



**JOINT ENGINEERING DIVISION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**  
**MAY 15, 2008**

The Joint Engineering Division Meeting was held on May 15, 2008. Chair Chris Hickey, Agee Construction Corp., called the meeting to order followed by approval of the January meeting minutes.

**California's Waterways:** James Haussener, Executive Director California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference, discussed the issues that affect construction in and around California's waterways, including funding for dredging and other infrastructure improvements.

**Caltrans Current and Future Workload – Vision for Program Delivery:** Mark Leja, Chief Caltrans Division of Construction provided a historical view of past workload and upcoming and future projects, which can be accessed through the Caltrans website. Mr. Leja also provided an overview of keeping delivery commitments, enhancing partnerships with industry, and priority initiatives underway.

**CPM and Partnering:** Dan Himick, C. C. Myers Inc., defined the two primary barriers with CPM and Partnering as being the claims process and scheduling. He summarized the following as ways to overcome these barriers:

- Meet or beat the schedule on every project
- Minimize impact to the traveling public
- Everyone owns the schedule
- Complete buy in from all parties is essential to meet or exceed the goals,
- Meet anticipated costs, and achieve major savings by keeping to the schedule
- No injuries - safety is our first core value

**Legislative Update:** Dave Ackerman, DGA Associates, reviewed current governmental issues including the May Budget Revise and a proposed Budget Stabilization Act.

**CELSOC Update:** Cathy Skeen, Excel Bonding, revealed the name change from CELSOC to American Council for Engineering Companies (ACEC). She invited all AGC members to participate in the upcoming liaison meeting scheduled July 15, 2008, at 10 a.m. in the AGC West Sacramento Office.

**Water Regulations Update:** Dan McGrew, Griffith Company, reported on the new qualifications for SWPPP and noted that the level of industry involvement needed to be raised

within the public and private sectors. He urged members to get involved with local and state legislators.

**California Air Resources Board (CARB) Update:** Gary Rohman, ECCO Equipment Corporation, provided an overview of discussion items for the Educational Seminar and reviewed the rules and requirements worksheet CARB has online.

**U.S. Navy:** U.S. Navy Commander Christine Lonie provided an overview of how to do business with the military, what to expect from contracts, and how to ensure repeat business. She also reported on the major acquisitions on the forefront.

**Education & Training:** Sabrina Watts, AGC Education Foundation Executive Director, announced upcoming courses available through AGC that included a Supervisory Training Program, Executive Leadership in Construction Training that also provides 3.0 CEUs, and a Quality Control Course offered through a partnership with the Army Core of Engineers.

**The Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for October 15, 2008 at the Hyatt Grand Champions Resort in Indian Wells, CA. Any questions relative to the Joint Engineering Division should be directed to the Joint Engineering Division Director Sam Hassoun or Russ Snyder.