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DAILY REPORT

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SFOBB East-Span
Seismic Retrofit
Project (SAS)

Monday, December 10, 2007

Rick Morrow off today.

Attended morning Champions meeting. Dan Ambuel was asked to be there by Brian Maroney to discuss the corridor safety program.

Received a call from Lawrence Phillips, and attorney for Traylor Dutra, requesting contact information to send a brief for tomorrow's substitution hearing, and also inquired about having a court reporter present at the hearing. An internal pre-hearing was held this afternoon for the subcontractor substitution hearing scheduled for tomorrow. I briefed District Office staff of the issues leading to the requested substitution.

Participated in a 3pm teleconference with Jason and Pete in China.

I did not participated in 5pm METS/Team China briefing.

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Subcontractor Substitution hearing held this morning, with Bob Finney being the hearing officer. The hearing was both tape recorded and a court reporter was present recording the proceedings. At the end of the hearing, ABF and Subcontractor, Traylor-Dutra, agreed to attempt to reach an agreement by the end of the week, prior to a determination being issued by the Department on the substitution request.

Attended monthly blue tag meeting a 4pm.

Wednesday, December 12, 2007

Core Team:

1) Small group for first 1½ hours:

- Discussed the strategy moving forward with fabrication, i.e., making enough working drawings available to assure continuous fabrication effort, minimize changes to shop drawings, remove excuses to begin fabrications.
- Ameron out-of-specification paint. ABF awaiting test results from Caltrans.
- Steve Buschmeyer mentioned a potential CRIP to eliminate the E2 Demonstration Pour.

2) Small core team followed by a focus meeting with key fabrication leads on strategy of beginning fabrication discussed above, and approach on how to process changes after approved shop drawings. In general the outcome of the meeting was to use established processes, i.e., RFI & shop drawing changes, rather than creating a new process, such as Shop Change Notices.

Rick and I met with Michele Difrancia, of HNTB, to provide comments from our review of the draft China Plan.

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Thursday, December 13, 2007

Bi-weekly safety meeting followed by SAS all staff meeting.

Contacted via email by ABF with cc: to Traylor-Dutra requesting that a decision from the subcontractor substitution hearing earlier in the week be postponed until early next week. I forwarded the request to Bob Finney, the hearing officer, and others.

In pm, visited jobsite with Gil Klebanov for safety review and status of work on W2 pier cap.

Rick, Doug Coe, and I held 3 pm teleconference with Team China. Bob Kick joined us to present an approach that will allow more fabrication to proceed with the tower, i.e., double diaphragms. Then Thomas Nilsson joined us to discuss an approach to allow work to proceed with the OBG corner assemblies.

Friday, December 14, 2007

Nothing significant to report today.



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Self-Anchored Suspension Bridge