

PMPC Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20, 2019

Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Location: DOT Room 2116/HQ, 1120 N St, Sacramento

Facilitator: Sergio Aceves

Attendees: Dan Speer, Ruth Fernandez, Charley Rea, Brandon Milar, Doug Mason, Ray Hopkins (by phone conference)

Meeting started at 10:30 with agenda review, and the following items were discussed:

1. Action Items from 8/15/2019 EC meeting:

- I. Action item #1) Test turnaround time is not completed. There is a meeting this afternoon with Blair Anderson, Tim Gruetert, Brandon Milar and Charley Rea.
- II. B. Milar still working on providing conceptual strategic contract QC process to EC.
- III. Include "New Members" in upcoming meeting agenda. (On hold/In Process). Industry meeting in October to consider who is available and where they will sit on task, subtask and working groups as some working groups are sunseting.

Action Items from 7/18/2019 EC meeting:

- I. Action item Review Quality laboratory initiative and include in EC meeting agenda. (D. Mason) Tim and Brandon to speak in February. (In process)
 - II. Develop frame with certificates to recognize pavement smoothness team in next Sponsors meeting. Doug to send out the three versions of the certificate out for comment and add Cory Binns and Steve Takigawa to signature of certificates.
 - III. Send draft meeting documents 3 days before meeting and final documents one day before meeting. Decision to also send out draft agenda 2 weeks before and ask if any agenda items to add.
 - IV. Call ad hoc meeting on deduction consistency for failed testing. (Done)
2. Sergio Aceves said smoothness certificates will be first on agenda to hand out to recipients at Sponsors + Steering Committee + Executive Committee meeting in October 17.
3. ATG Monthly Status Reports (ALL):
- I. All work products are on track except for Statistical Pay Factors which has impasse and once resolved will reschedule milestone due dates.
 - II. Statistical Pay Factors
 - a. New date for milestone #6 is dependent on the resolution of the escalated impasse.
 - b. WG is waiting for resolution to move through PMPC conflict escalation process.
 - III. RAP Up to 40% in HMA
 - a. RAP literature review is on schedule to be complete by end of September.
 - IV. Hamburg Wheel Tack Test for RHMA-G Mixes
 - a. Doug to follow up with Kee Foo to make sure stakeholders' concurrence by January posting.
4. Bin List
- I. EC is asking ATG to submit top three scoping documents from bin lists or short scoping documents to add to ATG bin list.
 - II. Sergio to send email to ATG thanking them for making progress and to start developing scoping documents (top 3) by November. Draft scoping document by October 31.
5. Impasse ATG
- I. Statistical Pay Factor working group has an impasse with their specification. This is a major specification for us, hopeful to find solution to move forward.
 - II. D. Speer: Industry has unbound risk. Caltrans has spoken with FHWA and we can do IA verification tests and performance tests as long as there is a dispute resolution process in place. For IA, after first failed test, RE orders 3 follow-up tests-one for Caltrans, one for industry and one for independent 3rd party testing.
 - III. B. Milar: Industry has concerns on some of Caltrans laboratories (Central Valley Region) as the lab results see high variability and proficiency in testing is a concern for Hamburg Wheel

tests and Moisture sensitivity. Two things are required for QC and QA tests by a lab, need to be repeatable and reproduceable. Laboratories that are proficient in running tests have the confidence, the lab produces accurate results.

- IV. Lack of confidence in testing is prevalent for both Caltrans and industry. Once we can clean up the testing issues and accuracy on both sides, we should be able to trust each other's test results.
 - V. D. Speer: This falls into IA, Caltrans certifies accreditation and proficiency, which we are addressed with the HWT and consolidation of IA personnel in HQ METS. Caltrans main lab and regional labs are AASHTO accredited.
 - VI. B. Milar: Are the field labs certified? Caltrans: No, but they don't run the HWT or binder tests, typically they run the gradation tests and sand equivalents for aggregate. HWT and binder tests are run in the main lab and regional labs which are certified.
 - VII. Shutdown during paving is the penalty for a failed test not on the SPF list. There is no deduction for a failed test not on the SPF.
 - VIII. Sergio and Brandon to meet to discuss SPF specification with dispute testing language (RE to takes 3 samples after a failed test, one each for Caltrans, Industry and 3rd party).
 - IX. Doug to send out a copy of draft specification after Sergio and Brandon discuss specification language.
 - X. This specification is a NSSP, we can make tweaks to the specification if we see problems with it.
6. Open Discussion:
- I. None
7. Action Items:
- I. Doug to send out the three versions of the certificate out for comment and add Cory Binns and Steve Takigawa to signature of certificates. (Done, version 2 was chosen)
 - II. Doug to follow up with Kee Foo to make sure stakeholders' concurrence for HWT specification by January posting.
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