



**Statewide Small Business Council Meeting
Minutes – August 28, 2009**

Civil Rights Building
1823 14th Street
Sacramento, CA 95811

Statewide Council Members Present

Cajas, Sandy	RHCC
Calderon, Josie	MABPA (Alternate)
Carrera, Angel	DGS
Chavez, Chris	HCA
Delgado, Roberto	RHCC Alternate)
Garcia, Rodrigo	SHPE
Golliet, Gene	SDVOB
Gonzalez, Michael	OSBA (Alternate)
Guerrero, Paul	CAL-SBE
Hassoun, Sam	GLA
Hou, Jonathan	ABA
James, John	NAMCSC (Alternate)
Johnson, Bernard	BCA
Lau, Eddy	AAAE, SFO
Llewellyn, Rebecca	WCOE
Matu, Cassy	SACHCC
McGlover, Stephan	CCCC
Molina, Jim	SJCHCC
Ortiz, Leonard	LBA (Alternate)
Patten, Ezekiel	BBA
Ramirez, Frank	CM (Alternate)
Vargas, Jesus	SJCHCC

Caltrans Staff Present

Fonseca, Olivia	Civil Rights
Hogg, Susan	Administration
Bayer, Zoe	PM
Carlson, Michelle	DPAC
Crosby, George	District 4
DeWatney, Bonnie	Civil Rights
Effinger, Robert	Construction
Frank, Angela	Civil Rights
Gastinell, Sherri	Civil Rights
Jackson, Otis	District 7
Land, Rick	Chief Engineer
Padilla, Robert	Civil Rights
Pieplow, Robert	District 11
Rettke, Megan	DPAC
Rice, Lorna	District 11
Robertson, Deborah	District 7
Sartipi, Bijan	Director, District 4
Watts, Sabrina	Civil Rights
White, Brian	District 4
Wong, Kent	Civil Rights

Guests

DeLaParra, Marie	OAACC
Fansinetti, Mike	CSH Planning
Gandola, Steve	SACHCC
Jackson, Cherney	Jackson Insurance
Johnson, Ricky	RCJ & Associates, Inc.
Masdeo, Dan	PB America's
Nelson, Ron	CSH Planning
Padilla, Pat	Padilla & Associates
Parkinson, Teresa	CCCCO-CCCP
Pendergast, Paul	Pendergast & Associates
Stevens, Gary	CSH Planning
Twist, Randy	Pendergast & Associates

ITEM 1 – Welcome/Introduction/Opening Remarks

Olivia Fonseca, Deputy Director, Civil Rights, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)/Statewide Small Business Council (SBC) Chair called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Chair Fonseca welcomed Statewide Small Business (SB) councilmembers, Caltrans staff, and guests; all were asked to introduce themselves. Chair Fonseca announced Director Iwasaki is currently in China and Susan Hogg, Deputy Director, Administration, Administration and Rick Land, Chief Engineer, are here to speak on his behalf. Deputy Director Hogg, relayed to the Council a message from Director Iwasaki that he had sent a memo to all Deputy Directors and District Directors noting the success of SB within the last year. Deputy Director Hogg, announced changes that have occurred in the Administration; Acting Chief Deputy Director, Cindy McKim, Acting Chief Financial Officer, Norma Ortega, Acting District 11 Director, Bob Pieplow, and Acting District 10 Director, Ross Chittenden. Chief Engineer Rick Land stated the group's high priority is SB participation. There are currently over 700 contracts, and they are working as hard as ever even though we are on furloughs. Office of Engineer is continuing to move forward. Forty-one contracts opened in July and 32 percent were below estimate.

Chief Engineer Rick Land spoke in regards to AB21, which was urgency legislation that went through on July 28, 2009. The new provision eliminated the Good Faith Effort (GFE) for the Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Program in the contract bidding process. It went into effect immediately. He explained that the opened contracts will adhere to old legislation and the unopened contracts will adhere to the new legislation.

Councilmember Garcia asked Deputy Director Hogg about the Disparity Study, he represents the Hispanic community and is concerned that they are not represented; he stated Will Kempton had promised that the data would be reanalyzed. He hasn't seen any reports and would like to see information back from Action items. Another issue Councilmember Garcia had is concern that the Caltrans legal staff is not equipped to handle the lawsuit from Associated General Contractors (AGC) of San Diego. Chair Fonseca answered that the data pertaining to the Disparity Study is currently being compiled by Robert Padilla and should be available within a couple of weeks. Chair Fonseca also stated Director Iwasaki, Councilmember Guerrero and Mr. Ron Beals, have met on the community supporting the hiring of an outside attorney for the AGC of San Diego Lawsuit. Caltrans would need to go to the Attorney General and then to the State Attorneys union for approval to have outside legal consultants. The largest obstacle will be the monetary issue, although there is Federal Highway Administration approval, Caltrans needs to identify the funding source.

Councilmember Golliet, referred to AB21, and as he looks at the report in the meeting packet, it shows GFE is not necessary. Chief Engineer Land stated he agrees GFE takes a lot of time.

Councilmember Hassoun stated in his conversations with Department of General Services, there has been discussion to include the option of having set-asides in any new DVBE legislation.

Councilmember Lau addressed the DBE tracking data and requests that the data be released when it is obtained in two weeks.

Councilmember Llewellyn stated there are big trucker issues in the San Diego area. The local truckers are not being used. She also stated there is a problem with SB's and payments; some are waiting one to three years for payment. Interim District 11 Director Bob Pieplow, acknowledged the trucking issues and stated they are looking into these issues.

Chair Fonseca thanked Councilmember Matu for inviting the Councilmembers to the Chambers mixer the night before. Several Councilmembers were in attendance as well. Chair Fonseca also stated AB31 from Senator Curren Price is now on Governor's desk and she thanked Councilmembers for supporting the legislation.

Councilmember Lau thanked Councilmember Guerrero for opening his home for the July SBC meeting.

Chair Fonseca invited the Council to contribute to the American Heart Association.

ITEM 2 – Approval of May 15, 2009, Meeting Minutes

Motion by: Councilmember Patten

Second by: Councilmember McGlover

Approved by consensus.

ITEM 3 – Statewide Committee Reports

Committees met the night before and discussed 2009 Action Items; refer to the Committee Action Item minutes for the updates.

Commodities – Councilmember McGlover, Chair

Construction – Councilmember Llewellyn

Local Assistance – Councilmember Guerrero, Chair

Professional – Councilmember Lau, Chair

Supportive Services – Councilmember Johnson, Chair

ITEM 4 – District Updates

District 3 (Sacramento) –Liza Whitmore, Small Business Liaison

There has been a lot of outreach, a Mandatory Pre Bid was held in Rancho Cordova and on September 1, 2009, there will be one in Colfax for a \$160 million project.

There will be a Clean and Renewable Project Solar workshop on September 9, 2009, available via video teleconference.

District 4 (Oakland) – Bijan Sartipi, District 4 Director – George Crosby and Brian White

There are 170 projects currently underway.

The contractor on the Doyle Drive project, Ghillotti Brothers, has committed to have 31 percent SB participation. Mr. Paul Pendergast spoke about the Doyle Drive project and noted there will be plan rooms throughout the bay area.

Ms. Carolyn Kubota, explained the short term lender program. Her group will be hosting two events, September, 28, 2009 at Hilton San Francisco and on September 30, 2009 in San Gabriel with Director Iwasaki as Keynote speaker. Councilmember Garcia noted the loan program is a good program.

District 7 (Los Angeles) – Deborah Robertson –Deputy District 7 Director, Otis Jackson

On July 26, 2009, District 7 participated in Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky's Government Day at the Panorama Mall where residents were able to learn about Caltrans construction and maintenance projects, State and Caltrans employment and services available to small business owners in Los Angeles County.

On August 12, 2009, Caltrans District 7, participated in a Small Business Contracting connections Workshop sponsored by Los Angeles County Supervisor Michael Antonovich, to illustrate to local small business owners County, State and Federal contracting processes, the new Caltrans DBE program certification process and Bonding Initiative. Additionally, the California Department of General Services, BidSync vendor Registration Program was provided to the attendees.

On August 13, 2009, Caltrans District 7, participated in the California Construction Exposition 2009 at the Los Angeles Convention Center, along with the California Department of General Services. There were several hundred participants who received information on Caltrans statewide A and E and construction contracts, along with the certification processes.

On August 13, 2009, Caltrans District 7, conducted an Outreach Pre-Bid Meeting for two Survey Professional Service contracts that will get advertised later this calendar year. The Outreach Meeting had approximately 90 participants representing both large and smaller firms.

California Assembly Speaker Karen Bass's Office in Los Angeles is working on solidifying plans for a Prime/Subcontractor meeting to take place tentatively in Los Angeles on September 29, 2009. The Speaker's Office has expressed interest in sponsoring a gathering to spark Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation from local businesses in her Legislative District on Stimulus funded and scheduled roadway construction and maintenance projects.

On September 2, 2009, District 7, will participate in Stimulus Opportunities for Small Business and Business Matchmaking sessions sponsored in part by the Small Business Development Centers, Culver City, Santa Monica College, the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. This event will be held at the Renaissance Marriot, Los Angeles Airport.

Councilmember Hou thanked District 7 for giving support to his program and for the certificates from District 7 Director Failing. Deputy District 7 Director Deborah Robertson acknowledged Councilmember Hou for all his accomplishments with his training program.

There will be an AGC Construction Liaisons meeting on September 22, 2009.

District 11 (San Diego) – Bob Pieplow, Acting District 11 Director and Lorna Rice

They continue to have very positive outreach events. Ms. Lorna Rice passed out the District 11 Accomplishments, Upcoming Outreach and Activity report.

ITEM 5 – Public Comment/Good of the Order

Chair Fonseca stated AB 31 is very important, it may be the authority to authorize set-aside contracts for SBs on federal-aid contracts.

Councilmember Ramirez urged the Council to review AB756.

Councilmember Carrera announced the DGS SBC meeting will be September 9 in Los Angeles, at 12:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. at 700 N. Alameda St. 2nd floor room 456. The meeting is also available via teleconference; the number is (213)-217-7888, code 5519.

On October 9, 2009, the AGC, Caltrans District 4 will have Construction Career Day in Alameda.

Councilmember McGlover asked for an update on the hold on IT purchases. Deputy Director Hogg, stated there are new executive orders the State CIO, Takai. She stated the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency will approve reduction report today and then we will know what can be spent.

Mr. Ricky Johnson of RCJ and Associates thanked Councilmember Carrera and District 4 Director Sartipi for being accessible and feels the programs are great.

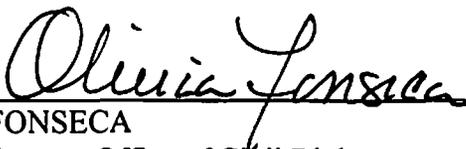
Councilmember Guerrero asked that Mr. Butch Waidelich, Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, to be invited to the SBC meeting.

Councilmember Lau requested District 43 give a presentation to the SBC.

Meeting adjourned: 12:00 p.m.

Next meeting: Friday, September 25, 2009
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Approved by:



OLIVIA FONSECA
Deputy Director, Office of Civil Rights
California Department of Transportation

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said [] has hereunto set his hand and seal of office, this [] day of [] A.D. 19[]

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