

# PMPC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: March 19, 2020

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: Auditorium, 5900 Folsom Blvd, Sacramento

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**Facilitator:** Sergio Aceves

**Attendees:** Douglas Mason, **On Phone:** Ray Hopkins, Dolores Valls, Charley Rea, Brandon Milar, Roberto Lacalle

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## 1. Call to Order

- I. Sergio welcomed Roberto Lacalle to the Executive Committee with his acting assignment.
- II. **Doug to send Roberto the PMPC's Charter and Standard Operating Procedure.**

## 2. Action Item from 2/20/2020EC Meeting (All):

- I. Sergio to talk with Kuo-Wei Lee about Item #3 on CTG bin list. (Sergio Aceves) Completed
- II. Charley R. to talk with industry and working group to see what issues there are with RCA and CT 523. (Charley Rea) Completed and included in meeting minutes as follow-up email from Charley.
- III. Doug to put agenda item for charter and SOP feedback in the next EC meeting. (Doug Mason) Delay a month, only received comments from two groups. Ongoing
- IV. Doug to send PMPC charter and SOP to Dolores Valls for her information. (Doug Mason) Completed

## Action Items from 12/19/2019 EC meeting:

- I. SPF working group to provide finalized SPF specification to EC at February's EC + ATG meeting. (Tom Pyle) Completed, specification was sent for March Meeting

## 3. ATG Work Products

- I. Statistical Pay factor (SPF):
  - a. The non-standard specification (NSSP) is complete and has been provided to the EC. Working with Construction on a CPD for implementation.
  - b. Looking for some pilot projects in districts to utilize the SPF NSSP.
- II. RAP Up to 40% in HMA:
  - a) Draft NSSP has been completed. Moving to utilize NSSP on some pilot projects for evaluation.
  - b) Construction forms are being worked on for the SPF NSSP and Hamburg Wheel Test (HWT) which should be completed in mid-April.
- III. Update Section 94:
  - a) Specification to be posted by Office of Construction Contract Standards in April 2020 as RSS.
  - b) Steve Lee is working on putting together guidance memo to designers which should be complete at the end of March.
- IV. California Test 125:
  - a) The work product is almost done, working group is finalizing the final report after the final review.
- V. Evaluate the New HMA Smoothness NSSP for Asphalt Pavements:
  - a. Caltrans has 174 projects with the smoothness specification but only has data from 3 projects from start to finish, does not lend to good representation of data. ( projects are in winter suspension.
  - b. EC asking STG to push out dates while waiting for data (anticipate 6 months to a year delay)
- VI. Recycled Asphalt Shingles (RAS) up to 3%:
  - a) Draft NSSP is complete. Working group is still looking for districts to participate in pilot projects.

- VII. HWT for RHMA Mixes Scoping Document:
- a. This task has been completed and has been moved to the archive/tracking section.
4. Bin List:
- I. EC reviewed bin list and Sergio would like to see more short scoping documents from the ATG as the work product tasks are being completed there should be additional scoping documents coming.
5. Post Plant Gradation Scoping Document:
- I. **EC concurs with short scoping document concept.** STG to proceed to deliver full scoping document to EC for approval.
6. DIME:
- I. No updates currently. Keep item on the agenda. Roberto is still getting up to speed with METS.
7. SOP Changes/RSA Request:
- I. Sergio explained Recycling and Stabilizing Association of California's proposal as outlined in their memo of adding additional member to EC, adding another task group to PMPC and create another office in Pavement for recycling and stabilizing. Discussion and questions followed:
    - It looks like a big change and is it worth the issue to rearrange the PMPC, given the amount of effort to create PMPC and that it is working now.
    - Is it to narrow group, since only three companies.
    - Don't they have issues in the ATG recycling subtask group that they can work on?
    - Is there a need from the Caltrans side to create a Recycling and Stabilization office or task group? Possibly, but also can see some issues with overlapping of duties between offices with specification and overview processes.
    - Is there a precedential issue as far as whether we are we going to allow other associations to apply to be EC members such as WRAPP, Cast In-Place Association and others that have been around much longer and have more members?
    - Would it make sense to give the group a position, in the interim, on the asphalt task group?
    - Aren't there in-place recycling projects on the bin list? If so, any way to get them moved up? Yes, but the Recycling subtask group chair is busy with smoothness specification, RAP/RAS specifications, developing material and training for Full Depth Recycling and Cold In-Place Recycling classes to take on any additional work in a working group.
    - In recap, the first question to address is, does Pavement need an Office of Recycling to push work products thru the department? If so, then may be add them to EC. Caltrans needs to discuss more internally.
  - II. The other proposed changes to the SOP all came in at the last minute and we are going to extend the deadline for another month to give more time for comment on suggested changes to SOP.
8. SPF Specification:
- I. The EC has reviewed the specification and it is aligned with what EC had discussed in impasse resolution. **EC concurs the final draft NSSP has met the impasse requirements.**
9. Open Discussion:
- I. Charley R.: Can you give an update on Caltrans' MPQP effort? Ray H: Ken Solak is working on it and Ray wasn't aware that they shared the information with industry yet. **Ray to send Charley Caltrans' MPQP effort.**
  - II. Brandon M: CalAPA is in an information gathering mode like everyone else on COVID-19 with state, National Asphalt Associations and how it will affect industry. Some contractors have shut down, may affect supplies for projects. CalAPA is looking into it.

- III. Brandon M: There is industry concern on paper tickets with the spread of COVID-19. Ray H: Caltrans is drafting up guidance on COVID-19 with paper transfers. **Brandon to forward Georgia's efforts on COVID-19 to Ray H.**
  - IV. Brandon M: CalAPA's conference in April will be cancelled due to COVID-19.
  - V. Charley R: With COVID-19, we are trying to address the oddities in reporting, getting information out to our members and rescheduling meetings as we deal with the social distancing and new government guidance.
  - VI. Ray H.: Caltrans as of 10:25 am this morning, is still trying to keep projects open. With the recent changes in teleworking, social distancing, etc., it may extend bid openings due to delays. Contractors dealing with a shortage of supplies or staff due to COVID-19 issues, can request non-working days due to the state of emergency declaration.
  - VII. Dolores V: Nothing new.
  - VIII. Roberto L: His biggest issue as with everyone is working with the challenges of keeping things moving forward with COVID-19 and teleworking.
  - IX. Sergio A: 90% of the Pavement Program will be teleworking from home. We will keep next month's Sponsors meeting unless things change with the Sponsors and will plan on having a phone bridge again.
6. Decisions made/Approvals given by EC:
- I. EC concurs with short scoping document concept for Post Plant Gradation and looking for the full scoping document ready to be signed and approved.
  - II. EC concurs the final SPF Nssp has met the SPF impasse requirements set by the EC.
7. Action Items
- I. Send Roberto Lacalle a copy of PMPC's Charter and SOP (Douglas Mason) Completed
  - II. Ray to send Charley Rea and Brandon Milar Caltrans' MPQP efforts. (Ray Hopkins) Completed
  - III. Doug to put agenda item for charter and SOP feedback in the next EC meeting. (Doug Mason)
  - IV. Brandon to forward Georgia's efforts on paper transfers on COVID-19 to Ray H. (Brandon Milar)