

**Joint Engineering Division Board of Directors  
Meeting Highlights  
Disney Grand Californian Hotel, Anaheim, CA  
January 27, 2011**

The Joint Engineering Division Meeting was held on January 27, 2011. Division Chair John Douglas, Granite Construction, called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance, asked for self introductions.

Mr. Douglas thanked the board for allowing him to serve as its chair for 2010, and asked them to welcome Jim Troup, the new Chair; and Clint Larison, the new Vice Chair for 2011. Jim Troup thanked John for his leadership and a job well done.

**NAVFAC Southwest – Workload and Outlook for Construction Contracts:** Captain James Wink, Executive Officer, NAVFAC Southwest CEC, United States Navy, discussed the NAVFAC SW area of responsibility throughout the west coast. He provided a breakdown of the \$3.3 billion spent during fiscal year 2010. Captain Wink gave a brief description on upcoming military construction for fiscal year 2011 estimated at \$1.22 billion.

**LA Metro – Current and Projected Workload:** Michele Smith, Metro Program Manager for Project Delivery, spoke for Doug Failing, Executive Director of the Highway Project Delivery program and discussed the \$16 billion rail projects and the \$8 billion highway projects which are being funded under Measure R Highway and Transit programs in Los Angeles County.

**Caltrans Direction in Light of Current Budget and New Administration:** Mark Leja, Caltrans Chief of Construction, presented the past, present and future of Caltrans construction contract work. Mr. Leja informed attendees that Caltrans has 625 projects with over \$10 billion currently under construction. He indicated that the fiscal year 2011 will add 306 projects at an additional \$3.7.

**Transportation Funding:** Dan Himick, President of C.C. Myers, Inc., provided a presentation on transportation infrastructure issues facing California and America. He discussed how rebuilding our infrastructure can improve our economy and advocated for a \$1.00 gas tax increase which will generate \$18 billion in revenue and put 500,000 people back to work.

**Public Private Partnership (P3):** Kome Ajise, Chief, Caltrans P3 Program, gave an overview of P3s in California. Mr. Ajise also provided some history of transportation financing and P3s. Mr. Ajise discussed current legislation to implement P3 projects, provided a P3 program update, and challenges presented by the P3 projects. The board members voted for AGC of California to adopt P3 as an alternate project delivery method.

**Government Contracting – Perils and Pearls:** Lee Barrus, Yerba Buena Construction, discussed what it takes a company to continue having the ability to participate in this market. He stated that the call for action included being a consistent performer and succeed, the key to success is solid execution, and to love it or leave it to someone else.

**Legislative Update:** David Ackerman provided a legislative update on transportation funding under the new governor's budget. Most other departments have been cut, however transportation funding sustained the least cuts.

**CIFAC (Construction Industry Force Account Council):** Cathryn Hilliard, Executive Director, discussed the focus of CIFAC and the force accounting/bidding limits. Ms. Hilliard presented information regarding violations and how they are determined. She encouraged AGC contractors to contact her if they feel violations have been committed.

**Adopt a Highway:** Gina Schumann, Operations Manager, informed attendees that the Adopt a Highway Program provides an avenue for individuals, organizations and businesses to give back to the community while being recognized for their green effort. AGC will receive \$100 per month for every segment adopted by an AGC member. These funds will help AGC raise revenue to benefit several important programs.

Jim Troup adjourned the meeting and invited AGC members to attend the Spring Conference Board Meeting on May 11, 2011.

PS: PowerPoint presentations used by speakers can be viewed by visiting the AGC of California website Joint Engineering Division Highlights link

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