



Association of California Construction Managers

General Membership Conference Call

March 17, 2011

1:00 p.m.

On the Call:

Dick Cowan

Kris Meyer

Dave Walrath

The participants began the call by discussing the possible materials cost pressure that will be caused by Japan's rebuilding efforts. Because of China's slowdown and the possible slowing in other economies, the Japan tragedy might not have a significant effect; however, in 12-18 months California will see the beginning of significant cost increases.

The participants discussed the state budget and legislation. They concurred with adopting an "Oppose Unless Amended" position on AB 551 (Campos) which increases penalties for violations of prevailing wage provisions.

They also adopted a "Support" position AB 331 (Brownley) that includes Construction Management fees as construction costs as well as the intent for a 2012 school bond.

Dave commented that there is still hope that there will be a June 7 election. The Legislature does not want to go to a June 14 election as that would make passing a budget by June 15 virtually impossible and they would then lose their pay and per diem. We should know by March 25. CEQA changes are part of the negotiations, but there is no agreement yet on any changes.

The next ACCM *Insider* will consist of the ACCM letter supporting Chip Smith for State Architect, 2011 legislation and an update from the ACCM meeting at the C.A.S.H. Annual Conference.

The conference call schedule for the General Membership is as follows:

April 21, 1:00 p.m.

May 19, 1:00 p.m.

June 16, 1:00 p.m.