

# PMPC Sponsors/Steering Committee/ Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: July 16, 2020**  
**Time: 8:30 am-10:00 am**  
**Location: Webex Meeting**

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Attendees: Sergio Aceves, Charley Rea, Michael Keever, Cory Binns, Ray Hopkins, Dennis Agar, Rachel Falsetti, Tom Ostrom, Nick Burmas, Dolores Valls, Brandon Milar, Tim Greutert, Douglas Mason

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1. Introduction
  - A. Meeting started with roll call by phone
2. Opening Comments (PMPC Sponsors):
  - A. Michael K & Cory B: Both sponsors said they look forward to jumping into their roles.
  - B. Dennis A: Thanked the EC and PMPC member for dealing with the challenges for last 5 months.
  - C. Rachel F: Appreciates everything we are doing.
  - D. Tom O: He is encouraged by the collaboration with industry and things he is seeing getting accomplished.
  - E. Nick B: He is excited to be here, DRISI's first meeting as a Steering Committee member.
3. Action Items:  
Action item from January 16, 2020 meeting:
  1. Rachel to coordinate meeting with Mike K. to update Mike on the efforts Caltrans and industry have done on GHGs. (Rachel) Not completed, **Ray and Rachel to brief Mike K. on EPDs and sustainability for projects.**
  2. Executive Committee to provide their SOP and Charter comments by April 24. (All) Completed
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. Sergio said it is a continuous effort and we are still evaluating scoping documents not shown in the presentation.
  - B. Statistical Pay Factor (SPF)
    - a) This incentivizes the contractor to provide better quality control on 5 pavement characteristics. And disincentivizes the contractor if they do not meet our target performances.
  - C. Mike K: Inquired if industry is happy with what is being addressed in the PMPC work products.
  - D. Charley R: Yes, industry is happy with the progress they are seeing.
  - E. Brandon M: Commented this is probably one of the best working relationships with Caltrans that industry has had in a long time.
5. Updates to the PMPC SOP and Charter- Draft PMPC SOP-Attachment 3
  - A. Sergio discussed the SOP and how it has been in existence for over 2 years now. The SOP is the guidelines on how the PMPC operates, created after the former Rock Products Committee. Started asking for comments on proposed changes to the SOP with the working groups, sub task groups and task groups.
  - B. One big change requested by industry in the spirit of partnership is they wanted to pick their representation for the working groups, sub task groups and task groups without having to be approved by the EC.
  - C. Another change was the dispute resolution ladder. The change is the dispute resolution ladder will stop at the EC level and not progress up to the steering committee and sponsors if at impasse.
    - a) Trying to encourage members to resolve issues at the lowest level.
  - D. Charley R: Another change was once the specification is sent off to stakeholders for review, if any questions arise about the work product, the work product will come back to the working group.

- E. Tom O: The SOP is a living document and it is important to refresh it from time to time.
- F. Mike K: I agree with Tom. It is important that communication channels are open between Caltrans and industry. We may not always satisfy each other 100 percent but it is important to listen to each other.
- G. Dennis A: What is the target date to start utilizing this new SOP? Sergio was thinking next month; only have one item we need to resolve.
- H. **Action Item: Sergio to set up meeting with Steering Committee and EC to work out the issue for the SOP.**

## 6. COVID-19 Update

- A. Brandon M: Construction projects are moving forward. Some folks in industry have tested positive to COVID. Industry is handling it case by case. Some have gotten lax on masks recently. Companies are finding out the new requirements with the updates from the Department of Health Services and are still completing the work.
- B. Charley R: Same message as Brandon. Industry is learning to adapt. Still have some restrictive issues such as the Bay Area for construction. Caltrans has been good with their weekly calls on what is going on.
- C. Cory B: Our COVID cases in California have shot up sharply recently. Any efforts on awareness on masks and touch points is good.
- D. Mike K: Caltrans has adjusted and talked with associations about the adjustments. We are impacting communities and sharing information with them. Caltrans and contractors will always be expected to operate safely since we were determined to be essential. It is not our work sites that is spreading COVID but the people who come into our work site have contacted it from somewhere else. Industry is being recognized for being adaptable.

## 7. Topics Out of the PMPC

- A. Brandon M.: I have two items to bring up. First item is plastic recycling in pavements. Legislation is being pushed in Nevada and California for plastic recycling in pavements and CalAPA is looking for a better understanding on how utilizing plastic will affect the performance. 2<sup>nd</sup> item I want to bring up is Russell Snyder has put together an article on EPDs in California that will be coming out soon.
- B. Rachel F: North Region is doing a project with recycled plastic in asphalt in a short test section to evaluate the recycled plastic pavement.
- C. Brandon M: Would like to thank Caltrans folks for notifying CalAPA about the trial section of plastic. This is great open communication between Caltrans and industry.
- D. Charley R: CALCIMA issued a report, *Construction & Materials Industry Safe & Essential During COVID-19*.
- E. Mike K: We need to look at opportunities where we can be green and sustainable. We need to be looking ahead of the curve for things coming with new technology. We want the decision makers to be informed when they are considering products and legislation.
- F. Sergio A: We are doing this, maybe not in a unified approach but we need to look to see what we are doing with new technology and continue working with industry on new technologies. .
- G. Tom O: The sooner we have these discussions on new technology then we can have this on our radar to work out the issues.
- H. Rachel F: We have a SB1 Working group talking about changing its name to be more in line with sustainability. We will invite Sergio to participate for pavement.
- I. Sergio A: It will be good to have a venue we can focus on sustainability and efficiencies.

## 8. Open Discussion

- A. **Action Item: Ray to report back to the PMPC from SB1 workgroup on status/updates.** Will need some time, maybe a couple of months)
- B. Mike K: We want to hear what is coming from industry, opportunities, and strategic discussions. **This should be a standing item on agenda for SB1 working group.**

## 9. Decisions Made

- A. Add to the agenda a standing item, SB1 work group update.

10. Action Items.

- A. Sergio to set up meeting with Steering Committee and EC to work out the issue for the SOP. (Sergio)
- B. Ray to report back to the PMPC from SB1 workgroup on status/updates. (Ray)
- C. Ray and Rachel to brief Mike K. on EPDs and sustainability for projects. (Ray and Rachel)

**Next Meeting scheduled for October 15, 2020**