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AGC Secures Key DIR Determination

The Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) has issued a determination that draws AGC closer toward its goal of clarifying the state's on-haul /off-haul prevailing wage issues for public works construction projects. According to John Franich, "AGC has made tremendous headway but there is still more work to be done on public works prevailing wage issues. This determination represents significant improvements and follow on clarifications will serve to finally resolve the issue."

The DIR determination involves towboat operators on three Bay Area bridges and the San Diego West Mission Bay Drive Bridge Retrofit projects. The determination offered that on haul material transporters are not covered unless the haul is from a dedicated construction site or unless the load is immediately incorporated into the construction process. The decision referred to a previous Court decision which noted it was not the congressional intent to obligate contractors to pay truckers delivering materials from general use facilities.

"AGC thanks the DIR for their efforts to work with the industry to clarify prevailing wage issues for on-haul/off-haul operators and will continue working with the DIR on further clarification," said Tom Holsman, CEO. He further stated that "this decision represents two years of work with the Department and Caltrans and the letter demonstrates the Department is moving forward."

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