



## **Section Report**

### **Central California Section**

#### **January 2007 Meeting**

Our January 17<sup>th</sup> 2006 meeting was held at the Visalia Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference Center and sponsored by Quad Knopf.

Over 45 members and guest enjoyed an excellent cold deli lunch buffet and program.

#### Technical Sessions

Nazir Lalani, Deputy Director of the Ventura County Transportation Department entertained us with his excellent presentation on Tort Liability.

Nazir's presentation helped us to better understand the legal process involving lawsuits resulting from traffic crashes. He also described each step involved from the initial filing of a claim to the eventual participation as a witness in a trial in front of a judge and jury. Nazir also discussed how the Tort Liability process works, the common law immunity modifications, standards of care, what constitutes public and personal liability, and risk management strategies.

#### Raffle

Raffle prizes were provided by Quad Knopf who donated an iPod Shuffle, TJKM, Wireless Mouse and Keyboard and Lew Roberts of Iteris who donated two \$25 Starbucks cards.

Following the raffle Ted Smalley, Deputy Executive Director of Tulare County Association of Governments spoke on Tulare County's ½ cent sale tax measure for transportation.

Tulare County's transportation measure passed by only a few hundred votes and was one of the closest measure contests in California history. Ted entertained us with some interesting and humorous incidents about the development of their expenditure plan. The Tulare County Transportation measure is expected to generate \$652 million over the next 30 years.

#### **Future Meetings**

April 11, 2006 – Luncheon - Fresno

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