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'A good day for Carpenters'

Construction begins on new Pleasanton Training Center

The Carpenters Training Committee for Northern California (CTCNC) broke ground last month for the new Training Center in Pleasanton. When it's completed in the spring of 2020, it will replace the existing 30-year old facility.

The project began with a plan to replace the Pleasanton Training Center's outdated welding shop. But "once we started exploring it, we realized that with all the other repairs and upgrades needed, we would do better to create a new facility," says CTCNC Executive Director Mark Fuchs.

At 87,000 square feet, the new center will contain 50 new weld booths, 15 classrooms and a two-story, open-concept shop that will allow for the construction of larger structures. The center will also have the capacity to allow training on new technology based on Building Information Modeling (BIM) software. It will be patterned after the International Training Center, Fuchs says.

"Today is a great day to be a Carpenter," NCCRC Executive Officer Bob Alvarado told



Doing the honors at the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Carpenters Training Center in Pleasanton, from left, Bob Alvarado, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the NCCRC and chair, Carpenters Training Trust Fund for Northern California (CTTF); Mark Scherschel, Management Trustee, Hathaway Dinwiddie; Jim Smith, Tony Canales, Steve Bell and Rick Solis, all labor trustees representing the NCCRC; Kathy Narum, City Councilmember, Pleasanton; Frank Nunes, Management Trustee and Executive Director, Wall and Ceiling Alliance; Randy Sanchez, Management Trustee, Marvin Collins Construction; and Karla Brown, Vice-Mayor, Pleasanton.

the crowd at the February groundbreaking, describing the Pleasanton Center as the future "flagship" for the entire CTCNC system. A

new 55,000-square-foot facility in Morgan Hill is also scheduled to begin construction this spring.