

# PMPC Sponsors/Steering Committee/ Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: October 15, 2020**  
**Time: 8:30 am-10:00 am**  
**Location: Webex Meeting**

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Attendees: Sergio Aceves, Charley Rea, Ramon Hopkins, Dara Wheeler, Rachel Falsetti, Tom Ostrom, Kevin Keady, Brandon Milar, Tim Greutert, Douglas Mason

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## 1. Introduction

A. Meeting started with roll call by phone and Sergio welcoming everyone to the meeting.

## 2. Opening Comments (PMPC Steering Committee):

1. Tom O: Michael Keever is on vacation this week so was not able to attend. There is a lot going on in the Department. We are adapting and focusing on our core business function, building projects. Communication is very important, and these meetings are a good communication tool. We saw at the last meeting finished PMPC work products and looking forward to what is next in pipeline. Glad to see Dara and Division of Research, Innovation and System Information (DRISI) is involved with PMPC, Nick Burmas has always been helpful concerning research with academia.
2. Rachel: The PMPC group is moving forward. The collaboration with industry is great. We need to find out how to bring more equitability and sustainability to the group.
3. Dara: DRISI is looking to support the committee the best they can. Thanked Tom for the kind words on Nick and her staff.

## 3. Action Items:

Action item from 7/16/2020 meeting:

1. Sergio to set up meeting with Steering Committee and EC to work out the issue for the SOP. (Sergio) Completed
2. Ray to report back to the PMPC from SB1 workgroup on status/updates. (Ray) On agenda and completed.
3. Ray and Rachel to brief Mike K. on EPDs and sustainability for projects. (Ray and Rachel) Ongoing, Meeting scheduled Oct. 20. Same action item as from 4/16/20. Will be Complete.

Action Items from 4/16/2020 SP+SC+EC meeting:

1. Rachel to coordinate meeting with Mike K. to update Mike on the efforts Caltrans and industry have done on GHGs. (Rachel) Ongoing, Group to brief Mike K. on EPDs and sustainability for projects on October 20. Ongoing. Complete

## 4. Work Products for 2020 (PMPC Presentation-Attachment 2)

- A. Sergio went through the PowerPoint Presentation of completed work products, continuing work products and new work products under the Asphalt Task Group and Concrete Task Group.
- B. Expressed disappointment with RAP/RAS work products with the difficulty finding pilot projects for evaluation of the specification.
- C. Sergio also let the Steering Committee know about the changes under the Concrete task group with the formation of the Foundation Sub Task Group (STG) and merging the Precast STG with the Cast In-Place Concrete STG due to lack of future work products for Precast group. Will evaluate the new organization structure after a year to see if products are moving forward.
- D. Tom: Will PCI West still be involved with the CIP STG? Can't see why not if they were there before.

## 5. SB1 Work Group Update (Ray)

- A. When SB 1 first came out, Division of Construction formed a working group with industry to establish sustainability practices in construction.

- B. Currently rebranding the SB 1 working group.
  - C. Developing a priority list of items to work on, a charter, and working on value engineering for construction.
  - D. Meeting bi-monthly.
  - E. **Action Item: Ray will present working group's bin list to PMPC executives at our next meeting.**
  - F. Tom: How were members decided for the group? Construction reached out to industry, working ad-hoc without a charter. Developing a charter to address these issues.
6. COVID-19 Update
- A. Brandon M: Nothing really new to add. Everyone is doing their best to meet their COVID guidelines.
  - B. Rachel: We keep putting out Construction Policy Directives (CPDs) on COVID as things develop and change.
  - C. Tom: The number of positive tests of Caltrans employees is declining, and source of infection was outside of the work environment. Will be continued teleworking for near future and Caltrans will continue to evaluate the situation. The Department has purchased additional 5,000 laptops for every employee to have a laptop who didn't have one for teleworking.
  - D. Ray: Construction is looking into electronic ticketing as a COVID measure and advancement.
  - E. Tim: With changing COVID restrictions, we have had to start and stop the Joint Training Certification Program (JTCP) with industry and training partners and adapt our training facilities to meet safety requirements.
  - F. Tom: How are you handling certification if it is about to expire when being shut down?
  - G. Tim: We are looking at it on a case by case basis, if new getting them into certification and others time extensions on their certificate.
7. Topics Out of the PMPC
- A. Charley: Industry has been looking into workforce development and recruitment at the Community College level, especially in San Bernardino City College.
  - B. Sergio: Recruitment can be a challenge in college as the students already have a career path. Some groups are targeting high schools to encourage technical positions.
  - C. Tim: Can Charley expand on the recruitment effort at San Bernardino City College?
  - D. Charlie: We have a 1-hour presentation to expose them to people and the types of jobs in the construction industry for recruitment in the construction industry.
  - E. Tim: Can industry tell us more on the fly ash shortage, anything new on that front?
  - F. Charley: The fly ash update is more anecdotal, but its affects are statewide in California. Issues with power plants and a new contract source for fly ash that has redirected supply chain.
8. Open Discussion
- A. Discussion with Tim and Brandon on developing a technical committee to help deal with JTCP issues when they arise quickly.
  - B. Tim: We need to find a way to promote or market what Caltrans is doing on sustainability and efforts to reduce amount of GHGs produced by our activities in the PMPC and the department to attract talented people to Caltrans who want to make a difference.
  - C. Dara: We should look to UCPRC to help market Caltrans efforts on sustainability.
  - D. Rachel: We looked into this and there is a site called Build California for California's construction industry.
  - E. Tom: Dara's point is we have a long relationship with UCPRC, Chico Pavement Preservation Center, and Oregon State University and can utilize their experience for marketing Caltrans efforts. Also, we need to recognize the working group teams at the January meeting for their work.
  - F. **Action Item: At January's Sponsor/Steering Committee meeting, highlight and recognize working groups for their efforts in sustainability and statistical pay factor.**
  - G. Tom: We want to acknowledge the good news and feedback from industry in their publications on Caltrans PMPC partnering efforts, it is appreciated by upper management that we can work together.
  - H. Brandon: Our members appreciate the transparency among Caltrans and industry with sharing data from tests in developing specifications together.
  - I. **Action Item: Set aside time to work on January's agenda and topics for our next meetings in November and December.**
  - J. Tim: Should we consider district folks too, for taking on the pilot projects? We can discuss in next meeting.
9. Decisions Made

A. None

10. Action Items.

- A. Present SB 1 new working group's bin list to PMPC executives at next January meeting. (Ray)
- B. At January's Sponsor/Steering Committee meeting, highlight and recognize working groups for their efforts in sustainability and statistical pay factor. (All)
- C. Set aside time to work on January's agenda and topics for our next meetings in November and December. (Doug)

**Next Meeting scheduled for November 19, 2020**