreman mentor these individuals more. There is a saying that many of you have heard. “We can only keep what we have by giving it away”. The years of experience you veteran Laborers have is indispensable. When you decide it’s time to retire, we need the next generation to carry the torch. That way, you can go fishing, golfing, or simply sleep in, knowing that your retirement is safe and secure.

Fraternally,

Doyle S. Radford, Jr.
Business Representative

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The need for skilled Laborers with all the certifications is here and it’s going to make the difference when we dispatch you, if you don’t have the certifications on file, we will not be calling you. The days of calling just for a general laborer are long gone, contractors call for a general laborer with first aid CPR, forklift, scissor lift, JLG or any other certification they want the laborer to have. Take advantage of the classes here at the Union Hall or at the Training Center in San Ramon.

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Greetings,

Welcome Brothers and Sisters to the 2018 season. I cover Yuba, Butte, Sutter, Colusa and Glenn counties. The last few rains have delayed the start but buckle your boots up, because here we go! Also, a big welcome to our new members, journeymen and apprentices, we had at least 1,000 new hires and that number keeps increasing. The Local 185 leadership welcomes you and wants you to enjoy a good wage, two, count them, two pensions, great health benefits and vacation pay, along with a voice on the job site. Make sure, if you ever get the chance, to thank the retirees and the past administrations for all the hard work they have done to create this.

The Business Manager and his team will go to any length to get you trained to get you on the job and stay on the job. We put on training almost every weekend at the 185 Sacramento Hall and I am absolutely sure if Doyle had an 8th day in the week, we would have some sort of training class at 185. Just last Saturday, we had to open the lobby for a classroom because 3 of the classes were already scheduled. These are contractor driven classes with PG&E OQ certs, pipe fusion, coating, signaling and rigging, high scaling, etc., so the door is open for success. But, YOU have got to put the work in.

As for the work picture, obviously we have Kiewit up at the dam with 60% of the work yet to be done. We also have Neil’s Controlled Blasting, Penhall and Syblon Reid up there. Another nice project is the $70 million 5th Street Bridge connecting Yuba City and Marysville. Up in Chico we have DPR that was just awarded the $100 million Science Building at Chico State. Up HWY 70, in the little town of Belding, Stewart Engineering picked up a little bridge job. If you go further up HWY 70, Viking has got a couple of jobs going too. We also have West Valley and All-American Construction working throughout the mid-Valley area and Granite Construction in Strawberry Valley. As for the PG&E work, we have ARB, Barnard Pipeline, 3B Enterprises, Underground Construction and Teichert Pipelines who all have another full season of work in the 6 counties. If you have a decent License without any DUI’s, the striping companies are always looking for good hands: Chrisp, Central Striping, Centerline Striping, Sierra Traffic Markings. And, of course, the flagging industry is clearly booming so, the same thing, clean DMV and no DUI’s.

Job Issues – If you have any issues on the job, please call a Business Agent that covers that area ASAP. Do Not wait, we only have 10 days to file a grievance. If you are not getting your breaks or lunches, please don’t wait until you quit or get laid off because it is a much tougher case as each day goes by. Also remember, if you don’t feel comfortable signing anything the contractor gives you as in taking breaks or safety issues, do not sign them, talk to your Agent.

Remember, going home to your family in one piece should be your 1st priority.

Dignity as a Local 185 Laborer - Remember as a Laborer from Local 185, we expect you to show respect on and off the job site, and that means when you call or come in to the Local 185 office and talk to our Office Manager Susan and her awesome staff, Sarah, Bridget, Tanya and Ariana. Whether you think you are right or wrong, please show some respect. If you have to chew on anybody about any issue, please choose to bark at one of the Agents or Doyle, that’s what we are here for. And remember, forgiveness is a strength.

Stay Positive, Stay Humble, Stay Fit,

John Flem

Gary Sharette

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

It’s going to be a busy season for El Dorado, Amador and Alpine counties:

Security Paving, Stewart Engineering and Q & D Construction all have work in the Tahoe basin.

Shimmick Construction, Teichert Construction, Marques Pipeline and Goodfellow Top Grade all have work and are looking for laborers.

We will be attending a Job Fair in South Lake Tahoe on May 17, 2018 from 2-6 pm at Harvey’s Casino. We are looking for people with experience and apprentices. So, if you know anyone, send them our way.

Have You Informed the Local Union of Your Retirement Status?
Check your certifications and make sure they are up to date. We have classes almost every weekend in the Sacramento office. Just call the Sacramento Hall and we can put your name on the list for the class you need.

Have a prosperous Season and be well.

Sincerely,

Juan C. McKnight
Business Representative

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we are preparing to roll into the 2018 work season in the Northern California counties of Shasta, Trinity, Tehama, Siskiyou, Modoc and Lassen that is covered by the Redding Hall, it is going to be a busy season. We already kicked the season off with some of the following jobs. J.F. Shea has started off with the Klamath River bridge outside Yreka, another bridge is at the Weed airport exit. J.F. Shea has been awarded the Southbound I-5 $97,000,000 paving project from Mt Shasta to Lakehead. Tullis is working on Hwy 36 East in Red Bluff doing curb sidewalk and gutters, Tullis also has the I-5 repairs from Red Bluff to Corning, both jobs are majority night work. Tullis will be starting the Hwy 44 overpass between I-5 and Palo Cedro soon. Steelhead Construction was awarded a bridge project on Hwy 89 by McCloud. GSB will be continuing with the Shasta Viaduct bridge hopefully soon. Overaa Construction is working on the Shasta Lake City waste water treatment plant. Central Striping will be restriping new industry regulation stripes starting with I-5 Oregon down to Red Bluff. There are other projects that are in the forecast, it will be a busy year!

Look at your certifications make sure they are up to date! Get the training you need so you are qualified for these upcoming jobs. We’ve had a lot of training classes thru the winter that had extra space. Check with the hall to find out when the upcoming classes are so you can be qualified to take that next job dispatch. Update your Q cards and be ready to go out to those upcoming jobs. Remember that dispatch is from 6:30 am to 9:00 am. Be by your phone and ready to go to work, if you are on the out of work list. Mark your calendars for Roll Call. Roll Call is the 1st Thursday of every month between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

SB1 Gas tax creates a lot of good jobs for our members. This is monies designated to transportation projects, which in turn is jobs for our members. “DON’T SIGN THE REPEAL SB1 PETITION IN FRONT OF THE STORES!” We need these jobs in the North state.

In Closing, office hours are from 6:30 am – 9:00 am M – F in the Redding office. If you are planning to stop by, I advise you to call first. You can still use the Redding phone number (530) 221-0961 if no one is available, it will transfer to the Sacramento office after 3 rings. Work safe and stay hydrated! It is going to be hot soon so drink lots of water.

Warm regards,

John Vance
2018 Political Recommendations

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICES:

GOVERNOR
Gavin Newsom

ATTORNEY GENERAL
Xavier Becerra

SECRETARY OF STATE
Alex Padilla

LT. GOVERNOR
OPEN

STATE CONTROLLER
Betty Yee

STATE TREASURER
Fiona Ma

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
Ricardo Lara

SUPERINTENDENT PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
Tony Thurmond

U.S. SENATE
Kevin De Leon

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION - 2
Malia Cohen

COUNTIES:

Placer County
Measure E – Yes
County Supervisor District 1 – Jack Duran

Nevada County
County Supervisor District 3 – Hilary Hodge
Sheriff – Bill Smethers

Sacramento County
City of Sacramento District 1 – Angelique Ashby
City of Sacramento District 5 – Jay Schenirer
City of Sacramento District 7 – Rick Jennings
Sheriff – Milo Fitch
Twin Rivers USD Area 6 – Roger Westrup

Yuba County
County Supervisor District 1 – Andy Vasquez
County Supervisor District 5 – Randy Fletcher

CA CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES:

CA Congressional Candidates:
John Garamendi – District 3
Doris Matsui – District 6
Dr. Ami Bera – District 7

District 2 – Mike McGuire

CA Assembly Candidates:
District 1 – Brian Dahle
District 2 – Jim Wood
District 4 – Cecilia Aguilar-Curry
District 5 – Frank Bigelow
District 7 – Kevin McCarty
District 8 – Ken Cooley
District 9 – Jim Cooper
District 10 – Marc Levine
District 11 – Jim Frazier, Jr.

CA Senate Candidates:
District 6 – Dr. Richard Pan

PROPOSITIONS:
Proposition 68 – YES
Proposition 69 – YES
Proposition 70 – Open
Proposition 71 – YES
Proposition 72 – YES
Nov 6, 2018 Statewide Ballot Measure SB 3 – YES
The Organizing Department at Local 185 has been recruiting for the Local and our signatory contractors. We are trying to stay ahead of the work load supplying quality Laborers to our partner signatory contractors. Our first recruiting event of the year was in Oroville. This event was put on by Laborers Local 185. We had 16 of our signatory contractors join us for the recruiting event along with our Apprenticeship, the Trust Fund and the Foundation for Fair Contracting. It was a great event, we had almost 400 people come out to see us and there were a lot of quality workers in attendance.

We just had our second recruiting event that Laborers Local 185 hosted in Redding. There we had 12 signatory contractors join us for the event, with the Apprenticeship and Trust Fund. Another quality recruiting event with almost 100 people showing up interested in joining the Laborers.

Thank you,

Organizing Department
Sean Radford
Maggie Campbell
Upcoming Picnics — Please Save the Date

Sacramento Area – Gibson Ranch – 8556 Gibson Ranch Park Road, Elverta

May 12th – 11 am

Mid-Valley Area – Durham Park – 1847 Durham Dayton HWY, Durham

June 2nd – 11 am

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We are utilizing our website more and more. You now have ONLINE DUES PAYMENTS available. You can check the calendar for upcoming events, see photos from past picnics, breakfasts, luncheons, training and jobs. Very Soon you will be able to change your Qualification Card online. On the toolbar on top, hover over Member Information and you will have a drop down list with many options. Check It Out!