DIRECTIVE

The 2003 Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices is amended as follows:

Section 6F.63 Type I, II, or III Barricades
Standard:
  The phrase "...in the direction road users are to pass" is deleted.

The following is added to this section:
Guidance:
  Stripes on barricade rails should slope downward at an angle of 45 degrees in the direction road users are to pass.
IMPLEMENTATION

This directive applies to temporary traffic control on all public roadways in California.

DELEGATION

Persons or entities responsible for establishing and maintaining temporary traffic control on public roadways.
BACKGROUND
This directive is the result of requests from highway construction contractors and contracting associations. It is unrealistic to expect workers to orient (all) barricades in the work zone so that the stripes slope downward in the direction road users are to pass. The "shall" requirement in the 2003 MUTCD exposes contractors, utility companies, city, county and state maintenance workers to unnecessary liability. A "should" condition is more of a reasonable requirement for work zone environments.