



ACCM Back to Selling Bonds & Creating Jobs
July 28, 2010
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Phil Vermuelen
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Dave Walrath welcomed everyone in the group and discussed the background and purpose of the meeting. The meeting purpose is to keep money flowing for California school construction and create jobs. The task is: how do we do it?

Walrath and attendees discussed Assembly Bill 220 (Brownley). The bill will be heard by the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 2. A good sign that the bill is moving forward will be if it moves immediately to the Senate Floor. If it is held on Suspense, there is a high probability there will not be a school bond on the ballot. The Secretary of State has indicated August 14, 2010 is the deadline for passing a bond for the November ballot.

The group discussed advocating for lease-revenue bonds as an alternative if there is no school bond on the ballot. A lease-revenue bond only requires a majority vote to authorize. The group talked about the bond selling timeline and the projection of apportionments. Walrath gave some background on the idea of a lease-revenue bond and some actions the Department of Finance has proposed that would make a lease-revenue bond possible.

The budget is the main focus at the Capitol and there seems to be no budget plan set in motion. There is no clear answer on bonds because there is no clear answer on the budget.

The group then had open discussion regarding the August State Allocation Board meeting and the bond money burn-rate charts. All agreed to urge continuation of the incentive plan and put as much money as possible under contract. The ACCM proposal (attached) was used as a template for action.

Walrath encouraged the meeting attendees to discuss all options and opinions with others in the industry. The focus is to keep the money flowing and create jobs in California. The group agreed to follow-up with a meeting on August 11, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.