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Kalb's Capitol Connection

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This may be known in the future as the Summer of Smoke. While some areas have been stricken with devastating fires, nearly all Californians experienced the fallout as ash and smoke blanket our state.

We have also literally "sweated out" this last week in California and the West as temperatures reached highs well beyond 100 in many areas. My compliment to the Valley Builder's Exchange and other organizations for their pro-active outreach to their members with a web link on the Department of Industrial Relations and Cal OSHA information on preventing heat related illness on the jobsite. While it's cooling now, to paraphrase a Tennessee Williams title, "It's a Long, Hot Summer," and it's not over yet. I will post this on cutredtape.com should you need to link to the download at Valley Builder's Exchange.



Question: I am the Responsible Managing Officer on our license and will be traveling extensively during the next year. My corporation's president (who is not the qualifying individual) wants to work on several contracts even while I am physically away. If we iron out some "hold-harmless" agreement in the event of something going wrong and he agrees to take on the liability for any unforeseen problem, is it possible this would shield me from potential misdemeanors? To clarify—I don't expect anything to go wrong; I am just not comfortable being held responsible for something that I was not overseeing. Thank you and I greatly appreciate your column.

Answer: It's your decision whether you want to remain as the Qualifier on this license. As RMO, the CSLB would STILL consider you responsible for the company's day-to-day construction activities, even with a "hold-harmless" agreement. In other words, I do not believe this will shield you from potential disciplinary actions by the state or other legal authorities.

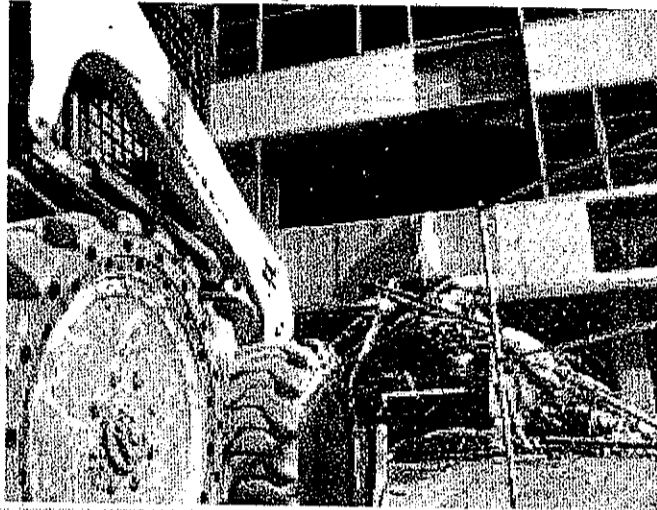
I suggest that the president or another individual take over as the RMO (or RME) until you return. This would involve filing an application with the CSLB and testing by the new qualifier. If you remain as RMO during this year period—regardless whether you iron-out a "hold-harmless" agreement—
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Overaa Construction Takes Part in Richmond Rejuvenation

The city of Richmond has a number of new large construction and renovation projects under way or just completed, and local company C. Overaa & Co. — now 101 years old — has its hand in many of them.

At the Richmond Memorial Civic Center project, Overaa is the general contractor on the City Hall upgrading project. This first phase project includes construction documents for the renovation and the interior demolition and initial seismic work.

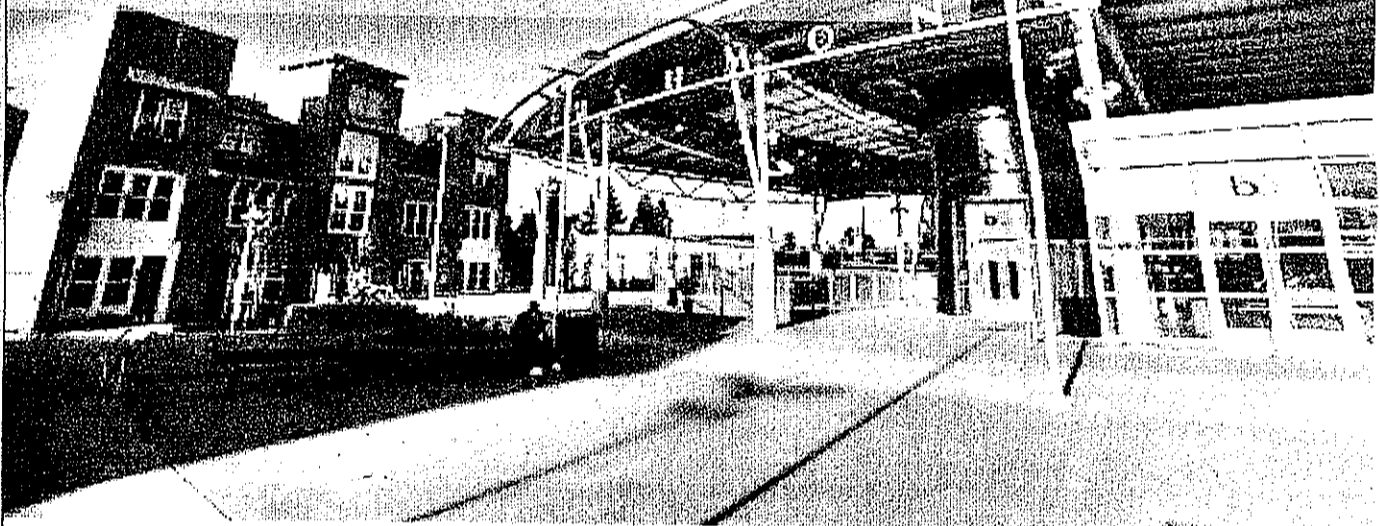
According to Richmond's office of community and economic development, the project is on schedule and tracking within the approved budget. All demolition and seismic work in the City Hall is complete and work in progress



Demolition work at City Hall

fit to essential services standard; replacing existing interiors, windows, roofing and mechanical, electrical and plumbing (MEP) and fire protection systems, instal-

3,200 sq ft), a canopy roof structure (11,250 sq ft) incorporating an innovative architectural design of translucent roofing assemblies and standing sheet metal on structural steel, a two-level plaza area (21,000 sq ft), and 100 linear ft of 18-ft tall architectural retaining walls. A space was also provided for the tenant, MyTransitPlus, specializing in ticket sales and automation of payment processing. Decorative fencing was done by Vickie Jo Sowell and the tiled murals were provided by



The Richmond Transit Center

includes replacement of the basement floor, installation of electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems, and framing for walls on all floors.

The City Hall is scheduled for completion in February 2009.

The scope of work on the City Hall portion includes lead and asbestos abatement and interior demolition work; seismic retro-

lution of a new security system; upgrading of the exterior brick cladding, building water-proofing, enclose the first floor, building renovation and tenant improvements; installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof and a new 12kv electrical system will power the building.

Building design and operations systems are planned to achieve a LEED silver certification.

Daniel Galvez and Jos Sances.

The company is working with East Bay Municipal Utility District on the Richmond Advanced Recycled Expansion (RARE) Water project, located at the treatment plant at Chevron Refinery. This project consists of the construction of a four million gallon per day microfiltration and reverse osmosis treatment facility, one million gallon influent stor-

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City Hall was vacated in 2003 because of concerns of seismic safety.

Overaa is also working on the Richmond Police Activities League (PAL) Gymnasium project, which is located in the heart of the downtown Richmond area. The facility is slated to be the premier youth gymnasium in the city. The project includes a new 13,000-sq-ft gymnasium and two-story, 10,000-sq-ft office space and multi-purpose room.

Overaa teamed with the Richmond Redevelopment Agency and constructed a transit center considered to be the jewel of the Richmond Transit Village. Many features were incorporated to aesthetically improve the landscape of the local community. It includes a new BART elevator that is housed within a conical tower clad in multi-colored aluminum, an aluminum clad enclosed structure (at

age tank, 15,000-sq-ft metal-type prefabricated building, chemical storage and feed systems, two million gallon product water storage tank and supply pump station, five million gallon per day influent pump station, mechanical piping, electrical, instrumentation and miscellaneous civil and site work.

Overaa is also general contractor at the Making Waves Academy renovation project. This fifth-through-eighth-grade charter school is located in Richmond's Hilltop neighborhood. It is well-known for mentoring and tutoring students in urban areas and enjoys a high success rate. Interior improvements to two existing buildings includes new administration offices, classrooms, library, multi-use, support spaces, and an artificial turf play area. Overaa is a sponsor for Making Waves Academy.

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