



## MONTHLY Bundle of Writes

NEWS AND EVENTS FOR IRWA CHAPTER 67

June 2020

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Hello From Home, Chapter 67!

As most of my correspondence starts out these days: I hope you and your family and friends are staying safe and healthy during these trying times in our country and the world. I say it in almost every email and sincerely mean it. 2020 has definitely thrown us all for a loop and I have spent many days wishing we had a "restart" button on this year. This is not how I foresaw my last months as your Chapter President, but I am making the most of it. I miss socializing and networking with all of you every other month and know we have lots to catch up on when we can meet again!

Despite there being much sadness in the world, I will start out this message with some good news. My family welcomed our second baby boy, Braden, on May 8th. We are all doing great and Big Brother Jackson is excited for baby brother to grow up so they can be best friends! Our Treasurer and soon to be Secretary, Judith Amaro, also welcomed Sebastián Elias Amaro on April 17th.

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Due to the ongoing Stay at Home order, our June Luncheon was unable to be scheduled at any venue. We have therefore made the decision to go forward with our first ever VIRTUAL monthly luncheon. You can now enjoy our updates and exciting presentation from the comfort of your own home, so grab your lunch and log on! Ryan Hargrove, our new President Elect and Chief Appraiser at the County of Orange will be presenting on Self Driving Vehicles, after his article was recently published in the November/December 2019 issue of Right of Way Magazine. The virtual meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 30 at 12:00pm. Please be sure to register so we can ensure our Go To Meeting has enough bandwidth. Look out for emails from me in the upcoming weeks for more information.

Many of you are probably also missing the valuable education courses normally offered throughout the year. IRWA HQ has expanded their online course catalogue and there are over 30 classes scheduled through the end of this year. These are live, instructor-led, interactive classes conducted via virtual classroom to make it the closest thing to an in-person course. Available courses can be found on the IRWA website under the Education Tab > Students > Virtual Education. From a recent Board of Directors meeting, these courses are something that IRWA is considering continuing, even as the pandemic subsides.

The Annual Education Conference, which was scheduled to take place June 21 – June 24 in Minneapolis, was also cancelled. There will be an Annual All-Member Meeting on June 21, Region 1 Caucus on June 22 and the Board of Directors Meeting on June 24, all to be held virtually. I will provide all updates and International election results at our June virtual meeting on June 30.

I am so proud of our membership for successfully holding an election via an online e-ballot process last month! I initially had my reservations about conducting an important election virtually, however we had a great turn out, while meeting all the requirements to hold an official election. Congratulations to our new Executive Board! I know the fiscal year will start out a little rocky as move out of the Stay at Home order, but we have much to look forward to and I know our membership is eager for what is to come. I leave you all in the GREAT hands of your new President, Meredith McDonald. She has always been such a committed IRWA member and gracefully held many roles, so it is about time she becomes our fearless leader!

And now, for my final words as your Chapter 67 President:

Being elected the Chapter 67 President has been a great honor and something I am so proud to have had the opportunity to serve you all. Being a younger and newer member of our Chapter, I was concerned I would not be taken seriously as your leader, however my term has been met with the utmost support and respect from our amazing membership. Serving as the President has given me a new found confidence and provided me with tools I will continue to grow upon as my career carries on. I cannot thank you all enough for this rewarding experience and will continue to serve you in other roles any future Presidents allow me to hold!

Stay safe, be well, and I hope to see you all in person very soon!



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Welcome back readers to the June edition of our newsletter. If you would like to contribute content to the newsletter, advertise, have questions or any ideas to improve the content, please contact me.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Virtual Education Sessions

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have cancelled the Annual International Education Conference, but we're working hard to bring you pieces of the conference virtually. Below is a list of virtual events. Details on accessing these events can be found on the [Virtual Meetings 2020 Website](#).

#### June Monthly Luncheon

Tuesday June 30, 2020 12:00 p.m. - VIRTUAL - see flyer below.

Ryan Hargrove, our new President-Elect and Chief Appraiser with the county of Orange, will be presenting on self-driving vehicles.

#### VIRTUAL EDUCATION SESSIONS

Starting June 22, 2020

Some of our presenters have expressed interest in providing their educational sessions as a recording for posting to the IRWA Website. You'll be able to log in and view these sessions for CE credits at no charge!

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Bring your own lunch, sit down at your computer and join us for IRWA regional and chapter updates and an exciting presentation:

**Ryan Hargrove, our new President Elect and Chief Appraiser with the County of Orange will be presenting on Self Driving Vehicles!**

**Tuesday, June 30**

**12:00 PM**



**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER**

## MEET THE 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BBOARD



### PRESIDENT

*Meredith McDonald*

Senior Analyst with Integra Realty Resources,  
Orange County

City of Residence: Lake Forest

Birthplace: I was born in Pasadena... I like to say I'll be the "little old lady from Pasadena".

Marital Status: Married with no kids

How Work Relates to the Right of Way Profession: Appraiser in the ROW field working with public agencies on infrastructure projects.

Favorite Foods: Anything Italian and BBQ

Favorite Things to Do: Travel

Favorite Music: I'm an 80's girl...oh, and 70's. But not 70's disco. 70's rock and classic rock

Last Book Read: Since my job requires me to write 70+ page reports, which I typically have to go back and read to make sure it makes sense, I'm not much of a reader.

Last Movie: Being on lockdown for the past several months, haven't really seen any movies

Favorit TV Show: Friends is a classic; you can find me quoting it more often than my husband would like.

Favorite Quote: I have a few.... "Never frown, you never know who is falling in love with your smile" and "Never let anyone treat you like a yellow Starburst; You are a pink Starburst".

Pet Peeves: Ignorance, stupidity and lack of common sense.

Most Influential Person in Life and Why: My parents; for all the obvious reasons

Secrets to Success: I think the most successful people I know are open minded and willing to listen instead of having everything their way. Kindness goes a long way.

Most Embarrassing Moment: I actually don't get embarrassed easily, so can't really think of anything.

Last Vacation: My husband and I went to London for Christmas 2017; we traveled around England, visiting Bath and Stonehenge. Other smaller vacations to see family and Vegas or weekends away since then, but that's the most recent real vacation. Weekends away don't count.

What I look for in people: Honestly, sincerity and a sense of humor. You have to have a sense of humor!

Why I am involved in the IRWA: I came to IRWA because of my job; Beth Kiley really encouraged me to get involved; I've met some really great people through the organization and have developed friendships that I cherish.

## MEET THE 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BBOARD



### **PRESIDENT ELECT / INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR - 2 YEARS**

*Ryan T. Hargrove, MAI, SRA, AI-GRS, R/W-AC*  
Chief Appraiser, County of Orange

City of Residence: Buena Park

Marital Status: Married

How Work Relates to the Right of Way Profession: Perform appraisals and manage outside appraisal consultants relating to County of Orange infrastructure projects

Education: Undergraduate and graduate degrees from USC

Hobbies: Reading, collecting music, travelling, partner dancing

Pets: A puggle named Hilo

Last Book Read: I'm currently reading several books on the topic of game theory.

Favorite Quote: I like a lot of quotes from John Wooden, such as "Never believe you're better than anybody else, but remember that you're just as good as everybody else."

Secrets to Success: Persistence and definiteness of purpose.

Last Vacation: My last major vacation was a cruise of Spain and England with my wife and parents.

Why I am involved in the IRWA: To continue to get a better understanding of the right-of-way industry as a whole and to give back to others who can benefit from my knowledge and expertise.

## MEET THE 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BBOARD



### SECRETARY

*Judith Amaro*

Land Specialist, Southern California Gas Company

City of Residence: Orange

Birthplace: Anaheim

Marital Status: Married

How Work Relates to the Right of Way Profession: I acquire land rights for all SoCalGas distribution lines in Orange County Region.

Children: Our son Sebastián was born on April 17th

Pets: Dog – Benny AKA Little B, Big B, and sometimes Benjamin when he's in trouble!

Education: BS: Landscape Architecture Minors: Business Management and Geographic Information Systems

Favorite Things to do: Travel (all over Mexico, India, Spain, Australia, Tasmania, Canada, Peru, Ecuador) camping, hiking and skiing.

Favorite Music: Variety

Favorite Restaurants: One visited in Melbourne MoVida best shrimp tapas I've ever had!

Favorite Quote: "Embrace uncertainty. Some of the most beautiful chapters in our lives won't have a title until much later" - Unknown

Pet Peeves: People who are late

Most Influential Person in Life and Why: My parents! They came to the US and learned a new language, gave up their professional careers in Mexico for minimum wage jobs; often a few at a time. Didn't see their families for decades, never took vacations, all so that they could provide my siblings and myself an opportunity to go to college and get a career. There is no way I could ever repay them!

Proudest Accomplishment: Pushing through my career, even when old bosses tried to pigeonhole me.

Secrets to Success: Mentorship! Surround yourself with people who believe in you and support your ambition for success. Work hard and share your success and failures with others.

Biggest Challenge Faced: Scuba diving, the scariest yet most rewarding skill I learned. But totally worth it because we dove in the Great Barrier Reef!

What I look for in people: Humor, ambition, determination

Other Highly Pertinent Information: I hiked Mt Whitney in one day!

Why I am involved in the IRWA: To expand my knowledge of right of way and meet like-minded individuals. There is still so much to learn in this industry.



## MEET THE 2020-2021 EXECUTIVE BBOARD



### TREASURER

Matthew VanEck, MAI  
Real Estate Appraiser, Kidder Matthews

City of Residence: Yorba Linda

Birthplace: Long Beach, CA

Marital Status: Married to Antonia VanEck

Children: Three- Milo (9), Nora (7) and Teo (5)

How Work Relates to the Right of Way Profession: I perform valuation work (appraisals and consulting) for eminent domain and condemnation cases for both property owners and agencies.

Education: USC, BA Economics

Favorite Foods: Hawaiian, Mexican

Favorite Things to do: Camping

Hobbies: Home Repairs, running, swimming

Pets: Finn (9 mo.) German Shepard/Lab mix

Favorite Music: Billy Joel, Led Zeppelin, Miles Davis

Last Book Read: The Algebra of Happiness, Scott Galloway

Last Movie: Trolls World Tour (w/kids), Uncut Gems (w/o kids)

Favorite Restaurants: Musso & Frank Grill, Langer's Deli, & Hog Island Oyster Co.

Favorite TV Show: Game of Thrones

Favorite Quote: "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" - MLK

Pet Peeves: Rudeness

Most Influential Person in Life and Why: My Wife. She is kind and has empathy for others which helps me learn and grow.

Proudest Accomplishment: Completed a marathon

Secrets to Success: Participate and be active. Place yourself in uncomfortable situations to grow.

Most Embarrassing Moment: Junior High...the whole thing

Biggest Challenge Faced: Public speaking. Still a work in progress.

Last Vacation: Camping in Julian

What I look for in people: Kindness

My Most Important Unrealized Goal: Learning to play the piano

Why I am involved in the IRWA: To learn more about the right of way industry and grow professionally.



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## Announcing IRWA's Virtual Classroom Program!

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## CASE OF THE MONTH

### COVID-19 Takings Lawsuit Filed in California

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First reported by our good friends at [inversecondemnation.com](https://inversecondemnation.com), a lawsuit has been filed in California alleging that the response by state and county agencies to the COVID-19 situation violates the state and federal Constitutions, and results in a partial or complete taking in violation of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The named defendants include Governor Newsom, Attorney General Xavier Becerra, the State Public Health Officer, county Public Health Officers, and county representatives throughout Southern California. The [complaint](#) alleges:

- The “stay at home and shut down” orders unlawfully interfere with the federal constitutional right to travel;
- The orders violate plaintiffs’ substantive due process rights, because they deprive plaintiffs of their rights and liberties in lawfully operating their businesses;
- The orders violate plaintiffs’ procedural due process rights, because they were not provided with a constitutionally adequate hearing to present their case before being shut down;
- The orders violate the equal protection clause because they intentionally and arbitrarily categorize California businesses as “essential” or “non-essential,”

and require those categorized as “non-essential” to shut down;

- The orders and enforcement thereof have caused both a complete and total regulatory and physical taking of plaintiffs’ property, or at least a partial taking without just compensation in violation of the Fifth Amendment’s takings clause;
- The orders violate plaintiffs’ right to liberty as guaranteed by the California Constitution; and
- The orders by Governor Newsom have commandeered plaintiffs’ “non-essential” businesses, requiring compensation under California Government Code section 8572.

The lawsuit was filed in the United State District Court for the Central District of California. ([Click here](#) if you want to read about some of the significant hurdles associated with pursuing a takings claim based on government mandates surrounding COVID-19.) Given the breadth of the claims and the impact COVID-19 has had on the federal courts, it will be interesting to see how quickly this case moves forward, and the State’s response to being sued in federal court. Generally, the State or an arm of the State cannot be sued in federal court unless there is an express waiver of sovereign immunity or the plaintiff is simply pursuing injunctive

relief (the Ex Parte Young exception to sovereign immunity). In this case, no express waiver of sovereign immunity is alleged, and while the Ex Parte Young exception could potentially be invoked with respect to many of plaintiffs’ claims, the courts have almost uniformly held that the Ex Parte Young exception does not apply to takings claims.

It is possible that the plaintiffs intend to rely on the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision in *Knick v. Township of Scott* (2019) 139 S.Ct. 2162 to argue that sovereign immunity is no longer a viable defense to a Fifth Amendment takings claim against the State. ([Click here](#) to see our prior discussion of *Knick*.) In *Knick* the Supreme Court held that a property owner can bring a Fifth Amendment takings claim in federal court without first having to exhaust state judicial remedies. However, *Knick* did not contain any discussion of eliminating a state’s sovereign immunity, and at least two courts have expressly held that *Knick* did nothing to abrogate a state’s sovereign immunity in the takings context. (See *Williams v. Utah Dep’t of Corrections* (10th Cir. July 8, 2019) F.3d 1209; *Bear Crest Ltd. LLC v. Idaho* (D. Idaho July 17, 2019) 2019 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 120404.)

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# ARTICLE

## Professionalism At All Times

By Rudy Romo, SR/WA  
Chapter 67 Professional Development

Hi all. It has been a crazy year, hasn't it? Thanks to our "tech" department at work, most City staff have been able to work from home. Then, I also learned about the use of "Zoom" for the classroom as my Saturday Japanese school quickly engaged. All of a sudden, I was hit with these tech tools that I'd never heard of before and at first became overwhelmed, but learned to adapt and adjust successfully, yes! It's really amazing how far we've advanced in today's tech world!

Anyway, going forward I'm really confident that we'll all rise from this situation and learn about adaptability even more. That said, let's keep striving forward and keep our credentials, accomplishments, and motivations focused by keeping up with our professions.

The SR/WA aka "Senior Right of Way Agent" is "Right of Way's" highest designation recognized by all those who engage in right of way or real estate related acquisition projects for agencies or quasi-public agencies. The SR/WA provides an individual with a relatively strengthened breadth of knowledge and experience in the field of right of way and displays the initiative we have for education and hands-on experience.

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- c) Senior Right of Way Professional (SR/WA): This is the advanced level where one works toward and completes a cumulative total of 208 classroom or online credit units.

Please note, there is also an equivalent amount of work experience in right of way and an 8-hour ethics course required at each credentialing level.

As we navigate the remainder of the year and forward, let's maintain our strides to keep up our integrity, professionalism and persistence throughout. For more information about IRWA credentialing, please contact Rudy Romo, SR/WA, Chapter Professional Development Chair @ [rromo@cityofirvine.org](mailto:rromo@cityofirvine.org).





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## THE NOSSAMAN REPORT

Nossaman, LLP is the IRWA's advocacy partner and writes weekly updates. In case you missed this week's update, we've included it below.

We provide these updates to our members as reported from IRWA's advocate partner, Nossaman, LLP. The views and opinions expressed in these updates are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect the official policy or position of Chapter 67. Any content provided is not intended to offend or malign any religion, ethnic group, political party, club, organization, company or individual.

### **The White House**

- Transportation Secretary Chao announced over \$900 million in INFRA grants for 20 projects across the country on Thursday. The INFRA grant program was created in the FAST Act and provides funding for large highway and freight projects. <https://www.transportation.gov/briefing-room/us-secretary-transportation-elaine-l-chaoannounces-906-million-investment-revitalize>

### **Congress**

- Both Chambers are in session this week.
- The Transportation and Infrastructure ("T&I") Committee marked-up its surface transportation reauthorization legislation—the INVEST in America Act—on Wednesday and Thursday, considering hundreds of amendments and adopting 57 of them. <https://transportation.house.gov/news/press-releases/after-marathon-markup-committeeadvances-the-invest-in-america-act-a-transformational-surface-transportation-bill-to-move-nations-infrastructure-into-new-era>
- Speaker Pelosi announced that the House would consider a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure bill prior to July 4th. The INVEST in America Act would be the largest component of the legislation, which would also include funding for drinking water, broadband, energy, school, and other infrastructure classes. The announcement did not specify how the House intended to pay for the spending proposed in the legislation. <https://thehill.com/homenews/house/503427-democrats-unveil-15-trillion-infrastructureplan>

### **Analysis**

- The big item to watch over the next two weeks will be what the House decides to do regarding pay-fors for the \$1.5 trillion infrastructure legislation. The House could continue trying to work with the Administration on a viable set of pay-fors, but no details have emerged from the months of conversations that House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Neal has been having with Treasury Secretary Mnuchin on the issue. Another alternative is for the House to vote to deficit spend and punt on the offset issue. This would be in keeping with the approach taken in the COVID-relief legislation, IRWA Weekly Update but would essentially admit that no agreement is to be found with the Administration on funding options.
- The other item to watch will be the message coming from the Senate as the House moves forward with this legislation. Senate Majority Leader McConnell has said that the Senate will consider infrastructure legislation this summer, but has not yet scheduled Floor time. The Senate has not yet unveiled how it intends to pay for any such infrastructure legislation.



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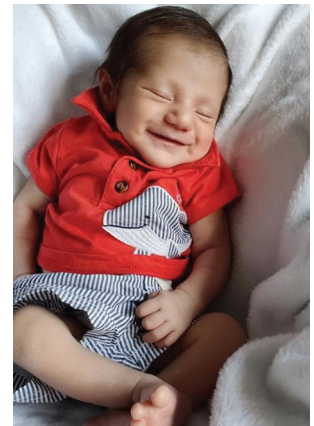
## MEMBER NEWS

Here's what you might have missed while quarantined.

Chapter President Amanda Fitch welcomed a baby boy, Braden on May 8th. Congratulations Amanda!



Soon to be Chapter Secretary, Judith Amaro welcomed a baby boy, Sebastian on April 17th. Congratulations Judith!

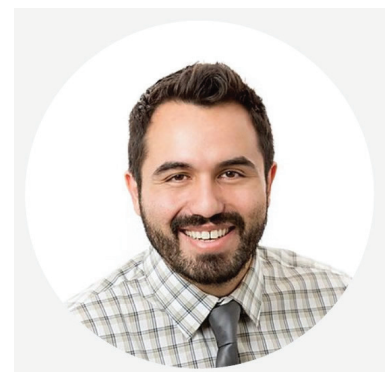


JOE MUNSEY  
RPL

The American Association of Professional Landmen awarded the Los Angeles Association of Professional Landman at its virtual annual meeting on June 17th Best Newsletter [small chapter category] to Joe Munsey, RPL, Co-chair of LAAPL's Publications/Newsletter Committee.

GABE BECERRA  
MSPM Senior Right of Way Agent

Gabe has recently joined R&L Quality Painting, a residential, commercial and public painting contractor. Gabe is a Project Manager as well as involved in Business Development. R&L services small to large scale housing projects/developments up and down the California Coast. Congratulations on your new job Gabe!





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# FOR FUN

## Fun Way to Connect with Staff During “Work Distancing”!!

Are you looking for a fun way to stay connected to your coworkers? The Psomas Environmental Group has a Zoom get together on Fridays where we connect and play board games!! Jeopardy, Taboo, a Build-a-Snowman!!! We have also had prizes for most original video background, crazy sunglasses, and outrageous hats!!

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