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April Legislative Summary: Blocking CARB, Addressing Cargo Theft

CTA's advocacy team remains fully engaged at the State Capitol, working every day to protect our members' businesses, reduce regulatory burdens, and ensuring the trucking industry has a strong and effective voice in California policymaking.

Here's a snapshot of the key wins and progress they have accomplished so far this year:

- Stopped harmful legislation that would have expanded CARB's regulatory authority with no oversight and increased costs for trucking businesses
- Leading opposition with a statewide coalition pushing back on indirect source rule legislation that would grant CARB new authority
- Actively opposing the Governor's Sustainable Aviation Fuel tax proposal to protect transportation funding and prevent diesel fuel price increases
- Protecting commercial vehicle operators by exempting existing loading and unloading zones from local automated curb management fees and penalties
- Supporting legislation strengthening enforcement against cargo theft

The advocacy team remains focused on one thing: protecting your business and ensuring your voice is heard at the Capitol, and your membership makes this work possible.



Greg Dubuque: SoCal News Celebrity

Last week CTA Board member **Greg Dubuque** shared his thoughts and some difficult truths on Southern California diesel prices with an **LA Times** reporter. And that landed him [on the front page](#) of the paper on Friday!

The article is available [here](#), and hopefully Greg's voice on this cost crisis is a wakeup call for folks not familiar with trucking and its role in the American economy.

Truckers grapple with record diesel prices

By Nilesh Christopher

Record diesel prices are crushing California's truckers, forcing them to adjust to avoid losses as they grapple with the most expensive pump prices in the country. Greg Dubuque's 40 drivers are in a constant diesel-devouring loop. Their big rigs pick up loads of electronics, office furniture and other goods in and around Los Angeles. They drive close to 1,000 miles through the Mojave Desert and over the Rocky Mountains to Denver. They bring back containers full of everything from pinto beans to home remodeling materials.



GINA PERAZZI Los Angeles Times
GREG DUBUQUE, a third-generation trucker who manages 40 drivers, is feeling the pain of fuel prices.

One tank of gas for his vehicles cost \$600 a couple of months ago. Today it costs \$1,000. That's a record high and more than 35% above the country's average. "California sets itself apart from the rest of the country when it comes to pricing," said Dubuque, a third-generation trucker and general manager of Liberty Linehaul West. "Now it's really out of control." The average price of a gallon of diesel in California got close to \$7.5 this week, up 50% from a month ago, according to the American Automobile Assn. The national average of diesel is closer to \$5.65 at recent peaks. The trucking industry [See Truckers, A1]

With average California diesel fuel prices rocketing to around \$7.75 a gallon in recent days, media interest on this topic has been high but the general public is just beginning to understand the added costs for delivery of goods translates to a bottom line for consumers at the cash register.

Asm. Ransom Visits JSG Trucking

On Friday, [Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom](#) joined the CTA staff for a tour of [JSG Trucking Co.](#) in Acampo, led by [Rachel Crusenberry](#) and [Derek Crusenberry](#).



Discussions focused on supply chain challenges, and opportunities to support the industry.

Assemblymember Ransom represents the 13th Assembly District, covering parts of San Joaquin County, including the cities of Stockton and Tracy. She is also a member of the Assembly Transportation Committee.

We appreciate the JSG Trucking team for hosting and sharing their expertise.

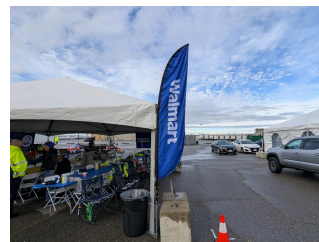
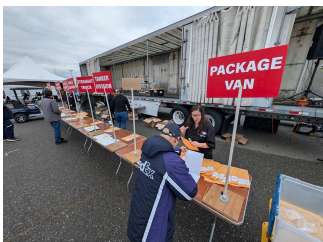


Stormy Skies Visit TDC26 North

The weekend's northern regional event for the **2026 CTA Truck Driving Championships (TDC26)** was wet and windy. It also came to an abrupt stop as Mother Nature had her say with a torrential downpour.

But that didn't stop our nearly-300 competitors from demonstrating their expertise, skill, and professionalism at FedEx Freight's West Sacramento Yard.

We've posted our Northern California scores [here](#) on [Caltrux.org](#), with the the top-three scoring drivers in each category headed to our state competition **April 26th at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia.**





TDC26's Southern Regionals are set for **Saturday, April 25** and **State Finals** are the **following day**. All TDC26 events are open and free to the public, so bring your family and friends! We had a great cheering session despite the weather in West Sac and look forward to the same down south.

We're still looking for volunteers to help us staff our Southern California event, so if you're interested in some fun in the sun, a snazzy t-shirt, and the undying appreciation of an entire region of truck drivers, click the link below to sign up.

[Volunteer at TDC South](#)

February ELD Removals Now Not Useable

Back on February 12, FMCSA removed the following devices from the list of registered ELDs due to the ELD providers' failure to meet minimum requirements.

The period for motor carriers to update to a new ELD ended Tuesday, **April 14**. This means that:

- Drivers may not use the ELDs listed above.
- Drivers who previously used the ELDs listed above, and who are subject to the ELD rule, may not use paper logs.

ELD Name	Model Number	ELD Identifier	ELD Provider
GTS ELD	213W01	GTS18A	Global Telecommunication Services, Inc.
UTRUCKIN	PT30	UTRUCK	UTRUCKIN INC
ELD365 ELOG	ELD365 (f/k/a ELOG365)	ELD365	ELD365
IRONMAN ELD	IRON300	IRM881	IRONMAN ELD
FACTOR ELD	FACTORELD1	FRELD1	HOST ELD LLC (f/k/a FACTOR ELD)
AirELD	Android & Xirgo 6300 Series	ARELD1	Aireld Technologies
Air ELD	iOS & Xirgo 6300 Series	ARELD2	Aireld Technologies
AirELD	Android & PT30	ARELD3	Aireld Technologies
AirELD	iOS & PT30	ARELD4	Aireld Technologies

FMCSA Issues Waiver to Ease Transition to Electronic Med Certs



The **Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)** issued a temporary exemption allowing interstate commercial driver's license (CDL) holders, commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders, and motor carriers to continue relying on a paper copy of the medical examiner's certificate as proof of a driver's medical certification for up to 60 days after the date the medical examiner's certificate is issued.

The exemption is in effect now through October 11, 2026. The full contents of the exemption can be found [here](#).

This action further supports drivers and carriers as State Driver's Licensing Agencies and certified medical examiners continue to transition to the secure electronic transmission of medical certification data required under the **National Registry II (NRII)** final rule.

FMCSA also recommends that certified medical examiners continue issuing paper medical examiner's certificates (Form MCSA-5876) to drivers, in addition to submitting examination results electronically, until further notice.

For more information and resources related to NRII, visit the [FMCSA NRII Learning Center](#).

Next Week's LA/Orange County Unit Meeting: Freight Plans for 2028 Olympics

The **Olympic Games** are coming to Southern California the summer of 2028, and large-scale event planning is already well underway.

LA28, the **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)**, and **Caltrans** are assessing potential impacts on the goods movement industry, including truck routes, security perimeters, the **Games Route Network**, and delivery operations during the event.



Join **CTA's LA/Orange Unit** this Monday to understand plans, processes, route changes, and restrictions being set in place to ensure smooth and orderly operation.

This event is a must attend for any trucking company, port and rail logistics providers, or warehousing operation.

Representatives from LA28, SCAG, and Caltrans District 7 will share key information for logistics providers across the region, with all three agencies gathering feedback from stakeholders on how best to manage goods movement disruptions during this major event.

**This Monday, April 20
11:30 - 1:30**

**LA Food Bank
2300 Pellissier Place
City of Industry**

Lunch will be served
\$25 Members
\$35 Non-Members

[Click Here to Register](#)

For more information, please contact
Chris McNatt at cmcnatt@scopelitis.com

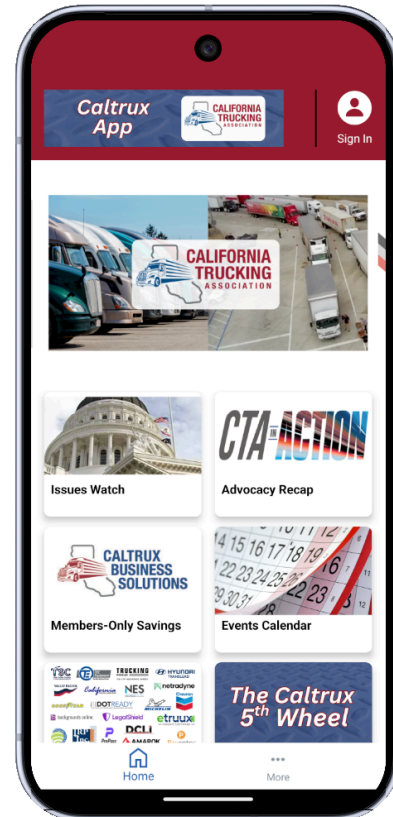
CaltruxApp: The Power of CTA in Your Phone

If you missed it last week - we have an exciting new way for CTA members to access valuable membership benefits online.

Introducing **CaltruxApp**, a flexible digital tool that both simplifies what's available on your mobile phone or tablet AND enhances how our members can find information simply, conveniently, and on the go.

CaltruxApp provides easy, handheld access to information on membership benefits, education opportunities, advocacy campaigns, and upcoming events. Features within the app include:

- Directories - Explore lists of member businesses, individuals, and organizations.
- Deals - Find member-only pricing via Caltrux Business Solutions and CTA's Circle Club Partners.
- Calendar - Get a look ahead on events at both the state and regional level.
- Messaging - Send one-to-one and group messages.
- Events - View information and materials related to events you're attending.
- Archives - Check out previous CTA email alerts, Caltrux Magazine, and Caltrux 5th Wheel issues.



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Summer Board & Policy Meetings are Coming

Join us **Wednesday, June 17 & Thursday, June 18** to join our Board and staff for the **CTA Summer Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings**.

Meetings open to all members will begin at 1:30 Wednesday, June 17 at **TEC Equipment in Fontana**.



[View the Agenda & Register Now](#)

Driver of the Month/Driver of the Year Nominations Now Open

Every year, the CTA honors our state's best truck drivers by naming them **Driver of the Month (DOM)**.

A company with a current CTA membership in good standing may enter California domiciled drivers with no limit on the number of entries. There is no application fee; however, the member company will be charged \$125 if the driver is selected for an award.

The program culminates each November with a pair of banquets - one in the North, the other in the South - where each winner is awarded a plaque and recognized for their outstanding service. The night is also filled with great excitement and anticipation as the Driver of the Year honor is revealed for the first time and bestowed upon the unknowing recipient.

For more information on the program and sponsorship opportunities, click the button below, contact us at (916) 373-3528 or at events@caltrux.org.



[DOM/DOY Nomination Form](#)



Nominations for CVSA's International Driver Excellence Award Open

The **Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA)** is now accepting nominations for its **International Driver Excellence Award (IDEA)**, an annual award that recognizes an extraordinary professional commercial motor vehicle driver and their commitment to public safety.

Nominees for this award must be individuals who have gone above and beyond the performance of their duties as a commercial motor vehicle driver, distinguishing themselves conspicuously and beyond the call of duty through the achievement of safe operation and compliance carried out with evident distinction for an extended period of time.

The nominated individual must be of personal character beyond reproach with no disqualifying past behavior as indicated in the award criteria.

For more details and entry information, [click here](#).

The deadline for nominations is Friday, May 8.

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ATRI Seeks your Input in Pair of Surveys

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is asking for-hire motor carriers to participate in a pair of surveys designed to help better understand trucking operations and data-driven performance metrics.

The first data collection is part of a study – **Capitalizing on Telematics** – that was identified by **ATRI's Research Advisory Committee (RAC)** in 2025 as a top priority. The research seeks to document current industry best practices, and assess emerging capabilities and different uses of telematics data by trucking fleets.



The ATRI telematics survey will remain open through **this Friday, April 17.**

The second survey is for **ATRI's Operational Costs of Trucking** report. This annual research is trusted by thousands of industry decisionmakers every year as a key barometer of freight market conditions and is the leading public benchmarking tool for motor carriers of all sectors, from owner-operators to 10,000+ truck fleets.

The ATRI operations survey will remain open through **Friday, April 24.**

[Click for the Telematics Survey](#)

[Click for the Operations Survey](#)



EVENING COMMUNITY MEETING

Tuesday, April 21, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Clean Transportation Incentives for a Cleaner California

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** hosts monthly community meetings to provide updates on clean transportation and mobility programs, incentives, and regulations.

This Month's Topics:

- Charging infrastructure for clean heavy-duty vehicles and fleets
- Shaping CARB's Air Quality Improvement Program Funding Plan
- Reducing burdens or harm from climate projects in your community
- New construction emissions-reduction tool

If these topics are relevant to your community, please share this notice with your network.

Tuesday, April 21
5:00 - 7:00

[Register Now!](#)

Zero-Emissions Showcase + Ride & Drive Event - San Diego

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** and **CALSTART** are sponsoring a free **Zero-Emission Truck and Off-Road Equipment Showcase + Ride & Drive** event.

Test drive zero-emission medium and heavy-duty commercial trucks and off-road equipment. Become familiar with the various zero-emission technologies.



Past Ride and Drive events have featured over 70 Class 2b-8 trucks, buses, vans, and off-road equipment. Receive information on incentive opportunities and the Cal Fleet Advisor technical assistance program.

CARB staff will be available to answer questions on programs including Advanced Clean Fleets applicable to state and local government fleets, Clean Truck Check, and Off-Road Diesel, among others.

Wednesday, April 29
9:00 - 3:00

Pechanga Arena
500 Sports Arena Blvd.
San Diego

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GOLF TOURNAMENTS

2026 Central Valley Unit Richard Aranas Memorial Golf Tournament

Enjoy unique-to-the-Central Valley champion Bermuda greens that provide a short-game experience unlike any other.

Fresno's Belmont GC is well-maintained, narrow and well guarded, with medium size greens, menacing bunkers and lots of trees. It's a good test of decision making, iron play and your short game.



Monday, April 27
9:45am - 6:30

Belmont Golf & Country Club
8253 East Belmont Ave.

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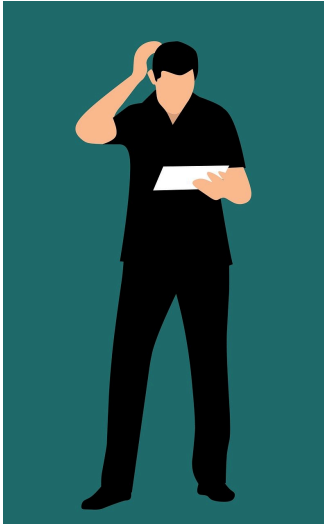
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Remember to use the "Help Desk Online Contact Form" when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

The CTA Help Desk Online Contact Form is an exclusive member benefit designed to help with assisting various questions including:

- Driver qualification rules
- Drug testing questions
- Federal and California motor carrier safety regulations
- Log book/Hours-of-service regulations
- Vehicle load & securement rules
- Environmental regulations
- Hazardous materials regulations

Visit www.caltrux.org/compliance-help-desk/, or email helpdesk@caltrux.org.



Please be sure to include as much detail and information as possible. CTA's Government Affairs team will do their best to get back to you in timely manner.

[Contact the Help Desk](#)

DRIVER SAFETY EDUCATION

Brush Up on Safety Issues With TREDS

CTA is partnered with UC San Diego's [Transportation Research and Education for Driving Safety Center \(TREDS\)](#) to prevent crash-related morbidity and mortality by improving safe driving behaviors.

TREDS offers two courses aimed at preventing commercial motor vehicle-involved crashes from distracted and substance-impaired driving. They partner with the CTA to make courses available to the commercial motor vehicle industry.

Courses are approximately 60-minutes in length and available in both English and Spanish.



Courses focus on distraction related to the use of cell phones and electronic devices and...

- Scope of the problem
- Risk & consequences
- Rules & regulations
- Distracted, fatigued & drowsy driving
- Work zone safety



Courses focus on substances most commonly reported to the FMCSA Drug & Alcohol Clearinghouse and...

- Scope of the problem
- Contributing factors
- Risks & consequences
- Laws & testing procedures
- Strategies to drive-drug free

[Learn More](#)

EVENT CALENDAR

[April 20: Los Angeles/Orange Unit Meeting - LA28 SCAG Presentation](#)

[April 25 & 26: Southern California Truck Driving Championship & State Finals](#)

[April 27: Central Valley Unit Richard Aranas Memorial Golf Tournament](#)

[May 12 & 13: 2026 Call on Washington](#)

[May 21: Kern Unit Golf Tournament](#)

[June 1: San Joaquin Unit Joe Kent Memorial Golf Tournament](#)

[June 2: Summer 2026 Government Affairs Update](#)

[June 11: San Bernardino/Riverside Unit Arthur F. Thompson Mem. Golf Tournament](#)

[June 17 & 18: 2026 CTA June Board of Directors & Policy Committee Meetings](#)

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