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Specifications  
for Public Works  
Construction  
(Greenbook)

Standard Plans  
for Public Works  
Construction

March 21, 2013

Subject: 2012 Annual Report

Dear Board of Directors;

During calendar year 2012, the "Greenbook" Committee:

1. Established a quorum at each monthly meeting.
2. Approved 8 changes for inclusion in the 2013 Supplement.
3. Edited and published the 2013 Supplement to the 2012 Edition of the SSPWC.
4. Formed a Stabilized Base Task Force to develop specifications for base material produced by mixing pulverizing in-place materials with cement, lime, or emulsified asphalt.
5. Formed a Water Specifications Task Force. This initiative is being led and chaired by Dennis Phinney of Psomas. The goal is to include specifications for water systems in the 2015 Edition of the Greenbook.
6. Continued work on reviews and updates to Section 306, Part 1, and Part 5.

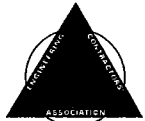
Participation:

1. I responded to only one inquiry from someone interested in participating on a subcommittee.
2. As I reported last year, greater participation by public agencies is needed on the New Materials Surface, New Materials Underground, Specifications and Standard Plans Subcommittees.
3. The Metropolitan Water District, a voting member agency, did not attend any meetings. I have received no response to several email inquiries.
4. City attorneys who will not allow their city to use Part 1, a perception by some that the Greenbook is a "contractor spec," and a lack of understanding/misunderstanding about the purpose of the Greenbook continue to be hindrances.

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2013 Strategic Plan:

1. Review and update various current specifications as time and resources allow.
2. Limit changes related to new materials and methods to those which are non-proprietary or non-sole-source materials which the respective Subcommittee can analyze and review with its current technical resources, or by forming a focused task force.
3. Study the use of email blasts and social media to provide updates to those interested on Committee activities.

Summary:

The Greenbook Committee, as a committee under PWSI, continues to meet and perform its mission in accordance with its established Operating Policies and Procedures. However, limited technical participation, in particular by public agencies continues to be an ongoing problem.

Very truly yours;

Erik J. Updyke  
APWA Co-Chair