

Inside California Forever's high-pressure push to fast-track a shipyard

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By Yue Stella Yu and Kate Wolffe, CalMatters

Last September, at their final meeting before the legislative session ended, Solano County supervisors were pressed to endorse state legislation — right away.

Gov. Gavin Newsom's office had blessed a legislative proposal to fast-track a new shipyard along the Northern California county's waterfront, and supervisors needed to decide if they would support it. But the board had just received the draft language hours before, so, after a 15-minute break to read the documents and an hour of public commentary, Supervisor Wanda Williams asked whether she could suggest changes.

"I don't think we got time. We got 10 minutes," said then-Board Chair Mitch Mashburn, gesturing toward the clock.

The shipyard was a pitch by California Forever, the tech billionaire-backed brainchild of a Czech-born entrepreneur named Jan Sramek. Since it began quietly purchasing Solano County land in 2018, the company has spent \$1 billion acquiring nearly 70,000 acres — more than 10% of the county.

Initially, Sramek pitched the idea of building a dense, walkable city of 400,000 people with good-paying local jobs. Later, he added to the proposal a significant manufacturing hub and a state-of-the-art shipyard. From the start, local residents put up a fight: many were distrustful of the group's secretive beginnings, antagonistic relationship with farmers, and possible risks the project posed to the environment.

The supervisors' vote followed two weeks of aggressive lobbying by California Forever representatives, who pressured county staff to support state legislation they had not seen, accused them of delaying the process and said they'd be responsible for the loss of 10,000 potential jobs and billions of dollars in revenue, according to email and text exchanges obtained by CalMatters.

In the end, supervisors supported a last-minute bill they had barely read so they could at least have a say in the development they believed Sacramento might force down their throat within days.

"As much as I have to throw up in my mouth a little bit and swallow that, and I'm sorry to use that analogy for everybody, I have to say that yes, I want us to be able to have a voice," said Mashburn, before voting in favor.

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Cattle graze on land where California Forever plans to build its new city in Solano County on Feb. 16, 2024. The development would be located between Travis Air Force Base and Rio Vista. Photo by Loren Elliott for CalMatters

Merit Shop Apprenticeship Program Enrollment Up 60%, Growing Faster Than Unions

[Article originally appeared in <https://constructionexec.com>]

By ABC

"The DOL data show that ABC and merit shop contractors are leading the industry in growing both registered apprenticeship programs and innovative new workforce development pipelines."

Nonunion apprenticeship programs and participants were responsible for the vast majority of growth in construction registered apprenticeship programs, or RAPs, over the past five years, according to an Associated Builders and Contractors analysis of U.S. Department of Labor data.

"The DOL data show that ABC and merit shop contractors are leading the industry in growing both registered apprenticeship programs and innovative new workforce development pipelines," said Kristen Swearingen, ABC vice president of government affairs. "ABC supports the DOL building on its success by streamlining and simplifying apprenticeship regulations while providing incentives for better RAP per-



formance, which will attract new sponsors and employers to the system. This is vital to providing access to these high-quality, earn-and-learn opportunities to more Americans and meeting the important goal of 1 million new active apprentices set forth by President Donald Trump."

ABC's analysis of the data demonstrates that the merit shop is the sector most responsible for in-

creasing access to registered apprenticeships in fiscal years 2020-2025:

- In 2025, 93% of the construction industry's RAPs were nonunion providers.
- Participants in nonunion RAPs increased by 60% from 2020 to 2025, compared to just 21% for union programs.

- The number of nonunion RAPs has grown by 18% since 2020, compared to a 1.5% decrease in union-affiliated RAPs.
- Completers of nonunion RAPs increased by 47% from 2020 to 2025, compared to 19% for union programs.
- In 2025, 31% of all construction industry RAP participants were in nonunion programs.

ABC estimates that, in fiscal year 2025, the construction industry's federal and state RAPs had about 324,000 apprentice participants and yielded 40,000 completers.* ABC put the construction industry workforce shortage at 349,000 in 2026, reflecting the need for an all-of-the-above approach to workforce development that incorporates registered apprenticeship as an important tool.

Visit the link below for the full article:
<https://tinyurl.com/y99s2dxv>



CALIFORNIA SUB-BID REQUEST ADS



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(925) 373-8370, Fax (925) 373-0940

**Project: Sanitary Sewer & Recycled Water Project
No. 23-209
Owner: City of Colusa**

Bid Date: September 1st, 2026 @ 3:00 P.M.
Engineers Estimate: \$6,900,000

We are requesting quotes from all qualified DBE Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:

AGGREGATES, PIPE SUPPLIERS, ADJUST MH/WV, ELECTRICAL-STREET LIGHTS/TRAFFIC SIGNALS/LOOPS, SAW-CUTTING, STRIPING, TRUCKING

Project Description:

The scope of work includes but is not limited to; installation of new sewer gravity main, recycled water main and sewer force main, sewer manholes, pavement grinding and overlay approximately 13,000 linear feet.

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:

estimating@mountaincascade.com

Or

mhewitt@cecusa.net

Subcontractors must possess a current contractor's license, DIR number, insurance and worker's compensation coverage. Subcontractors will be required to enter into our standard contract.

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**Project: Primary Influent Pump Station (PIPS) Parallel Force Main Project
City Project No. C66502032
Owner: City of Petaluma**

Bid Date: September 3rd, 2026 @ 2:00 P.M.
Engineers Estimate: \$46 Million
Project Duration: 410 wd's

We are requesting quotes from all qualified Subcontractors and Suppliers but not limited to:

AGGREGATES, ASPHALT, SLURRY, LOW DENSITY CELLULAR GROUT, PIPE SUPPLIERS, PRECAST MATERIALS, BYPASS PUMPING, CATHODIC PROTECTION, CCTV, CONCRETE FLATWORK/STRUCTURES, FENCING, GEOTECH ENGINEERS, LANDSCAPING/IRRIGATION, MICROTUNNELING, SHORING SUBS, STRIPING, SURVEYING, TREE REMOVAL/ARBORIST, TRUCKING, VIBRATION MONITORING, PAINTING/COATINGS, SETTLEMENT MONITORING.

Project Description:

The Project consists of but not limited to: installation of approximately 13,000LF of 42" High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe via open cut and trenchless construction methods, construction of a flow split valve vault, pavement surface restoration, implementation of a bypass pumping system, construction of a 10-ft wide apron approximately 2,000ft long concrete pathway, and other items associated with the project.

Project information, including plans & specifications can be found by contacting:

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**Sub-Bids Requested from qualified MBE/WBE/SBE/DVBE/LSA
Subcontractors and Suppliers for:**

**INLAND FEEDER/SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT
FOOTHILL PUMP STATION INTERTIE, STAGE 1, SPECIFICATIONS NO. 2049**

Owner: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Location: Highland, CA

Bid Date: September 29, 2026 @ 2:00 P.M.



667 Brea Canyon Road, Suite 30 • Walnut, CA 91789
Phone: (909) 595-4397, Fax: (909) 444-4268
Contact: Lori Olivas, lori.olivas@jfshea.com

J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. is soliciting your participation in the preparation of this bid. We are particularly interested in bids from subcontractors/suppliers for the following work items: **Demolition, Asbestos Containing Material Removal, Chain Link Fencing, Ready-Mix Concrete, Reinforcing Steel, Masonry, Structural Steel, Metal Decking, Miscellaneous Metals, Prefabricated Ornamental Steel Gate, Sheet Metal, Steel Doors/Frames/Hardware, Painting and Coatings, Equipment, Electrical and Instrumentation**

Plans and Specifications: Bid Documents may be obtained free of charge from Metropolitan's bid system at: <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/16151/bo/bo-search>. Plans may also be viewed at our Walnut Office. J.F. Shea Construction, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and intends to negotiate in good faith with interested MBE/WBE/SBE/DVBE/LSA firms and intends to utilize the lowest responsive bidder. J.F. Shea expects potential subcontractors to be bondable. J.F. Shea will pay for up to 1% for subcontractor bond costs. Subcontractors and Suppliers are expected to bid per plans and specifications, including requirements for warranties. Standard manufacturer's warranties, if not in conformance with owner's specifications, will not be accepted.



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Estimator: QUINN HANCE • Website: www.gallagherandburk.com

Gallagher & Burk, Inc. (GBI) is preparing a bid as a Prime Contractor for the project listed below:

PROJECT: EMBARCADERO WEST RAIL SAFETY PROJECT-PHASE 1 (OVR/MARKET AND OAK)
Project No. 1007091, LOCAL AND SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL ASSIGNED IS 30%
OWNER: CITY OF OAKLAND, 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Suite 4314, Oakland, CA 94612
BID DATE: SEPTEMBER 3, 2026 @ 2:00 P.M.

GBI is soliciting quotations from certified Local Business Enterprises and Small Local Business Enterprises for the following types of work and supplies/materials including but not limited to:

ADJUST IRON, CLEARING AND GRUBBING/DEMOLITION, CONSTRUCTION AREA SIGN, ELECTRICAL, EMULSION SUPPLIER, FENCING, HAZARDOUS MATERIAL, LANDSCAPING, MINOR CONCRETE, ROADSIDE SIGNS, SIGN STRUCTURE, STRIPING, SURVEY/STAKING, SWPPP PREP/WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLAN PREPARE, TRAFFIC CONTROL/ENGINEER, UNDERGROUND, VIBRATION MONITORING, TRUCKING, WATER TRUCKS AND STREET SWEEPING.

Plans and specifications may be reviewed at our office located at 11555 Dublin Boulevard, Dublin, CA or at your local Builders Exchange, or reviewed and downloaded from the Dropbox site at

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/m5i7d8y5irrma1s/AAQGa-tcqZV8hFik9fw5Qofa?dl=0> or from the Owner's site at <https://apps.oaklandca.gov/ContractOpportunities/>.

Fax your bid to (510) 261-0478 to the attention of Estimator Quinn Hance. If you have questions for the Estimator, call at (510) 261-0466. When submitting any public works bid please include your DUNS number and DIR number. For questions regarding registration for DIR use the link at www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/PublicWorks.html

If you need LBE/SLBE support services and assistance in obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, necessary equipment, materials and/or supplies or related assistance or services, for this project call the Estimator at (510) 261-0466, or contact your local Small Business Development Center Network (<http://californiasbdc.org>) or contact the California Southwest Transportation Resource Center (www.transportation.gov/osdbu/SBTRCs). GBI is willing to breakout portions of work to increase the expectation of meeting the LBE/SLBE goal.

At our discretion, 100% Payment and 100% Performance bonds may be required as a subcontract condition. This will be a PREVAILING WAGE JOB. GBI is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer.

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REQUEST FOR QUOTES FROM DBE/SBE/MBE/WBE & Labor Surplus Area Firms
as SUBS/SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR:

Town of Windsor – Secondary Treatment System Upgrades Project
Project No. 2025-25

BID DATE: September 3, 2026 at 2:00 PM
EE \$64,300,000

Quotes must be received no later than September 2nd by 12:00 pm for evaluation

We are soliciting quotes for the following Divisions and items of work:
For Divisions 01 thru 10, 13, 22, 23, 26, 31, 32, 33, 40, 43 & 46, including, but not limited to: CAS/Roadway Signs, Clear & Grub, Erosion Control, Landscaping & Irrigation, AC Paving, Rebar, Tie Back Anchors, Underground Utilities, Fencing, Electrical, Minor Concrete, Abandon Well, Welding, Aggregates, Ready Mix Concrete, Concrete Pumping, Welded Steel Pipe, Underground Pipe Products including: DIP/SS/PVC/HDPE, Valves and Gates, Misc. Metals Iron & Steel, Trucking, SWPP Plan & Materials, Geotextile Materials, Street Sweeping, Sheet Pile Installation, Dewatering, Mechanical Equipment (Furnish & Install), Rotating Scum Weir, Liquid Feed Chemical System, Rotary Screw Air Compressor, Fine Pore Diffused Aeration Equipment, Survey, Quality Control Testing, Shoring/Excavation, Demolition, Grouting, Epoxy Resin, Metal Railings & Grating, Rough Carpentry, FRP Fabrications, Damp Proofing, Metal Roof Panels, Sheet Metal, Joint Sealant, Steel Doors & Frames, Overhead Coiling doors, Aluminum Windows, Glass & Glazing, Louvers & Vents, Protective Coatings, Resinous Flooring, Toilet Accessories, Misc. Specialties, Precast Concrete Buildings, Plumbing, Basic Mechanical Building Systems Material & Methods, Submersible Sump & Sewage Pumps, HVAC, Electrical Equipment Installation, 600 Volt Class Motor Control Centers, Variable Frequency Drives, Bypass-Isolation Automatic Transfer Switch, Lighting Protection for Structures and Instrumentation & Controls

Signed EPA Form 4500-3 & Proof of Certification are Required from ANY Minority firms that Submit Quotes.

100% performance and payment bonds will be required for the full amount of the subcontract price. Please contact us for any assistance to this solicitation, including obtaining bonding, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Provide subcontractor and supplier scopes/quotes as early as possible to enable estimators to perform a thorough evaluation of all scopes/quotes received. Quotes will be broken down into comparable packages as reasonably necessary to facilitate participation. Quotes must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for Contract Award. We are signatory to Operators, Laborers, Cement Masons, Carpenters & Pile Drivers Unions. Non-signatory subs will be required to sign an agreement for trades covered under our union agreements. We intend to work cooperatively with subcontractors/suppliers for all bid items you are licensed and qualified to perform. Bid items can be split to facilitate participation from all certified firms. We will reimburse for bond premium up to 2%. **Firms must possess & provide current contractor's license number & DIR Registration number on the quote.** Firms must possess insurance and workers compensation coverage meeting project requirements. Waiver of Subrogation is required. Please contact us for any assistance required by your firm. Subcontractors will be required to execute our standard subcontract agreement and agree to the standard general terms & conditions. Please contact us by email if you would like copies for review prior to bid day.

Electronic copies of the Contract Documents, including Proposal Forms, Plans, and Specifications at the Town of Windsor website at (<https://www.townofwindsor.com/bids.aspx>). Bidders will need to fill out a short informational form in order to gain access to the bid documents.

Contract Documents and related project information, including future Addenda, are available and can be downloaded for **FREE** from our Box ftp site by email request. Please send the email request to norcalbids@fdcorp.com for access. If you would like to speak to an estimator for a specific scope or work, please email us and we can schedule a virtual or in person appointment to review project docs.

Please email ALL Scopes/Quotes to: norcalbids@fdcorp.com

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REQUEST FOR QUOTES FROM CERTIFIED SDVOSB/SDBE/VOSB/HUBZone/WBE/SBE SUBS, SUPPLIERS & TRUCKERS:

US Army Corp of Engineers
PROJECT TITLE: NATOMAS REACH B PP5
PROJECT LOCATION: Sacramento
Project # W9123826S0018

The Corps of Engineers highly encourages all bidders to meet the recommended subcontracting goals as follows:
Small Businesses - 30.0%, Small Disadvantaged Businesses - 10.0%, Women-Owned Small Businesses - 5.0%, HUBZone Small Business - 2.0%, Veteran-Owned Small Business - 4.0%, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business - 3.0%

SUB BIDS DUE NO LATER THAN September 28, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.
BID DATE: September 29th, 2026, at 9:00 am

We are soliciting quotes for the following items of work including, but not limited to: SUBCONTRACTORS: CAS /Roadway Signs, Demo, Clear & Grub, Erosion Control, AC Paving, Cold Plane AC, Rebar, Erect Steel Structures, Painting & Concrete Stain, AC Dike & Curbs, Underground Utilities, Fencing, Metal Railing, Striping, Electrical, Minor Concrete, Masonry, PCC Paving, Grouting, Epoxy Resin, Misc. Metals, Wood & Plastics, Thermal & Moisture Protection, Openings, Thermal Moisture Protection, Finishes, HVAC, Electrical, Earthwork – Shoring & Dewatering, Exterior Improvements, Utilities, Waterway & Marine, Instrumentation & Controls. SUPPLIERS: Aggregates Class 2, Ready Mix, Concrete Pumping, Furn. Structural Steel Bridge, Welded Steel Pipe, Misc. Metal, Trucking, SWPPP Plan, SWPPP Materials. Geotextile Materials, Street Sweeping, Traffic Control, Sheetpile Installation. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES: Vibration Monitoring, Survey, Quality Control, Pre/Post Survey

Non-Minority Subs/Suppliers: You will be expected to carry a proportionate percentage of 2nd-tier non-minority participation with your quote. 2nd-tier non-minority participation will be evaluated with your price.

100% performance/payment bonds will be required for the full amount of the subcontract price. Please contact Flatiron for any assistance to this solicitation, including obtaining bonding, lines of credit, insurance, equipment, materials and/or supplies. Provide subcontractor/supplier scopes/quotes as early as possible to enable estimators to perform a thorough evaluation of all quotes received. Quotes will be broken down into comparable packages as reasonably necessary to facilitate participation. Quotes must be valid for the same duration as specified by the Owner for Contract Award. We are signatory to Operating Engineers, Laborers, Cement Masons, Carpenters and Pile Drivers Unions. Non-signatory subs will be required to sign an agreement for trades covered under our union agreements. Flatiron intends to work cooperatively with subcontractors and suppliers for all bid items you are licensed and qualified to perform. Bid items can be split to facilitate participation from all certified firms. Flatiron will reimburse for bond premium up to 2%. **Firms must possess and provide current contractor's license number and DIR Registration number on the quote.** Firms must possess insurance and workers compensation coverage meeting project requirements. Waiver of Subrogation is required. Please contact Flatiron for any assistance required by your firm. Subcontractors/Suppliers will be required to execute our standard agreements and agree to the standard general terms and conditions. Copies are available for review on our Box.com ftp site upon email request.

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REQUEST FOR SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS/SERVICE PROVIDERS

Caltrans Contract 03-0N4504
Fulton Avenue Overcrossing to Auburn Boulevard on-Ramp Overcrossing

General work description: HMA, CI 2 AB, Roadway Excavation, Concrete Barrier and Sign Structures.

EE: \$5.8 Million Bid Date: September 9, 2026 at 2:00 PM

Quotes not received by 11:00 AM on bid day may not be reviewed/evaluated

Flatiron Dragados Constructors, Inc. (FDCI), requests subcontractor/supplier/service participation for the following Items of work, but not limited to: Construction Area Signs & Roadway Signs, Clear & Grub, Erosion Control, Landscaping & Irrigation, AC Paving, Cold Plane AC, CIDH, Joint Seal Assemblies, Post Tensioning, Rebar, Erect Steel Structures, Overhead Signs, CIDH Concrete Pile (Sign Foundation), Asphalt Dike/Curbs, Underground Utilities, Fences & Gates, Metal Railing, Bridge Concrete Barrier, Striping & Markings, Electrical, Sign Illuminating System, Minor Concrete, Traffic Control, Aggregates including: CL4 AB & RSP, Ready Mix Concrete, Concrete Pumping Services, Furnish Structural Steel/Bridge, Welded Steel Pipe, Misc. Metals, Iron & Steel, Trucking Services, Lead Compliance Plan, Remove Traffic Stripe (Water Blasting), Street Sweeping, SWPPP Plan, SWPPP Materials.

Caltrans Spec Section 2-1.11 IN-USE OFF-ROAD DIESEL-FUELED VEHICLE LIST. CARB Certs required from listed Subs.

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DBE, MBE and WBE Subcontractor/Supplier Bids Requested For:

Town of Windsor
Secondary Treatment System Upgrades Project
BID DATE: Thursday, September 3rd, 2026 at 2pm
Quotes Due: Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026 @ 5pm
Total Project Value: \$64,300,000

Email quotes to jmiranda@shimmick.com and brian.miller@shimmick.com

Bid Items: Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. is requesting quotes from certified DBE, MBE and WBE subcontractors and suppliers in the following scopes of work, including, but not limited to, the following. Please reach out to the lead estimator listed below for more details on scopes needed:
Remove Concrete; Grading; Structure Excavation; Structure Backfill; Embankment Construction; Imported Borrow; Finishing Roadway; Aggregate Subbase; Aggregate Base; Concrete Pumping; Asphalt Concrete; Concrete Structure; Minor Concrete Structure; Concrete Surface Finish; Erect Precast Concrete; Joint Seal; Reinforcing Steel; Waterproofing; Plastic Pipe; Welded Steel Pipe; Welding Contractor; Concrete Curb & Sidewalk; Misc. Iron & Steel Frame, Cover & Gate; Saw Cutting; Temporary Fencing; Land Surveyor; Trucking (Bottom Dump, Transfer Dump, Super 10 Dump, Flat Bed, Water, End Dump, Street Sweeping); Crane Work; Roofing; Plumbing; Low Voltage Electrical Systems; Door Installation; Heating & Air Conditioning; Insulation; Coring; Cutting; Heavy Equipment Rental; Demolition; Misc. Supplier; Safety Equipment Supplier; Sand & Gravel Supplier; Concrete & Cement Supplier; Steel Supplier; Doors & Frames Supplier; Lumber Supplier; Storm Water Systems Supplier; Electrical & Signal Supplier; Building Material Supplier; Tools Supplier; Construction Staking Supplier

All items of work listed above are made available, even items of work normally performed by Shimmick. Please contact the lead estimator for assistance with breaking down items of work into economically feasible units, assistance obtaining equipment, supplies, materials, bonding, insurance, estimating, or any additional assistance. Shimmick Construction's listing of a Subcontractor is not to be construed as an acceptance of all of the Subcontractor's conditions or exceptions included with the Subcontractor's price quote.

Plans and Specifications: Plans and specifications are available via the Town of Windsor website: <https://www.townofwindsor.ca.gov/bids.aspx?bidID=120>. You may also contact Jamie Miranda at jmiranda@shimmick.com for a download link to view plans and specifications or to schedule an appointment via Teams to discuss the documents. Meetings are held during regular business hours.

Shimmick Contacts: Should you require assistance with your bid, please contact our chief estimator Brian Miller at brian.miller@shimmick.com.

Additional Information: 100% Performance and Payment bonds with a surety company subject to approval of Shimmick Construction Company, Inc. are required of subcontractors for this project. Shimmick Construction will pay bond premium up to 1.5%. Subcontractors will be required to abide by terms and conditions of the AGC Master Labor Agreements and to execute an agreement utilizing the latest SCCI Long Form Standard Subcontract incorporating prime contract terms and conditions, including payment provisions. For assistance with bonding, insurance or lines of credit contact Todd Yoder at todd.yoder@shimmick.com.

This project is funded through the EPA State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program. Certified DBE firms are encouraged to submit quotes. The contractor is committed to taking all necessary affirmative steps to provide DBEs an equal opportunity to compete.

All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin.

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The records offer a glimpse into how California Forever has leveraged the prospect of economic development to pressure local officials into supporting its legislative agenda, often against a tight timeline.

Now, in the final weeks of this year’s legislative session, California Forever is again pushing for quick action.

Urgent legislation, again

California Forever’s Director of Partnerships Michael Fortney defended last year’s urgency, saying that the region’s high unemployment rate — the highest in the Bay Area — and a series of departures of major employers such as Budweiser and Valero, “were not reasons to move slower.”

“We were tireless because of what was at stake: an economic opportunity that could have been transformative for the county, and for California,” he said.

Fortney and other representatives declined to be interviewed for this story, instead sending written responses to CalMatters’ questions.

Opponents of California Forever argue that the project’s constant rush for approvals gives project leaders the ability to steamroll public officials.

“For something of this size, it’s absurd to push in front of anybody and say, ‘We need your yes vote or your no vote right now,’” said Duane Kromm, a Solano County supervisor between 1999 and 2007 and critic of California Forever.

“You wouldn’t buy a used car with that kind of timeframe.”

Four of the five county supervisors declined to comment on last year’s push by California Forever. Board Chair Monica Brown said she didn’t want to jeopardize her ability to vote on future items related to California Forever, but said little had changed since she addressed the company in 2024 when the company dropped its proposed ballot measure to change the land’s zoning.

“This has been stressful not only to those of us up on the dais but (to) our workers,” she says in a video of the remarks. “How dare you come in here with your arrogance. You didn’t even listen. There is a process.”

In a statement, county spokesperson Matthew Davis told CalMatters that “while advocacy for project proposals is common, the level and urgency of the advocacy surrounding this legislative proposal were not typical of the county’s experience.”

California Forever is now close to getting what it wanted last September.

Newsom’s office began circulating a legislative proposal last week that would streamline environmental review of the shipyard development, according to a source directly involved with the negotiations who has reviewed the language. The move comes after weeks of private meetings with California Forever, county leaders and state representatives.

But California Forever says the shipyard isn’t enough anymore. It’s now asking the state to help fast-track its proposed advanced manufac-

turing hub, which could house industries from AI hardware to aerospace and defense, and also expedite building the new city, which the company argues is vital to accommodate the workers the industrial projects would bring.

“Since the September 2025 meeting, it has become clear that employers require a broader set of benefits to come to Solano County, including paid-for infrastructure and guarantees of long-term availability of attainable homes. The shipyard alone cannot provide those,” said Jim Wunderman, the company’s head of public affairs and former CEO of the business association Bay Area Council, by email.

If a deal does come together, Solano County Administrator Ian Goldberg said he expects county supervisors will be able to weigh in again — next week, in their last meeting before the end of the legislative session.

A race against time

In late August 2025, state officials learned that Saronic Technologies Inc., a defense start-up with several lucrative U.S. Navy contracts, was planning a visit to Solano County. The company had just picked the county as a finalist for its \$3.2 billion shipyard project, but worried that California’s stringent environmental regulations would stall the development.

The only solution was special legislation to speed up environmental review for the project before the legislative session wrapped on Sept. 12, Sramek said in an Aug. 29 email to Solano County staff.

He wanted the project to rely on a 2008 environmental impact report which designated some of the county’s waterfront for “water-dependent industrial usage,” instead of commissioning a new report for the shipyard, which he said could take up to five years. State law requires those reports for any project that might significantly harm the environment. In recent years, the Legislature has increasingly approved expedited permitting for housing, but not for industrial development.

Over the next two weeks, California Forever representatives mounted a multi-front campaign, including emails, phone calls and texts, to pressure county officials to support legislation.

On Sept. 1, 2025, Fortney sent an email to county staff saying they had to decide whether to support the legislative idea that very day. The governor’s office, Sen. Christopher Cabaldon and Assemblymember Lori Wilson, both Democrats who represent the region, and several county supervisors would all be on board if county staff said yes, he said.

“We want to be very clear that the fate of 10,000+ jobs is solely in your hands,” Fortney wrote to county staff.

But there was no proposal language for staff to evaluate, Bill Emlen, then the county administrator, responded. “This is not the way to make public policy.”

Fortney in turn accused county staff of slow-walking the process and presenting “excuse after excuse.” He stressed that the county would be free to approve or deny developments in the shipyard area under the proposal.



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“We don’t understand why this is complicated for you when it wasn’t complicated for everyone listed above — unless you don’t want these jobs in Solano?” Fortney said. “Staff being the sole party in Solano County that’s delaying this is starting to create serious risk that this is why we run out of time to pass this and lose the opportunity.”

Later that night, Fortney again pressed Emlen in an email. “If you fail to timely do so and the county loses the opportunity for a \$3bn investment and 10,000+ jobs, even though 27 local leaders and labor have already backed this in the last 3 days, the responsibility will be on you.”

On the morning of Sept. 3, 2025, Sramek sent county staff a draft proposal for the first time and announced he would be at the county office in less than three hours to discuss it. County staff should want to meet, he argued, because the revenue from the shipyard alone would single-handedly plug the county’s \$44 million budget hole. He accused them of ignoring calls from California Forever and “running out the clock.”

Goldberg, then-assistant county administrator, refused to meet.

“As you will appreciate, our staff must dedicate time this morning to carefully review and evaluate the language,” Goldberg said in response.

Not letting up

The same day, Wilson and Cabaldon both declined to introduce legislation, citing the need for more time to flesh out the idea. But California Forever didn’t stop working toward a deal.

The group sent out a text poll that day to likely voters, asking them whether the county was heading in the right direction, what their biggest concern was, and whether they would support legislation to allow a new shipyard project, which would “bring billions of dollars of investments and over 10,000 permanent jobs to our county.” The special legislation was needed “to meet national security standards and break ground in 2026.”

Fifty-five percent of the 342 poll’s early respondents said yes, about 22% said no, and another 22% were unsure, according to results published in the Fairfield Daily Republic.

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