

YOUR LETTERHEAD

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The Honorable Anna M. Caballero
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RE: SB 706 (Caballero) Public contracts: progressive design-build: local agencies - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Caballero:

On behalf of the [Organization/Agency Name], I am writing in support of SB 706, which allows counties, cities and special districts to use the Progressive Design-Build (PDB) project delivery method for construction contracts. Although many local governments have authority to use alternative procurement methods such as Design Build (DB) the DB statute does not specifically allow for Progressive Design Build for counties, cities and special districts.

Existing statute authorizes local agencies, counties included, to use the PDB procurement process for water treatment public works projects within Public Contract Codes Sections 22170-22169.

The PDB method is an approach to delivering public works projects in which both the design and construction of a project are procured from a single entity and the award is based largely on qualifications instead of low price. Under Progressive Design-Build, the owner contracts with a single entity to both design and construct a project based on qualifications of the entity and or its personnel. Simultaneously, contractors are provided with more flexibility over project design, materials and construction methods. This promotes project design and construction innovation, which can result in higher quality, as well as cost savings. The approach also reduces the county and local agencies risk and results in fewer litigation claims for all parties involved.

In the traditional Design-Bid-Build (DBB) method of construction procurement, the design and contracting phases are sequential with no direct collaboration process. Allowing alternative delivery methods for construction projects gives counties the ability to make the most cost-effective and advantageous decision for a particular project.

The PDB method streamlines project delivery through a single contract between the owner and the design-build team. Thus, using the PDB method for more complex projects facilitates the completion and delivery of public works construction projects efficiently and cost effectively. SB 706 would allow counties to utilize PDB for all projects not just water treatment.

For these reasons, [Organization/Agency Name], strongly supports SB 706.

Sincerely,

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