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STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

June 13, 2008

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:**

Ms. Michael C. Genest, Director, Department of Finance

Ms. Cindy McKim, Deputy Director, Department of Transportation

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Greg Rogers, Administrative Secretary

Chris Lief, Assistant Administrative Secretary

Theresa Gunn, Assistant Administrative Secretary

Brian Dewey, Assistant Administrative Secretary

Deborah Cregger, Staff Counsel

Stephen Benson, Budget Analyst

Stan Hiuga, Budget Analyst

Randy Katz, Budget Analyst

Maria Lo-Aoyama, Budget Analyst

Madelynn McClain, Budget Analyst

Andrew Ruppenstein, Budget Analyst

Matt Schuller, Budget Analyst

Thurese Vialovos, Budget Analyst

Lucinda Winward, Budget Analyst

Stacey Sappington, Finance Staff

Aurelia Bethea, Executive Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Mr. Michael C. Genest, Chairperson of the SPWB and Director of the Department of Finance, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Mr. Greg Rogers, Administrative Secretary for the SPWB, called the roll. A quorum was established.

The first order of business was approval and adoption of the Minutes from May 9, 2008.

**A motion was made by Ms. McKim and Second by Mr. Genest to approve and adopt the minutes from the May 9, 2008 meeting.**

**The minutes were approved by a 2-0 vote.**

**BOND ITEMS:**

Mr. Rogers reported that there were no bond items for consideration this month.

**CONSENT ITEMS:**

Mr. Rogers reported that there were 43 Consent Items for consideration this month.

The 43 Consent Items proposed are as follows:

- 5 requests to authorize site selection [Consent Items 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7]

- 2 requests to authorize an acquisition [Consent Items 2 and 6]
- 29 requests to approve preliminary plans [Consent Items 8, 15 thru 43]
- 1 request to approve preliminary plans and to recognize anticipated deficit in construction phase [Consent Item 9]
- 1 request to approve an augmentation [Consent Item 10]
- 2 requests to recognize scope change [Consent Items 11 and 14]
- 1 request to approve preliminary plans and to approve use of Inmate Ward Labor [Consent Item 12]
- 1 request to approve use of Inmate Ward Labor [Consent Item 13]

Mr. Rogers reported that there were four 20-day letters for Item's 9, 10, 11, and 14 on the Consent Calendar that were transmitted to the appropriate Legislative Committees and expired without comment.

**In summary:** Staff recommends approval of the Consent Calendar consisting of Consent Items 1 through 43.

There were no questions or comments from the Board or the public.

**A motion was made by Ms. McKim and Second by Mr. Genest to approve Consent Items 1 through 43.**

**The Consent Items were approved by a 2-0 vote.**

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Mr. Rogers reported that there were three Action Items on this month's agenda.

Action Item #1 was for the Military Department, Consolidate Headquarters Complex — Authorize site selection, recognize a scope change, and approve the acquisition of a purchase option for approximately 30 acres. This project would acquire a purchase option, effectively reserving approximately 30 acres of land, in the old Mather Air Force Base area for the potential construction of a new consolidated headquarters complex for the department.

Consistent with the staff recommendation, Mr. Rogers recommended the Board authorize site selection, recognize the scope change, and approve the acquisition of a purchase option. In addition, staff recommended the Board require the Department of General Services to report on efforts to remove the development agreement within 180 days from the purchase option commencement date.

There were no comments or questions from the Board or public.

**A motion was made by Ms. McKim and Second by Mr. Genest to adopt staff recommendations.**

**Action Item #1 was adopted by a 2-0 vote.**

Action Item #2 was for the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Statewide: Construct Communications Facilities, Phase IV — Approve preliminary plans. This project would replace old and failing emergency communications structures, including transmission towers, radio vaults, and generators, at four separate locations throughout the state, which are part of the statewide emergency communications network used by state, local, and federal agencies.

Mr. Rogers noted that CEQA for this project as a whole was not complete, and specifically, CEQA for the Strawberry Peak site would not be completed until October 2008. He discussed a number of special considerations, such as the criticality of the project, the non-controversial nature of the CEQA filings, and the risk of losing project funding, that offset the risks of approving preliminary plans before the completion of CEQA.

Mr. Rogers also reported that the Federal Special Use Permit for the Red Mountain Site will expire in 2022, and that the Board should be aware that there is a potential the state may lose the remaining useful life of the facility if the current lease is not renewed or extended by the US Forest Service. Additionally, because of the poor condition and critical nature of this facility, the risk of moving forward on this site appears to be low, as the Department has indicated that they are confident that the US Forest Service will eventually renew the lease.

Ms. Irene Anderson, Supervising Land Agent, CAL FIRE, stated that in addition to staff comments, the Department was planning on designing the Red Mountain Site so that the tower and vault could be moved to another location if for some reason the lease could not be extended.

Additionally she reported that the replacement projects were protecting the States emergency telecommunications, all four sites are part the 'backbone' for the Department of General Services telecommunications providing 911 services, it is our main communications for emergencies for CAL FIRE and many other state, local, and federal agencies.

Mr. Genest asked why the CEQA is not complete knowing that there is a deadline that has to be met. Ms. Anderson informed that there were discussions for a long time as to whether or not it should be an exempt project and it was only recently that a decision was made on this issue.

There were no further comments and no questions from the public.

Consistent with the staff analysis, Mr. Rogers recommended the Board approve preliminary plans, recognizing that CEQA has not been completed, and require DGS to certify that CEQA has been completed without challenge and obtain approval to proceed from staff before expending working drawings funds for each site.

**A motion was made by Ms. McKim and Second by Mr. Genest to adopt staff recommendations.**

**Action Item #2 was adopted by a 2-0 vote.**

Action Item #3: was for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Small Management Exercise Yards—Statewide — Recognize a scope change, approve increased cost within an appropriation, and approve augmentations, to design and build additional Small Management Yards.

Mr. Rogers stated this action was necessary to comply with the Coleman Court order to construct the Small Management Yards for the Administrative Segregation population by June 30, 2009.

Consistent with staff recommendation, Mr. Rogers recommended the Board recognize the scope change, approve increased costs within appropriation, and approve the two augmentations.

No questions or comments from the Board or public.

**A motion was made by Ms. McKim and Second by Mr. Genest to adopt staff recommendations.**

**Action Item #3 was approved by a 2-0 vote**

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mr. Rogers reported there was no Other Business this month.

**REPORTABLES:**

Mr. Rogers reported that there were five reportable items approved under authority delegated by the Board.

**NEXT MEETING:**

Mr. Rogers noted that staff was scheduling a special meeting related to a new law suite that has come before the Board. The next regular meeting of the SPWB is set for Friday, July 11, 2008, at 10:00 a.m. at the State Capitol, in Room 113.

There were no comments or questions from the public before adjournment.

Mr. Genest adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m.