



STATE PUBLIC WORKS BOARD

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FINAL MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gayle Miller, Chief Deputy Director, for the Department of Finance
Jennifer Osborn, Chief Deputy Director, for the Department of General Services
Patrick Henning, Chief Deputy Treasurer, for the State Treasurer
David Oppenheim, Deputy Controller, for the State Controller
Mike Keever, Chief Deputy Director, for the Department of Transportation

MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Gayle Miller, Chairperson of the State Public Works Board (Board), called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m. Randy Katz, Deputy Director of the Board, called the roll. A quorum was established.

BOND ITEMS:

The first order of business was to approve one bond item.

Bond Item 1:

Sally Lukenbill, Executive Director of the Board stated that if approved, bond item 1 would adopt resolution authorizing actions to provide for interim financing, authorize the sale of lease revenue bonds, approve the form of and authorize the execution and delivery of a Project Delivery Agreement, and other related actions for the Santa Fe Springs Area Office Replacement project in Los Angeles County, for the California Highway Patrol.

The project includes the construction of a 44,000 square foot facility with radio vault, auto service facilities, and a communication tower, on six acres in the City of Norwalk. The new facility will replace the current 8,000 sf area office that was constructed in 1967, which has significant structural deficiencies and no longer meets the operational needs of the department.

Ms. Miller asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board or the public. There were none.

A motion was made by Mr. Henning and seconded by Mr. Oppenheim to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously through a 5-0 roll-call vote (Ms. Miller, Ms.

Osborn, Mr. Henning, Mr. Oppenheim, and Mr. Keever all voting aye).

Ms. Miller thanked and excused the State Controller and State Treasurer.

MINUTES:

The next order of business was to approve the minutes from the February 9, 2024, Board meeting.

Ms. Lukenbill stated that staff had prepared and reviewed the minutes from the February 9, 2024, Board meeting and recommended approval of the meeting minutes.

Ms. Miller asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board or the public. There were none.

A motion was made by Ms. Osborn and seconded by Mr. Keever to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously through a 3-0 roll-call vote (Ms. Miller, Ms. Osborn, and Mr. Keever all voting aye).

Ms. Lukenbill stated that the next order of business before the Board was to consider one Consent Item.

Consent Item 1:

Ms. Lukenbill indicated that the requested action would establish project scope, recognize revised project costs, and approve the first guaranteed maximum price for the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center – Demolition of Building 38, and Construction of New Educational and Vocational Center project in Marin County, for the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

The 2023-24 Budget Act appropriated \$360.6 million Public Buildings Construction Fund for the project, which included the demolition and abatement of the former California Prison Industry Authority Warehouse Building 38 and design and construction of an approximately 80,000 sf new Educational and Vocational Center (Center) at the San Quentin Rehabilitation Center. The Center is comprised of three primary buildings and various structures and facilities that support and/or are necessary for operation of the Center.

The three actions before the Board would allow the project to move forward, consistent with Legislative intent. Ms. Lukenbill also noted that the recommended actions were consistent with the findings of the San Quentin Transformation Advisory Council, and the overall goal of implementing the California Model at San Quentin.

The first action before the Board would establish project scope, the second action would recognize revised project costs, and the third action would approve the first Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Ms. Lukenbill noted that the Board received over 40 letters opposing the Educational and Vocational Center project, and those letters have been shared with the Board and would become part of the record for this meeting. Most of the letters expressed concerns over the cost of the project, and suggested that the funds should instead be

shifted to mental health and substance abuse programs, reentry initiatives, and community-based programs. Ms. Lukenbill indicated that the Board acknowledged these concerns, however, the Board does not have the authority to redirect the projects' appropriation to another purpose. In addition, the project had already been approved by the legislature, and the actions being considered by the Board were administrative actions consistent with the Legislature's intent and in furtherance of the Legislature's authorization of the project.

Ms. Miller asked if there were any questions or comments from the Board, or from the public.

The following members of the public provided comment:

- Alicia Montero, from California United for Responsible Budget (CURB), a criminal justice reform coalition, expressed opposition to the project, and stated that this funding should be used for more important community initiatives.
- Brian Kaneda, from CURB, expressed opposition to the project and to public spending on new prison infrastructure.
- Jody Lewen, president of Mount Tamalpais College, at San Quentin State Prison and a member of the San Quentin Transformation Advisory Council, stated for the record that the Advisory Council was convened after the plans for demolition and construction were created, and they were asked to provide input on the design only. Ms. Lewen also indicated that there are many opportunities at San Quentin to develop program space without this project.
- KD Dixon, a community advocate from California Coalition for Women's Prisoners, asked the Board to halt funding for the San Quentin project due to the budget deficit.
- Brian Ziadie, from Critical Resistance LA read a statement from President Arthur Jackson of the San Quentin People in Blue, who opposed the project due to the budget deficit.
- Mark Golub, from CURB and Critical Resistance LA, expressed opposition to the project stating that it is an irresponsible use of public funds.
- Tanya Oppliger, from CURB, indicated that over 400 letters as opposed to 40 letters were submitted. Ms. Oppliger read a statement from Steve Brooks, the Vice President of the San Quentin People in Blue, who opposed the project due to the cost of the new building and the disruption it would cause to those onsite.
- Das Proctor, from CURB, opposed the project and indicated that new infrastructure would not lower California's recidivism rates or address the underlying causes of incarceration.
- Olivia Gleason, from CURB, provided testimony from Timothy Peeples, currently incarcerated at San Quentin. Mr. Peeples expressed opposition to the project due to the cost of the project and the disruption that it would cause to those

onsite.

- Woods Ervin, from CURB and Critical Resistance Oakland, urged the Board to halt the project and deny funding due to the cost of financing and the potential disruption and environmental issues the project would cause.
- Haley Liddle, from CURB, and Showing Up for Racial Justice expressed opposition due to the cost of the project and the current budget deficit.
- Kelly Walters, staff attorney from Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, expressed opposition to the project stating that the funding should be used for more important initiatives including community resources and affordable housing.

Mr. Keever and Ms. Osborn expressed appreciation to the public and to CDCR, and Mr. Keever asked Ms. Lukenbill to clarify for the record the role of the Board and to repeat the actions being considered in consent item 1. Ms. Lukenbill presented the three actions before the Board once again.

A motion was made by Ms. Miller and seconded by Mr. Keever to approve consent item 1. The motion passed unanimously through a 3-0 roll-call vote (Ms. Miller, Ms. Osborn, Mr. Keever all voting aye).

ACTION ITEMS:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

Ms. Miller noted that there was no other business.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ms. Miller asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Board, or from the public.

REPORTABLES:

Ms. Miller stated that Staff would present the Reportables for the period of January 27, 2024 through February 26, 2024.

Ms. Lukenbill stated that the reportable items were included in the staff analysis and in the Board member briefing packet.

Ms. Miller asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Board, or from the public. There were none.

NEXT MEETING:

Ms. Miller stated that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting would be held on Friday, March 22, 2024, with the time and location of the meeting posted on the Board's website.

Ms. Miller asked if there were any other questions or comments from the Board or from the public. There were none.

The meeting concluded at 10:53 am.