



JOINT ENGINEERING DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
JANUARY 10, 2008

The Joint Engineering Division Meeting was held on January 10, 2008. Past Chair Gerry DiIoli, Herzog Contracting Corp., called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the approval of the October 17, 2007 meeting minutes. Mr. DiIoli provided highlights of 2007 Division accomplishments and introduced this year's Chair, Chris Hickey of Agee Construction Corporation, who then presided over the Joint Engineering Division Board of Directors Meeting.

Caltrans District 12, Orange County: Jim Beil, D12 Deputy District Director for Capital Projects, provided an overview of the statewide contracts in construction. District 12 is currently experiencing a very robust project workload. Jim reported that 78 projects are currently slated over the next two years in Orange County. These projects are spread throughout the county. D12 is partnering with the OCTA, and increasing its accountability.

Bond Measure Jobs: Mark Watts, Partner, California Strategies, talked about the Governor's Budget which was released on January 10, 2008. He then provided an update on Prop. 1B passed in November 2006. Mark reported that 52 projects were designated in 2007 with a start date of 2010. 80 STIP projects are moving forward because of the passing of Prop. 1B and \$400 million SHOPP projects are being funded.

Recent Court Ruling for CELSOC and What That Means for Contractors: Paul Meyer, Executive Director of the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC), provided an update on *PECG v. Kempton* law suit - PECG claimed that all the statutes that were adopted before Prop. 35 were not repealed by Prop. 35 and were still in effect. In April, the court ruled 7-0 to uphold Prop 35. PECG then jammed a bill through the Senate that would further hinder the use of private engineers/surveyors. CELSOC again went to court over this bill, and the court again ruled 7-0 to uphold Prop 35, which gives Design-Build a push.

New Disabled Veterans Business Enterprise (DVBE) Regulations for all State Contracts: Olivia Fonseca, Deputy Director Civil Rights, along with Kris Kuhl, Office Chief for Construction Contract Awards–Caltrans, provided an update on the new DVBE regulations and discussed how to get a contract with Caltrans under the new regulations.

Training & Workforce Development Update: Sabrina Watts, AGC Education Foundation Executive Director, noted that California is facing the largest construction/reconstruction projects in the nation. Sabrina discussed the training

programs offered by AGC in the coming year. An update of the workforce development was provided. She stated an accreditation program is being planned.

Strom Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) General Construction Permit:

Dan McGrew, Vice President and District Manager, Griffith Company, provided a permit update regarding general construction.

The Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on May 14, 2008 at the Monterey Plaza Hotel in Monterey, CA. Any questions relative to the Joint Engineering Division should be directed to the Joint Engineering Division Director Sam Hassoun.