

## January 11, 2011 Central Region Calmentor Meeting

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1. Meeting started at 10:00 am. Curtis Lindskog provided an overview of the day's events and background on the purpose of Calmentor.
2. Self-introductions by all attendees.
3. District 06 Director Sharri Bender Ehlert reaffirmed Caltrans' commitment to the Calmentor program.

She then provided a background on the State's budget issues:

- DOT proposed budget is \$12.8B, close to 2010-11 which was \$12.4B. Decrease for local assistance, increase for operations, but overall good news.
- Swapping of money - weigh fees to pay general fund debt services, but just a shuffling of \$, no net decrease.

Sharri described Caltrans role in High Speed Rail. Caltrans is a proponent. Their role is oversight on impacts to state hwy system.

4. Curtis Lindskog provided background on the purpose of Calmentor.
5. Steering Committee Reports:
  - Steve Strait: 37 firms in the program. Could use more of each, but especially need more mentors. This is a good time to meet with other firms to prepare for future work opportunities.
  - Scott Mears: We had a great annual event in September, lots of great speakers, thanks to Caltrans staff for their hard work.
6. Ray Tritt, Caltrans Design-Build:
  - Caltrans currently has a Design Build Demonstration Program. Ray provided a discussion of the difference between Traditional and D/B. Faster delivery, cost

certainty, constructability, risk transfer, innovation are the reasons to use DB, but there are some drawbacks, too.

- SB 4 enabled limited D/B and Public Private Partnerships
- Enumerated the projects coming up
- Firms should see the DB website for more information.
  - Design-build website link:  
<http://dot.ca.gov/hq/oppd/designbuild/db.htm>
  - E-mail address for the design-build program:  
[dbprogram@dot.ca.gov](mailto:dbprogram@dot.ca.gov)

7. Kent Riffey, HSR Authority:

- HSR will encourage continuation and support of the Calmentor program.
- Provided some background on HSR nationally and internationally. California is leading the way. HSR means trains running over 150 mph.
- Phase 1 is \$43B. Target is 2020 for the San Francisco to LA segment. "Full system" is further back.
- Concept of operations: The state will own the trains and infrastructure. There will be a commercial operator and maintenance franchise (same firm).
- The project is moving quickly - he will be looking at the draft Request for Interest next week.
- The location of the maintenance facility will be determined by the environmental process.

8. Next quarterly meeting will be April. Meeting adjourned at 11:20.