CHAPTER 10
DIVISION OF DESIGN

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The Division of Design (DOD), a part of Project Delivery is comprised of the following: CTC Highway Appearances, Encroachment Exceptions and Resource Conservation, Landscape Architecture Program, Landscape Architecture Coordination and Planning, Roadside Management and Landscape Architecture Standards, Geometric Design Standards, Highway Drainage Design, Storm Water Management Design, Pavement Design, Project Development Procedures and Quality Improvement, CADD/GIS Support, Special Projects, and Cooperative Agreements. Additionally, the Design Coordinators, with the assistance of the Design Reviewers, represent the Chief, DOD, in the Caltrans Districts, maintaining liaison and coordinating District and Headquarters activities. See Figure 11.1 for information on the functional duties performed by the various offices in the DOD.

As the Chief Design Engineer within the DOD, the Chief, Division of Design, is responsible for activities in support of the development of transportation projects as follows: establishes, maintains and monitors the project development process in accord with all applicable State and Federal laws and regulations; establishes engineering standards and procedures for application of standards on a statewide basis; approves exceptions to mandatory design standards; monitors project development related reports and other documents prepared and approved in the Districts for conformance to Caltrans policy and practice. The Chief, DOD also is a member of the AASHTO Subcommittee on Design.