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DAILY REPORT

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SFOBB East-Span  
Seismic Retrofit  
Project (SAS)

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**Monday, November 26, 2007**

Pete Siegenthaler on Pier 7 today and tomorrow, back for a few days from China.

Attended weekly Champions meeting, which was followed by a SAS focus meeting to discuss the assignment of Design staff to Team China.

At the request of Tony Anziano, I attended the weekly PMT meeting to discuss the proposed LD for TRO proposal and respond to questions from the PMT.

Rick and I participated in a 3pm teleconference with Jason in China. Pete was at Pier 7 but unable to participate.

Participated in 5pm METS/Team China briefing.

**Tuesday, November 27, 2007**

Provided a letter of support to ABF for a visa application by ZPMC's Chief Design Engineer for the derrick crane. ABF.

Finalized out a number of correspondence for transmittal to the contractor.

ABF met with Traylor Dutra this afternoon in an attempt to resolve their impasse with signing a subcontract. Mike Flowers later informed me the meeting was cordial, but it still was not clear if the issue would be resolved or not.

**Wednesday, November 28, 2007**

Small group core team meeting:

- Bart Ney attended the beginning and introduced Heather Rowe, who will be on the PIO staff conducting tours and coordinating China activities. We discussed tour protocols and media activity in general.
- NCR Transmittal form up implemented in PMIV with the first one utilized this week.
- Status of LaJuene Bolt MFSQA and Audits. Mike Flowers was particularly interested in the status of BBC Bolt Co. and our response to a recent letter sent 11/16, which he forwarded to me later.
- ABF need formal authority to proceed with butt welds on the tower.
- Status of subcontractor substitution request and yesterday's meeting with Traylor/Dutra
- ZPMC's paint supplier, Ameron, apparently is dealing with issues related to failing paint specifications.
- Discussed having ABF ship remaining sections of tower templates to ZPMC.
- Mike Flowers updated me on prevailing wage issue related to Piledrivers base wage. ABF is working with the Union to resolve.
- Yellow Sheets – it was mutually desired to locate and maintain a set in China.
- ABF question the status of Electrical CCO's for lighting and general electrical changes

Mike Forner, Victor Salazar, Dan Ambuhl and I met to discuss and begin to develop a safety program for "others" who visit the work site.

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Met with Sam Choy and Thomas Nilssen to review the cost package submitted by Hassett Engineering in response to CCO 19. Sam went over the basis of Hassett's approach. I requested that ABF request a copy of the agreement between Hassett and Tensor and Hassett's bid breakdown, along with a False Claims Act cert.

Brian Petersen informed me he is hearing DMMO, the multi-agency responsible for dredging in the bay, may require that the proposed dredging area at Clipper Cove be re-sampled and tested due to the recent oil spill in the bay.

**Thursday, November 29, 2007**

Attended bi-weekly safety meeting held with focus on hearing protection, which was followed by SAS all staff meeting, where Darryl Shram outlined the staff and duties of his unit and Rick and I briefed staff on core team and other issues.

Received objection and request for hearing from Traylor Dutra regarding ABF's request to have Taylor Dutra removed from the project.

Rick and I participated in 3pm Team China teleconference. I'm developing a rolling agenda being developed to track active issues.

**Friday, November 30, 2007**

Tony Anziano & Mike Flowers in Washington meeting with MARAD and others regarding the application of the Jones Act to the sheer leg barge.

Briefly attend the MEP CCO meeting.

Made aware of a dimension discrepancy on the plans for CCO 25, Expansion Joint, on plans previously issued with an authority to proceed. Sam Choy indicated he had stopped his fabricator pending resolution of the discrepancy. I followed up on the issue with Jim Reid, Rick Morrow and Mike Whiteside. Hope to have it resolved early next week.

Letter transmitted to Division of Safety and Health (DOSH) regarding the outcome of a recent meeting with Caltrans.

Discussed the potential further testing and studies requested by DMMO of the area proposed for dredging north of YBI with Amy Fowler. Amy will have Laura contact DMMO to obtain more particulars. Amy will be off the next two weeks. I will bring this potential issue up at Champions meeting on Monday.



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