

## **GENERAL CONTRACTORS LIABILITY FOR UNPAID WAGES**

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**LEGAL TIP:** Under the Californian Labour Code § 1776, on public works project general contractors and subcontractors are obligated to maintain certified payroll records, making them available upon request: ***“Each payroll record shall contain or be verified by a written declaration that it is made under penalty of perjury”***. The general contractor should require payrolls certified from its subcontractor on a weekly basis, in order to verify prevailing wage compliance: the failure reviewing the mentioned payrolls may assess **monetary penalties against the general contractor** of up to 50 U\$D per day/worker, based on its subcontractor’s behaviour, in addition to his **liability jointly to a subcontractor’s employees for any wage unpaid by the subcontractor**.