

PMPC Executive Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: October 17, 2019

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: HQ Room 1500B, 1120 N St, Sacramento

Facilitator: Sergio Aceves

Attendees: Dan Speer, Ray Hopkins, Ruth Fernandes, Charley Rea, Brandon Milar, Douglas Mason

Meeting started with agenda review, and the following items were discussed:

1. Action Items from 7/18/2019 EC meeting:

All action items complete except the following:

Revisit Quality Laboratory initiative in 6 month and include in EC meeting agenda. (Douglas Mason)

2. SPF Impasse:

The SPF impasse was resolved by Caltrans and Industry agreeing to a risk-based assessment using consecutive sublots for testing being inserted into the specifications with 3rd party resolution for failed tests. Caltrans' METS welcomes witnessing of lab tests by others but not as a specification requirement. Caltrans tried this in the past and coordination of witness testing is a nightmare and impacts lab production. Some discussion on how best to incorporate witnessing of testing procedures, by construction manual or METS policy. There could be issues when contracting out to a 3rd party for testing and how that lab would allow handle witnessing of lab procedures by competitors. Caltrans will have internal discussions with Construction and METS on how to allow witnessing of lab procedures which is considered a low risk issue. Brandon Milar will work with Tom Pyle on incorporating the specification language for the consecutive sublots and 3rd party testing.

3. Bin List and Products:

Discussion on the work products under the PMPC, whether they are only pavement related. Consensus of group was no, the PMPC also includes bridge and pavement, anything that was in Rock Products Committee is in the PMPC.

Ray Hopkins mentioned item #4 on the ATG bin list should not be on the bin list. DIME is already done, it just needs an implementation plan. Caltrans will start with Job Mix Formulas in DIME and then proceed with loading every other test into the database to see how it performs. Ray asked Tim Gruert to provide a DIME presentation at his all managers meeting. Caltrans will roll out DIME by end of January or February by district.

4. Short Scoping Document:

Discussion on the purpose of the short scoping document and whether it was to be used for adding an item to the bin list. Executive group decision was no, the short scoping document or scoping document is not to be used to place a work product on the bin list. The bin list is a parking lot of ideas that can change and needs to be dynamic. The short scoping document is to be used as a draft scoping document to the Executive Committee for their review and consideration. EC will advise STG if scoping document is progressing in the right direction or if they need to consider other options within their scoping document. Once direction is given, then the PMPC STG would develop the full-blown scoping document with milestones and dates, resource needs, and final product expected.

5. Open Discussion

Charley Rea: Structures Policy and Innovation will send small specifications to Charley for industry's review. How can industry track these specifications to see when they are implemented? Charley also brought up that a source of fly ash for California is winding down.

Independent Assurance (IA) consolidation update: Tom Ostrom and Rachel Falsetti signed policy to move IA under METS. Currently working with districts to house the centralized IA personnel. Work requests for IA will be centralized and by the end of the year, the consolidation should be complete. Brandon Milar: On IA, does that include local labs too? Yes, local labs can request IA using the same process mentioned.

Dan Speer: Jackie Wong's duties will now cover concrete materials testing lab and Patrick Lo will be leading the aggregate materials testing lab.

6. Action Items:

- I. Revisit Quality Laboratory initiative in 3 month and include in EC meeting agenda. (Douglas Mason)
- II. Present DIME presentation at all managers meeting for Ray Hopkins. (Tim Gruetert)
- III. Short scoping document to be used as draft scoping document for EC to consider for direction. (All)