CRITICAL MEMO ON BAY AREA SHELTER IN PLACE PROVISIONS AND EXEMPTIONS
Infrastructure and Housing Exempted Under Section 10-C Counties, Caltrans & PG&E
Update

SHELTER IN PLACE PROVISIONS AND EXEMPTIONS:

To read Shelter in Place information issued by Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, Santa Clara, San Mateo and Marin Counties [click here]. Please note this does not include any other California counties at the time of this bulletin.

Critical to our industry is the provision noted under Exemptions section 10 C. This section reads as follows;

SECTION 10 C: “For purposes of this Order, individuals may leave their residence to provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operations and maintenance of “Essential Infrastructure,” including, but not limited to, public works construction, construction of housing (in particular affordable housing or housing for individuals experiencing homelessness), airport operations, water, sewer, gas, electrical, oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste collection and removal, internet, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for computing services, business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services), provided that they carry out those services or that work in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible.”

This appears to provide continued employment and mobility for most of our UCON members engaged in construction work. This may be complicated by closures
of key vendors or the misunderstandings of employees related to working while the order is in place.

Please contact the owners or agencies you are currently working for to see if they have issued their own suspension / closure orders to determine the viability of continued operations.

CALTRANS UPDATE
Caltrans has responded to our inquiries noting that they will not close jobs, but will provide time delay impacts per the below directive to agency personnel;

“The coronavirus pandemic may affect the ability of the contractor to perform the work because of lack of workforce, materials, or related reasons. When a contractor requests time because of the pandemic, grant non-working days in accordance with Section 1-1.07B, “Glossary,” of the Standard Specifications, which defines working days as a 24-hour period except for unanticipated events not caused by either party, such as an epidemic.”

PG&E UPDATE
Multiple reports from our members note that PG&E is considered "essential infrastructure" and will be expecting work to continue unless cities specifically close projects in their jurisdiction.

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