

MR. BLOOMSTINE: Hi. Todd Bloomstine. I

21 represent the Southern California Contractors Association.

22 I work with Bill Davis closely in Sacramento.

23               First, I'd like to thank you for the report that  
24 you prepared. As someone that doesn't do this every day,  
25 I greatly appreciate the alphabet soup of acronyms that

1 you explained. That was most helpful to me as somebody  
2 that doesn't do this every day.

3           And then I have another admission. This only my  
4 second workshop that I've attended. My first one was with  
5 the AB 2X8 bill that was passed earlier this year by the  
6 Legislature that gave some relief to contractors for  
7 reduced activity. I appreciate the Board's efforts in  
8 helping implement and implementing that bill.

9           Actually have kind of a cautionary tail to share  
10 with you. About ten years ago, the Department of  
11 Insurance and the Insurance Commissioner got into a lot of  
12 trouble and caused a scandal down here at the Capitol  
13 dealing with the use of revenue derived from settlement  
14 funds. Some of these funds were being funneled to various  
15 groups and caused a huge eruption at the Capitol, and it  
16 ultimately resulted in the resignation of our Insurance  
17 Commissioner. I think with proper transparency that could  
18 have been completely avoided.

19           So I want to encourage the ARB when you get these  
20 settled funds to be as transparent as possible.

21           As you said, Mr. Oliver, earlier, as regulations  
22 come on, the books get bigger. Regulations aren't  
23 leaving. I think it's a safe assumption that your  
24 penalties within the Air Pollution Control Fund will also  
25 increase. And I think it's helpful to have complete



1 transparency dealing with these funds. That's my point.

2 Want to thank you for your time.