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Subcontractor's Bond Claim Revived Despite Timing Challenge



In *Tarlton & Sons, Inc. v. Great American Insurance Co. (2025)*, the California Court of Appeal reinstated a subcontractor's claim on a public works payment bond, rejecting the trial court's finding that it was filed too late.

The court held that the statute of limitations hinges on when **all work under the bonded contract** ceases—not just the subcontractor's work. Because that date was unclear, the issue couldn't be resolved on demurrer.

Key Takeaway: Timing for public bond claims depends on when all work on the bonded contract work stops—not just when a subcontractor finishes.



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