

GREENBOOK COMMITTEE

NEW MATERIALS AND METHODS SUBCOMMITTEE-SURFACE

CONCRETE AD HOC GROUP

MINUTES

May 14, 2009

Acting Chairman Ken Sears called the meeting to order at 9:45 AM. The meeting was held in the conference room at:

Cal Portland CPC Materials Division  
1030 W. Gladstone  
Azusa, CA 91702

1. Self-introductions were made by the participants (from the sign-in sheet):

Buddy Coover	County of Orange
Javier Corcino	BASF
Drew DeCarlo	Headwaters
Josh Hamilton	W.R. Grace
Gary Kirk	California Portland Cement
Ed Kripavicius	Standard Concrete
Kirk McDonald	California Portland Cement
Pat Murena	Solomon Colors
Ken Parks	CEMEX
Tim Saenz	Vulcan Materials
Ken Sears	CSM Ready Mix
Mike Serra	Cemex
Griff Sparks	CPC Materials
Don Vivant	Sully-Miller

2. The minutes from the April 8, 2008 meeting were approved as distributed with the following comments:

The editorial “style” guide was not distributed as of this meeting. A brief discussion solidified the desire for this, and many felt it would help considerably in moving our proposals through the approval process.

3. Old Business –

A. Aggregate Sub-Task Force –

Tim reported that the Task Force met on April 28, 2009, and provided the group with a Goals and Objectives statement. The Sub-Task Force is now on HOLD pending further involvement from agencies, specifically City of LA and OC. Without agency involvement, they cannot effectively proceed any further. Some further discussion included the Sub-Task Force needing to know exactly what areas of the proposal caused rejection by the Surface Committee. Some felt a change of wording in regards to the waiving of individual gradations in lieu of a combined

gradation, and the use of the terms “shall and may”. The Sub-Task Force also expressed concern that it was not the responsibility of the group to involve agency in their earlier meeting and recommendations. The recommendations were to be submitted to the Materials Subcommittee, where they were to be reviewed collectively by industry and agency. It was agreed that the reason for a “Task Force” is to provide the Subcommittee with specific information in regards to a material topic; not to provide the group with review, adjustment, rejection or acceptance. The group has agreed to involve agency and will proceed with clarification of its prior recommendations nonetheless. The Aggregate Sub-Task Force will be dark in May, and will meet in June at a location that can accommodate agency involvement.

B. Self Consolidating Concrete –

Further revisions to the General Statement, recommendations for deleting some redundancies, and removing some overall “wordiness” are being performed by Javier for an 8<sup>th</sup> revision. Javier, Ed Krip and Don Vivant are to work together to add a section in 303 for Proportioning that will allow adjustments to individual materials (rock and sand) to ensure performance characteristics, while staying within the combined grading limits, without the need for a new mix submittal.

C. High Early Strength Concrete –

The discussion was held over until the next meeting as Rob Graine was not in attendance.

4. New Business –

- A. A new chair for the Ad Hoc Group was deferred until next meeting. Rod and Ken have had some discussion on the topic, however the position has not been offered to any individual at this time. A general statement was made that in selecting the new chair, it is very important that this individual keep the interests of our agency partners in mind throughout our decisions.
- B. A proposal was made to change the day of the Sub-Committee meetings to be able to accommodate further agency support. Thursday may not be the best day.
- C. Section 300-11 Rip Rap was discussed, but no one knew for sure exactly what the initial concern regarding this specification was. Some thought it had to do with confusion regarding the word “penetration” in how it relates to a ball penetration test (Cal Trans) not depth of concrete (grout) surrounding rip rap aggregate. The topic was deferred until next meeting so some further clarification can be presented.
- D. It was mentioned that the Main Committee was in discussion of a “Green Material” initiative. The Sub-Committee would like to be informed of any updates regarding the Green Building initiative, how it relates to concrete and concrete materials, and would hope that the Main Committee would use the Sub-Committee as a resource on this topic, if needed.
- E. Some differing in opinion surfaced regarding the use of Cal Trans specifications as a resource to the Greenbook. On some proposals being pursued, individuals are adamantly against using previously published Cal Trans specifications as a guideline for Greenbook provisions; on the other hand, it was mentioned that Cal Trans has just updated some of their specifications and we should use them as a guideline because there is not a need to “re-invent the wheel.” This is very confusing for the individuals who are being tasked to work on the Sub-Committees goals and objectives. We need a clarification and agreement as to how we plan to use other industry resources, and make

that decision a guiding principle. It goes back and forth too much right now based on specific agendas.

F. The next Surface meeting will be held on May 19, 2009 at the AGC Regional Office, 1906 West Garvey Avenue South – Suite 100, West Covina. For further information go to : [www.greenbookspecs.org](http://www.greenbookspecs.org).

5. Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, June 11, 2009**, same location and time.

6. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Submitted By:

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2009 Meeting Schedule

January 8	February 12	March 12	<del>April 9</del> <b>April 8</b>	May 14	June 11
July 9	August 13	September 10	October 8	November 12	No December Meeting