



## CORRESPONDENCE

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County of Stanislaus 1010 10th St., Ste, 6700 Modesto, CA 95354

Honorable Member of Board of Supervisors:

As a leader in the strategies to advance and improve the infrastructure of your county, we invite you to examine the enclosed Report Card for California's Infrastructure which was released on September 27, 2006.

As you know, California's aging infrastructure, not unlike our nation's infrastructure, can no longer meet the needs of our growing population and is threatening our economic well-being and overall quality of life. We are faced with harsh reminders of this on a daily basis – water systems that cannot meet the goals of the Clean Water Act, overcrowded public transit systems and ever-increasing traffic congestion. For the safety and security of our families, we can no longer afford to ignore these vital issues.

With you being a legislative leader and us as Civil Engineers. WE are the stewards of the state's infrastructure. The members of Region 9 (California) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) --- have prepared a Report Card for California's Infrastructure, modeled on ASCE's nationallyacknowledged Report Card for America's Infrastructure. The Report Card was prepared by a coalition of experts from the ranks of both public and private sector civil engineers throughout the state and focused on state and regional infrastructure issues, such as Transportation, Levees and Urban runoff, Water, and Wastewater. The Report Card offers not only an assessment of the infrastructure condition, but also recommendations for moving forward. The list of Report Card's sponsors is not limited to ASCE California Region members but also includes American Public Works Association (APWA), League of California Cities, and Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC), to mention a few.

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have and we look forward to working with you on future infrastructure related issues. ATTACHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM YOUR CLERK

Sincerely,

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