

Caltrans – Bridge Contractor Liaison Meeting

Notes from DSC Claim Prevention Forum

April 7, 2023

Increase accuracy of LOTBs and description of rock-like material. There are disagreements on classification.

Suggest contractors submit bid assumptions of the soil profile and interpolate between borings.

Perception that CT sees that contractor DSC is just looking for money

Suggested pre-bid conference on drilling conditions followed by addendum so all bidders have the same assumptions

Paying for DSC is not a bad thing especially when resolved before going to DRB

Expect quicker answers when field encounters potential DSC because of the use of cell phones and Webex to expedite communications

No updates on dry/wet spec holes: Industry says wet or dry is not determined at bid time. Can special provisions provide dry and wet assumptions for bidding.

Create a fair and reasonable culture for DSC resolution

Make bid assumptions similar to the CMGC risk register where the risks of certain occurrences are preassigned to a stakeholder.