

***UNDERGROUND MATERIALS &
METHODS SUBCOMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026
MEETING MINUTES***



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February 17, 2026

11:00 a.m.

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order
 - a. 11:02am
2. Self-introduction
 - a. Brooks Ryan – Unibell
 - b. Chiu Tam – City of LA
 - c. Colin McCarter – LACDPW
 - d. Dan Z – Precon
 - e. Dickie Fernandez – OCSD
 - f. Dale Houts – West Lake Pipe and Fittings
 - g. Jacquie Jaques – Sekisui
 - h. Jeff Boschert – NCPI
 - i. Rowena Patenaude - West Lake Pipe and Fittings
 - j. Shannon Garcia – Precon
 - k. Tom LaRue - Armorock
3. Meeting minutes
 - a. JJ / JB
4. Announcements, Correspondence and Summary of GB meetings
 - a. Need items complete by June of 2026 for New Edition
 - b. PUG conference 2026 2/19
5. Old Business
 - a. 284UM - Part 5
 - i. Met 2/11 with task force, outline generally done, CM will be inserting remaining items from last fall. Requesting comments/questions/concerns from technical perspective. Planning 1 more break out meeting on 3/3/2026 to hash things through, to submit to UMM at large in March.
 - ii. City of LA willing to review.
 - iii. CM will send 2 versions: 1 “admin” version and 1 “technical version”
 - b. 338UM - HDPE Section 200 (Comments from Editorial Committee)
 - i. No discussion, UMM will consider cancelling in March since Chris Ampfter is no present and no other members supporting the change.
 - c. 350UM - AWWA C600 and C605
 - i. Place on a 30-day hold (Rev.5 10/13/2025)
6. New Business
 - a. Pipe Bedding (Task Group)
 - i. Changes submitted, embedment to replace bedding where appropriate.
 - ii. Chiu Tam asked about how this could impact agencies such as City of LA. GN shared their standard plan is similar to a design manual like Caltrans that has standard installations. CT also asked if NCPI agrees with proposed changes.
 - iii. Jeff Boschert suggested possibly changing Greenbook to align with Standard Installation. GN responded that is a very large change and we could consider, but suggests making a smaller improvement now before the new edition.

- b. Polymer Concrete manholes (Task Group)
 - i. Met last week, has a draft written up, reviewing Greenbook requirements. Dickie/OCSD reviewing documents. Other manufactures are active at task-group
 - ii. Armorock, US Composite and Olson Precast are (3) known manufactures. Chiu Tam/City of LA Rock
 - iii. Precon Products would like to join.
 - iv. Dickie will submit change request form to GN to submit to Main Committee.
 - v. GN or DF to check with SolidCast Polymer Technologies (RockHardsep), P3 Polymers, or any other additional manufactures for participation.

Next Meeting: March 17th, 2026

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