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RSBITE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION UPDATE

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Last month's meeting was held on Thursday, September 20, at South Coast Winery in the City of Temecula. Fifty-three were in attendance, including International President Rock Miller, who shared with us news of Caltrans' draft policy requiring consideration of roundabouts for projects on the state highway system.

The featured speaker was Cesar Tolentino, who is an Associate Civil Engineer for the Riverside County Transportation Department; who presented "The Challenges of Building Rancho California Anza roundabout." The Anza Roundabout project was completed May 2012 as the first of five roundabouts planned for the Temecula Valley Wine Country. It replaced a congested all-way-stop-controlled intersection.

The roundabout, currently single-lane, was designed with regard to the ultimate roadway classification planned for the Rancho California and Anza corridors. The splitter islands and central island were constructed in the ultimate location reflecting a dual-lane roundabout, to allow for ease of upgrading in conjunction with future widening of the intersecting roads. The intersection was situated at a low point. Drainage was accommodated by raising the intersection and adding a catch basin leading to a new detention basin to the north. Utility coordination for this project was intense, as nearly all utilities required relocation. The construction schedule was tight and weather conditions were unfavorable. Three construction stages were employed. The first stage constructed the southern half, the second stage constructed the northern half, and the third stage installed striping and pavement markings. The $1.5 million roundabout project allows vehicular, equestrian, bicycle and pedestrian traffic to traverse the intersection safely and efficiently while maintaining its natural wine country landscape.

Gianfranco Laurie
RSBITE Section Scribe

### Upcoming Events

**2013 RSBITE Vendors Day**
**When:** Thursday, Jan 17, 2013

Our RSBITE Annual Vendor Show is planned for Thursday, January 17th, 2013. Since the Riverside Convention Center is under renovation until Spring of 2014, we will be looking for a new venue for the next two years. If you have a good location in mind please forward that info to RSBITE Vice President, Jonathan Hofert.

**30th Annual RSBITE Golf Tournament**
**When:** Friday, March 22, 2013

Help us celebrate 30 years of golfing: Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our RSBITE Golf Tournament. If you can help in any way with our golf tournament please contact J.R. Morgan, see Page 2 for his contact information.

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