

Minutes for Website Committee Conference Call
Wednesday, September 13, 2017, 2:00 PM PDT

Attendees:

Mona Dzvova – CPUC
Brian Smith – PG&E
Tim Caulfield – Caulfield Consulting (Website Administrator)
Jesse Emge – SDG&E
Cynthia Rogers – CEC

Absent:

Shahana Samiullah – SCE
Loan Nguyen – SoCalGas

Executive Summary

The CALMAC Website Committee held a regularly scheduled conference call to discuss possible improvements to the Searchable Database page. Overall, the conclusion was that the Database Search page was satisfying the current need and there was not a strong reason to change it. The next conference call will be on November 15, 2017 at 2:00 PM PDT. This is one week later than the usual second Wednesday of the month.

Minutes of Conference Call – The purpose this conference call was to discuss possible changes to the CALMAC Searchable Database page. Three specific options were discussed as follows:

1. *Prioritize the Implementer Category, putting utilities at the top.* The consensus was that since utilities will not be implementing in the future it would be inappropriate to have them prioritized. **The group concluded that the list should remain alphabetical.** Note: The implementer window has been increased in size to show more implementers.
2. *Rationalize the Categories: Change New Construction to a Publication Type. Reclassify existing New Construction Sector publications as New Construction Publication Type. Add codes such as, Education and Emerging Technologies as additional Publication Types. Confirm changes are working in all areas of the site. Cost: ~\$2,000.* The attached Screenshot of the Search page was emailed to the group 20 minutes before the meeting. It illustrates one view of this fundamental change in structure. This approach would reverse a 2001 decision made by the Website Committee that classified New Construction as a sector. It would call it a Program Type. This would, at the same time, change the term Publication Type to Program Type. Then several other program types that cross several sectors could be added, for example: Cross Cutting, Education and Training, Emerging Technologies. A quick hand modified screen shot of these changes is attached. **The consensus of the group was that since 75% of all searches use the Search Text box, it didn't make sense to spend ratepayer**

money to refine the specific filters. The group decided to not make any additional changes to the Searchable Database interface at this point.

3. A request was made during the last call to inquire with Third Strand whether we could use more of the width of the page. Third Strand said that the current width presented well on all platforms, specifically tablets, and they didn't recommend changing widening the page. If the site was built today it would use a different software that adjusts automatically to platform type, but the current software doesn't allow that.

Overall, the conclusion was that the Database Search page was satisfying the current need and there was not a strong reason to change it.

Tim Caulfield informed the group that Third Strand was working on a change to the site to make the sub-menus at the upper right of all of the pages more compatible with current Firefox browsers.

The conference call was ended approximately 2:20 PM PDT. The next call is scheduled for November 15, 2017 at 2 PM PDT. Note: This is one week after the regularly schedule second Wednesday of each month, because Tim Caulfield has a conflict for the regularly scheduled time.

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