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SFOBB East-Span
Seismic Retrofit
Project (SAS)

Resident Engineer
(Field)
DAILY REPORT

Date: Week of May 14, 2007

Monday, May 14, 2007

Attended weekly "Champions" project management meeting.

Discussed proposal to revamp LD's for TRO with Mike Flowers. ABF is interested in looking further into it?

Tuesday, May 15, 2007

Attended BATA Briefing this morning and provided a status update on the SAS project.

Met with Brian Petersen, Sean Wichman and CT Environmental staff including Amy Fowler a her temporary replacement, Robert ? Discussed ABF's plans and requirements related to 1) conducting subsurface borings near the water on YBI, area of disturbance on YBI and over water, and dredging plans.

Attended internal CCO status meeting.

Met with Steve Buschmeyer and Riann ? to review several document control areas that need to be improved, including plan sheet distribution. Also discussed schedule issues and several recent correspondence.

Wednesday, May 16, 2007

Weekly core team meeting today included participation of focus team leaders. Introduced the RFI to CCO "Hopper" spreadsheet and CCO 19 to eliminate the PE stamp on certain shop drawings.

Met with Mike Flowers and Brian Petersen regarding setting up a meeting with Lisa Wong, Mike Flowers, Tony Anziano, Jim Merrill and Keith Devonport. The purpose of the meeting is to convey to Lisa Wong that the ongoing practices at ZPMC are causing concern and are unnecessarily impacting the fabrication schedule, i.e., ZPMC's repeated unsuccessful attempts at various fabrication procedures while not being receptive to suggestions from fabrication experts. Also, the apparent lack of a fabrication engineering approach to set-up and operation of the fabrication procedures.

Darryl Schram and I Met with Steve Buschmeyer and Brenden Yee to review ABF proposed fabrication milestones for Oregon Iron Works in order to ID a submittal required under 5-1.25 that can be approved.

Thursday, May 17, 2007

According to Keith Devonport, Thomas Nilsson informed him that ABF has returned Submittal 113 & 116 (WQCP) to ZPMC 5 or 6 times for correction and they, ABF, is still not satisfied with the submittals. Thomas indicated ZPMC was insisting the submittal be turned into Caltrans for review anyway. Apparently, Thomas is unwilling to provide Caltrans with the reasons why ABF is not satisfied with the submittal.

Also, Keith pointed out that Thomas also indicated fabrication procedures, which are yet to be provided by ZPMC, are holding up delivery of shop drawings since information from the fabrication procedures must be incorporated into the shop drawings.

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An afternoon focus meeting was held regarding an issue of longitudinal "kink" in the crossbeams resulting from the difference between camber geometry and PGL geometry (resulting in an up to 10mm longitudinal shift between EB & WB, creating a theoretical "kink" in the crossbeam). The OBG team was present along with several core team members including myself, Rick Morrow, Marwan Nader, Mike Flowers, and Brian Petersen.

Thomas Nilsson proposed to look at the issue from the perspective as if we had not done any detailing yet, and no decisions had been made, and suggested we would have detailed the crossbeams with the "kink." Thomas recommended we, at this point, re-detail the crossbeams to account for the "kink." Thomas assured us that re-detailing the crossbeams kink would not have any schedule impacts whatsoever. I found this quite interesting as it is in conflict and opposite of what Steve Buschmeyer has been suggesting. That is, Steve Buschmeyer is attempting to show that the shop drawings for the OBG are on the critical path, and in particular the crossbeam re-detailing addressed in CCO 38 caused delays to the shop drawings moving them on the critical path. Yet, Thomas Nilsson, the OBG Team Leader, is indicating re-detailing the crossbeams yet another time will not effect the schedule. (Also see diary of May 17th for related comment from Thomas regarding OBG not being on the critical path.)

Friday, May 18, 2007

I was told by Bill Shedd at the Scheduling meeting yesterday, Mr. Buschmeyer indicated he would be attempting to show the lack of shop drawings are preventing ABF from beginning fabrication. This is unlikely as there are many "start up issues" at ZPMC's fabrication shop that need to be overcome before beginning fabrication, i.e., WQCP has not been resubmitted, welder qualifications, welding procedures, fabrication procedures, weld trials, etc. etc. In fact, ABF plans to begin fabrication of the counterweights, and the counterweight shop drawings have been approved, so shop drawings are not preventing the start of counterweight fabrication. Yet, ABF does not plan to begin fabrication of counterweights until July at this point.

Regarding ABFs plans to obtain boring at Temporary Tower C: 1) Amy Fowler obtained concurrence from the RWQCB today (she had previously obtained concurrence for ACOE, and other agencies) and 2) I approved an amendment to the SWPPP addressing measures to be taken to prevent pollution.