



2007 Legislation in Review – 2008 Look Ahead

The current goal and mission of the legislative committee for the chapter is to monitor and advise membership regarding legislation which will affect the construction industry in its use of professional program and project management.

As the calendar year comes to a close, it is natural to review the year's accomplishments, disappointments and unfinished business. The same is no less true in the arena of politics, legislation and the impacts on our profession and industry.

2007 Review: The California 2007 legislative session, which ended on Oct. 14, included actions on several pieces of relevant legislation. Several bills signed by the governor continue to expand authority for public entities to use design-build and other alternative project delivery methods other than traditional design-bid-build. Authority was also provided to use alternative procurement methods such as best-value procurement. Affected local public agencies include the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Caltrans, local transit districts, community colleges and the Orange County Sanitation District. Clearly the value potential of our services must keep pace with the changing landscape of project procurement and delivery.

2008 Look Ahead: Perhaps the most important legislative issue affecting the construction management industry remains pending. Senate Bill (SB) 355 has already passed the California Assembly, but was withdrawn from Senate consideration last July by its author, Senator Robert Margett. In short, the bill would require that a firm providing construction management services on projects be licensed as general contractors by the State of California. Opposition response to this bill has been mobilized by several other professional organizations including CELSOC. It is imperative that all CMAA members notify their local representatives and Senator Margett to voice their opposition.

The legislative committee invites all members with interest in such legislative matters to get involved in this committee's activities. If you are such a member, please contact Joe Seibold, chair of the committee, or Kelly Asper for further information.

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