

**2025 West Coast Cement
Industry Conference Committee**

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SCHEDULE

October 16-17, 2025

**John P. Eliopoulos
Hellenic Center
Lancaster, CA**

Thursday, October 16

- 12:00-6:00 **REGISTRATION**
VENDOR INFORMATION TABLES
John P. Eliopoulos Hellenic Center
- 1:00-5:00 PM **WORKSHOP**
John P. Eliopoulos Hellenic Center
- 1:00-2:55 PM **Refractory Fundamentals**
Rogelio Cantu, Elite Refractory;
Andy Porterfield, Inferno;
John Stephansky, Reno Refractories;
- The goal of the workshop is to provide attendees with a greater understanding and appreciation of the importance of the various refractory choices to be made in the kiln, preheater, precalciner, and cooler areas.
- 2:55-3:05 PM **BREAK**
- 3:05-5:00 PM **Dust Collector Maintenance and Troubleshooting**
Luis J. Castano, IAC—Industrial Accessories Company
- 6:00-10:00 PM **VENDORS NIGHT RECEPTION**
John P. Eliopoulos Hellenic Center

Friday, October 17

- 7:00-12:00 PM **REGISTRATION**
VENDOR INFORMATION TABLES
John P. Eliopoulos Hellenic Center
- 7:00-8:00 AM **Continental Breakfast**
John P. Eliopoulos Hellenic Center
- 8:00 AM **Opening Remarks**
Brett Lindsay, West Coast Chairman

Friday, October 17

- 8:00 AM **TECHNICAL PROGRAM**
John P. Eliopoulos Hellenic Center
- 8:00-8:25 AM **AI in Cement Manufacturing – A Holistic Approach**
Greg Kemper, Bridge Gap Engineering
- 8:25-8:50 AM **Milling Solutions for Emerging SCM's: From Concept to Commissioning**
Mario Ruckerbauer, CEMTEC Cement and Mining Technology
- 8:50-9:15 AM **Alternative Fuels, Boosting TSR and Efficiency in Cement Plants Using CFD-Based Engineering**
Xavier D'Hubert, XDH-energy
- 9:15-9:40 AM **The Energy Market Landscape in CA and Neighboring Areas: How its Affecting the Cement Industry**
Bill Jerald, CalPortland
- 9:40-10:00 AM **BREAK**
- 10:00-10:25 AM **Kiln Shell Corrosion Coatings**
Surjit Gill, Polyloy Coatings
- 10:25-10:50 AM **The Ever-Changing Landscape of the CA Legislative and Regulatory Environment and its Impact on the Cement Industry**
Tom Tietz, CA/NV Cement Association
- 10:50-11:15 AM **Blended Cements/SCMs**
Chris Dickinson, Bridge Gap Engineering
- 11:15-11:35 AM **Features of the Tehachapi Cement Plant**
UNACEM North America
- 11:35-12:00 PM **Boxed Lunch Distribution/Buses Depart for Plant Tour**
- 1:00 - 2:45 PM **Tehachapi Cement Plant Tour**
- 3:45 PM **Buses Return to John P. Eliopoulos Hellenic Center**