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WEEKLY NEWS & INFORMATION FROM THE CALIFORNIA TRUCKING ASSOCIATION



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CTA Board of Directors Elects Tim Pollock as 2025 President

On September 25th, the **California Trucking Association's (CTA) Board of Directors** voted to elect **Tim Pollock** as President of the Association for the duration of 2025.

Beginning in July, Mr. Pollock served as the Interim President until the Board of Directors formally approved the CTA Nominating Committee's recommendation last week.

President Pollock is based in Ontario where he is President and a Partner of **JG Haddy Sales Co. Inc, CPS Express, and Coast Transportation & Warehousing Inc.**

He comes to this new position well-prepared, with more than a quarter-century of experience in trucking management, operations, and executive roles in California and Arizona.

Mr. Pollock and his wife Kim reside in Rancho Cucamonga and have two teenage daughters.

New Logo, New Colors: Here's the New Look for CTA

It's red, white, and blue (and little gray) and it calls back to a storied Association past, while looking to a promising future. CTA's new logo - the product of seven months of member and staff participation - is finally here!



Back in February, CTA staff convened a task force consisting of **Derek Crusenberry, Yvonne Sams, Katie Griley, Pete Amundson, and Tristan Bordallo**. The working group was rounded out with past President **Robert Loya**, and CTA staffers **Eric Sauer, Jeneca Torres, and Matt Bryant**. We thank all those involved for their generosity of time and candid input.

Through the spring and early summer, the group deliberated through several rounds of design and in the end received input from CTA's Officer's Council to arrive at what you now see.

The logo is now in use for all new communications, on the Caltrux.org website and social media, and is being distributed to CTA's units for their use in future regional and local branding.



New Name, New Day: The Caltrux 5th Wheel Now Arrives Wednesdays

You may notice a slight adjustment to this newsletter. Beginning next week, you'll also have a new day to watch for it in your email inbox.

To consolidate the CTA's branding of news and information publications, we've renamed the 5th Wheel **The Caltrux 5th Wheel**. This reflects the history of the weekly mail newsletter that predates the current Caltrux quarterly magazine. CTA members for years have trusted the Caltrux brand for the latest information on the Association's fight for the trucking and transport industry. This small adjustment reflects our organization's heritage and identity.

More notable perhaps is a scheduling change beginning next week that will land each weekly issue in your email inbox on **Wednesday mornings instead of the current Tuesdays**. This change is in response to the tendency of the **American Trucking Associations (ATA)** to release its weekly information on Tuesdays - right after our weekly newsletter was emailed to members. It's hoped this adjustment will allow us to cover national industry news in a more timely manner.

Register Now for the Fall Executive & Policy Committee Meetings

CTA welcomes you to participate in our Fall Executive and Policy Committee meetings, to be **held virtually via Zoom on Tuesday, October 14th, and Wednesday, October 15th**.



Join us for impactful discussions about our Association and hear updates on this year's legislative session and top industry issues.

Visit the [CTA website](#) to view the meeting schedule and register for one, some, or all of the committee meetings.

Click the [link here](#) or the button below to register. We hope to see you all there!



Calling All Prospective Leaders: 2026 Unit Elections

Interested in stepping into a leadership role within the California Trucking Association? Across 11 local units, CTA's leaders influence policy, shape positions on issues, and provide input on the Association's overall goals, strategy, and finances.

Any member, carrier or allied, can contribute, and you don't have to be nominated by another member. You simply need to **express your interest no later than this week**, and you will be considered for the opportunity.

Help advance our profession and build a stronger unit by getting involved with CTA! Open positions include Unit Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary. Please contact your current Unit Chair from the list below to hear a first-hand opinion on the time commitment.

If you're interested in volunteering with your local unit, click on the contacts below.

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CARB Moves to Repeal the High Priority and Drayage Fleet Requirements of ACF

On Thursday, the **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** approved the adoption of a resolution formally repealing the **High Priority and Drayage Fleet requirements** of the Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) rule from the California Code of Regulations.

This marks the beginning of the CARB Board to formally remove the ZEV requirements for private fleets from state law, which CTA expects the agency to formalize sometime next year.

In 2024, CTA was the first to file litigation on CARB's ACF regulation. That litigation, in turn, enabled us to secure a stay of enforcement. Then in April of this year CTA negotiated a repeal of the ACF rule as part of an agreement reached in response to our litigation.

CTA remains committed and steadfast to protect the interest of our members as a one-size-fits-all ZEV rule does not meet the diverse needs of the trucking industry. **Our members' support of our litigation efforts is key to this win.** Without it we would not have been able to challenge the infeasibility of the regulation.

Speak Up: Share Your Industry Concerns in ATRI's Issues Survey

The **American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI)** is asking all transport industry employees share their views on our industry's challenges and conditions by participating in its **2025 Top Industry Issues Survey**.

Please take a moment to respond - the annual survey informs where we can apply resources to improve trucking in the US. The format is simple: respondents are asked rank the top issues of concern for the industry along with potential strategies for addressing each issue.



The results of the 2025 survey will be released **October 26** as part of the **American Trucking Associations Management Conference & Exhibition** to be held in **San Diego**.

Industry stakeholders are encouraged to complete the survey available by [clicking here](#). The survey will remain **open through October 10**.

NOMINATIONS/AWARDS



Fleet Safety Nominations Close This Week

Time is almost up to participate in this year's coveted **Annual Fleet Safety Awards!** The deadline for application is this **Friday, October 5th**.

Every year we honor companies both large and small that are developing and implementing superior safety and loss prevention programs through management commitment, employee involvement and program innovation.

It's a great way to recognize ground-breaking safety methods, the talented professionals involved with them, and the companies dedicated to this continued operational excellence.

Along these lines, and as part of the Association's fleet safety agenda, the **Fleet Safety Professional of the Year** and **Excellence in Maintenance** awards recognize truck fleet safety managers and staff, respectively, whose efforts have enhanced the safety of fleet drivers and the general public, and advanced the commercial vehicle transportation industry.

To make a nomination, or for more information, click the buttons below.

[2025 Fleet Safety Contest](#)

[2025 Fleet Safety Professional of the Year](#)

[Excellence in Maintenance Award](#)

An advertisement for BAC Community Bank. It features a red semi-truck on a road. The text reads: "EQUIPMENT LOANS AS LOW AS 5.99% INTEREST RATE". At the bottom, it says "(209) 944-1516 | (925) 308-7545" and "BAC Community Bank Member FDIC".

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An advertisement for Crossroads Equipment Lease & Finance. It features a hand holding a small white semi-truck with a crown on top. The text reads: "We're with you for the long HAUL". At the bottom, it says "crossroads Equipment Lease & Finance".

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Organizations need effective leadership; without it, they can fail to reach their full potential. Leaders don't always come from top positions like the executive suites. It is known that the best CEOs often rise through the ranks.

The CTA Leadership Academy was designed to provide the next generation of leaders with the skills to become the most effective leaders possible and to prepare them to serve their companies, communities, the industry, and their associations more effectively. Give your next generation of leaders the skills to succeed.

Join us on October 21-22, 2025

SC Fuels Facility
1800 W. Katella Avenue, Suite 4, Orange, CA
CTA Member Rate: \$699

This two-day program offers the latest practical techniques and tools to help participants unlock their leadership potential. Participants will have the opportunity to learn, grow, and further develop their personal and professional characteristics. These new skills will give them more confidence and self-assurance to be even stronger leaders in their organization and all aspects of life.

Application Deadline is Today: September 30

[Registration & Application](#)

Delivering **THE ROAD AHEAD** **TOGETHER**

CTA Webinar Event

Building Effective
Employee Handbooks
for the Trucking Industry
& The Workplace Violence
Prevention Plan

October 16, 2025

10:00 AM PT

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New!



THE ACCIDENT PREVENTABILITY REVIEW

Accident preventability isn't just a technical term; it's a key factor in protecting your company's safety record and compliance standing.

Does the classification of preventable versus non-preventable really matter? (Spoiler: it does.)

In this interactive webinar, we'll break down how accidents are classified, why preventability matters, and how misclassifications can impact your SMS scores.

Together, we'll explore:

- How law enforcement establishes the Primary Collision Factors within a Traffic Collision Report
- What makes an accident reportable under FMCSA regulations
- The crucial difference between responsibility and preventability.
- Non-preventable versus preventable determinations
- Key highlights of DataQ and when to use it

You'll dive into real-world video scenarios where we will practice identifying preventability factors.

With insights from industry experts and practical examples, this training will sharpen your ability to review accidents and strengthen your overall compliance strategy.

Presented by:

JAY JOHNSON & ASSOCIATES, LLC
COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY

October 16, 2025
At 10:00 am.



[Click Here to Register](#)

**Webinar: New for Electric Trucks:
More Funding, More Range**



Join **Matt Schrap**, Forum Mobility's new **Chief Commercial Officer**, for a timely and informative webinar on the MILLIONS of dollars in incentive funding now available for heavy-duty zero-emission trucks.

Learn how new technology is changing what's possible with battery electric trucks. One example: the new Tesla Semi has a range of up to 500 miles, and Forum's network of depots will feature Tesla-compatible Megawatt Charging Standard (MCS) ultra-fast charging.

The **Forum Mobility** team will lead a conversation covering:

- The different incentive programs available to support motor carriers
- How Forum's products - charging and trucks -- can meet or beat diesel on TCO
- How new technology is expanding use cases for electric trucks - and how Forum can help you take advantage of it.

There is still money left in HVIP, and the program will re-open with new funding soon. In addition to HVIP, several other programs with significant funding - many of which are stackable - are available to help different types of fleets make the transition.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the programs and technology that can help shape your future fleet.

[Register for this Webinar](#)

Clean Truck Check Webinar

The **California Air Resources Board (CARB)** staff invite the public to participate in a webinar covering vehicle testing requirements for the Clean Truck Check program that began in October 2024 and places requirements for owners of trucks registered in California.





Wednesday, October 29
1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

[Register Now](#)

If you are unable to attend after registering, please email hdim@arb.ca.gov and request to be removed from registration to allow others to register, as we are typically at capacity for these events. CARB will hold additional webinars as needed.

EVENTS/TOURNAMENTS/FUNDRAISERS





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KERN UNIT

2025

Sporting Clay Shoot

- **When:** 7:30 Check in / 8:30 Start Time
Friday, October 10, 2025
- **Where:** Kern County Gun Club
12450 Shotgun Road,
Bakersfield CA 93311
- **More info:** Clayton Pearsey: (661) 301-1471
Lloyd Ponder: (661) 281-8063

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[Click Here to Register](#)

San Joaquin Unit Dealer Appreciation Night 2025

Come join the San Joaquin Unit to visit with area trucking friends for some food, some fun, and some fundraising for **CARGO PAC!**

- See the latest truck & trailer equipment from our local, CTA-allied dealers



- Enjoy delicious catered food and drinks
- Bid on great items at the live and silent auction
- Support CARGO PAC's mission to elevate the issues vital to the trucking industry

Click the button below to register!



**Thursday, October 16th
5:30 to 9:00**

**178 Albers Rd., Modesto
(Look for the big blue barn!)**

**Admission is \$75 per couple,
\$40 per person**

(Proceeds benefit CARGO-PAC #760458 - Concerned Americans for Responsible Government)

[Register Here](#)

REGISTER NOW!



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The advertisement for MCE25 features a blue background with white dashed lines forming a circular pattern. At the top, a red arrow points from the text "REGISTER NOW!" to the ATA logo. The ATA logo consists of the letters "ATA" in blue with a red and white stylized truck icon above it. To the right of the ATA logo is the text "MCE25" in large, bold, blue and red letters. Below this is the text "MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION" in blue. Further down is "OCTOBER 25-28 • SAN DIEGO, CA" and "SAN DIEGO CONVENTION CENTER" in blue. At the bottom of the main section, there are five yellow stars above the text "A UNITED FRONT" in red, and "DRIVING POLICY IN A NEW ERA" in blue below it. At the very bottom, a red banner contains the text "mce.trucking.org • #ATAmce25" in white.

[Click here for More Information](#)

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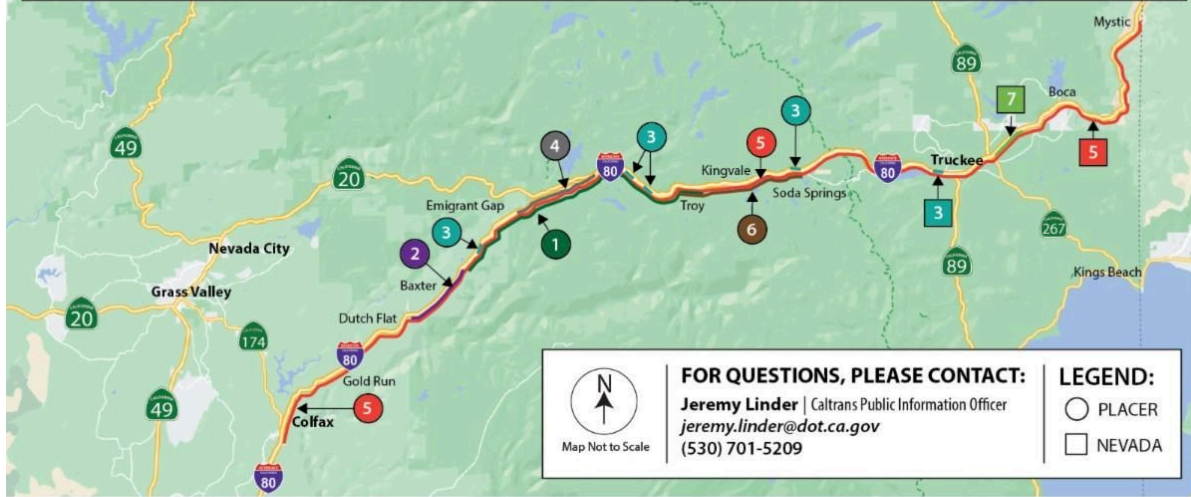


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CONSTRUCTION UPDATES



Interstate 80 Projects - 2025 Construction Season



- 1 Drainage Restoration
- 2 Monte Vista Pavement Rehab
- 3 CMS Sign Replacement
- 4 Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge
- 5 Wrong Way Driver Prevention Safety Impr.
- 6 Soda Springs Pavement Rehab
- 7 WB I-80 Restripe

Caltrans is reminding motorists of various lane and ramp closures in multiple locations along Interstate 80 (I-80) and State Route 20 (SR 20) as several projects continue in Placer and Nevada counties.

Motorists may experience delays between 30 to 45 minutes and are encouraged to factor in additional travel times along the I-80 Sierra corridor.

Here is the breakdown for this week:

Eastbound I-80

- **Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project**
 - **Between Monte Vista and Drum Forebay**, various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 6 a.m. Monday, September 29 through 11 a.m. Friday, October 3.
 - **Baxter on- and off-ramps** are closed until further notice. Motorists will detour eastbound to Drum Forebay and return westbound on I-80 to Baxter.
 - **Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project**
 - **Between Yuba Gap and the junction with SR 20**, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 9 p.m. Sunday, September 28 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 3.
 - **Yuba Gap off- and on-ramps and eastbound I-80 off-ramp to SR 20** are closed until further notice. Motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and return westbound on I-80 to SR 20 or Yuba Gap.
 - **Soda Springs Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Troy and Soda Springs**, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 7 p.m. Sunday, September 28 through noon Friday, October 3.
- Donner Summit Rest Area** is scheduled to close for pavement repairs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, September 29.

Westbound I-80

- **Donner Summit Rest Area** is scheduled to close for pavement repairs from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, September 30.
- **Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project between the junction with SR 20 and Yuba Gap**, various lane closures are scheduled around the clock from 9 p.m. Sunday, September 28 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 3.
- **Vista Point near Emigrant Gap** is closed until further notice as part of an upgrade and beautification project.

Monte Vista Pavement Rehabilitation Project between Drum Forebay and Monte Vista, various lane and ramp closures are scheduled around the clock from 6 a.m. Monday, September 29 through 6 p.m. Friday, October 3.



Eastbound SR 20

- **Yuba Pass Separation Overhead Bridge Project**
- **SR 20 on-ramp to eastbound I-80**, intermittent traffic holds are scheduled from 9 p.m. Sunday, September 28 through 9 a.m. Friday, October 3. Motorists will experience 30-minute delays during these traffic holds.
- **SR 20 on-ramp to westbound I-80**, will be intermittently closed until further notice. When closed motorists will detour eastbound to Eagle Lakes Road and head back westbound on I-80.

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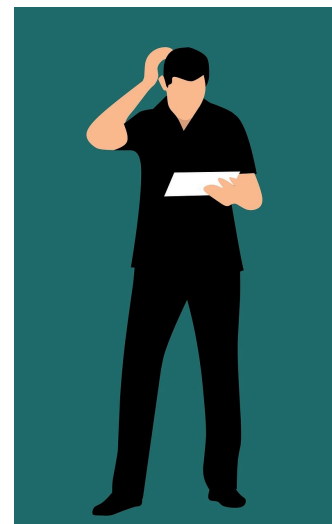
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Remember to use the “Help Desk Online Contact Form” when you have a compliance or regulatory question on an issue.

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 4-5 - [California Trucking Show](#)
- October 10 - [Kern Unit Sporting Clay Shoot](#)
- October 14-15 - [Virtual Fall Executive & Policy Committee Meetings](#)
- October 15 - [Los Angeles/Orange Unit Oktoberfest Happy Hour!](#)
- October 16 - [San Diego/Imperial Unit Truck Driver Appreciation Day](#)
- October 16 - [Virtual Safety Seminar: Accident Preventability review](#)
- October 16 - [Webinar: Building Effective Employee Handbooks for the Trucking Industry & The Workplace Violence Prevention Plan](#)
- October 16 - [San Joaquin Unit Dealer Appreciation Night CARGO Event](#)
- October 23 - [Webinar: New for Electric Trucks: More Funding, More Range](#)
- October 25-28 - [2025 American Trucking Associations Management Conference & Exhibition \(MCE\)](#)
- October 29 - [Webinar: Building Corporate Credit on EIN](#)

[Upcoming events can be accessed via CTA's Events Calendar](#)



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Circle Club Partner companies have shown a special commitment to CTA members and the trucking industry.

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The [Caltrux Bookshelf](#) uses a digital flipbook format to display these magazine issues in high quality, complete with articles and advertisements - identical to what you already receive in the mail.