

**JOINT ENGINEERING BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
January 26, 2007**

The Joint Engineering Division Meeting was held on January 26, 2007. Past Chair Greg Reed, International Surfacing Systems, began the meeting with a review of 2006. He reviewed bond measure results and highlighted members who sit on various boards. He then introduced the 2007 Division Chair Gerry Diloli, Herzog Contracting Corp., and Vice Chair Chris Hickey, Agee Construction Corporation. Following the introduction, Greg Reed was presented with a certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the Division.

**Partnering with Caltrans:** Vice Chair Chris Hickey, Agee Construction Corporation, provided an update on the activities from the Caltrans Partnering Steering Committee. The Dispute Resolutions Board (DRB) has been a successful measure of the partnering. Main issues currently being addressed are claims and roadblocks to partnering. Leadership by Will Kempton is continuing to make the partnering relationship work.

**Caltrans Innovative Contracting Methods:** Ray Tritt, Caltrans, conducted a presentation on Innovative Contracting Methods. He discussed the following issues: Design-Build; Design-Bid-Build; Design-Sequencing; Traditional Project Delivery; Pilot Projects; Transportation Projects; Other Innovative Methods; Initial findings, experience and lessons learned; and additional methods for consideration.

**Bidding Practices:** Bruno Dietl, Vulcan Construction & Maintenance Inc., provided the Division with an update on the City of Fresno current bidding practices.

**Emergency Relief Contractor List:** Chair Gerry Diloli discussed an Emergency Relief Contractor List and opened the floor for discussions. After discussion, a motion was approved to create a Disaster Response Taskforce. The taskforce will review the issue and get back to the committee with their recommendations.

**Legislative Update:** Dave Ackerman, DGA Associates, discussed the allocation of monies approved from the passage of Bonds 1A - 1E, which is now subject to legislative approval. The legislative process is aggressive this year, with Propositions 1A - 1E being the primary focus. However, Dave is optimistic about transportation in the next ten years. Other items of discussion included: Air quality issues; expanding the roles of private-public partnerships on projects; and meal and rest periods. Additionally, the Governor wants \$40 billion in additional monies for prison construction, streets and roads.

**California Air Resources Board (CARB) Update:** Gary Rohman, ECCO Equipment Corporation provided an update on the off-road legislation in which CARB is currently working on. The Portable Equipment Registration Program (PERP) has reopened and can be used until 2010, when it will become mandatory. Beginning in 2009, contractors will be required to incorporate Best Available Control Technology (BACT) if their company has not met the target fleet average for both PM/NOX. The compliance process flow chart was also reviewed and discussed.

**CELSOC Update:** Carl Bauer provided a CELSOC update and discussed the main issue of contractors performing surveying on their construction projects. This is considered illegal and should not be done.

Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) goals: Sam Hassoun and Chris Hickey discussed the small business DBE goals. Caltrans is currently conducting a disparity study based on the low number of DBE goals being met. Caltrans will then review the data to determine if it is the method or lack of availability.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on May 17, 2007 at 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.