Memorandum

To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF, Structure Construction
CONSTRUCTION MANAGERS
 SENIOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERS
 RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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Subject: CHANGE IN TREATED WOOD WASTE MANAGEMENT

This directive provides guidance to resident engineers for executing required change orders on projects that include treated wood waste removal. Existing regulations that allow alternative management standards for treated wood waste will sunset after December 31, 2020. Instead of disposing of treated wood waste at a California Class II or Class III landfill under the alternative management standards, all treated wood waste disposal after December 31, 2020 will have to be designated on the hazardous waste manifest and transported to a California Class I hazardous waste landfill. If storage of treated wood waste is necessary, it will only be allowed in secured metal containers approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation no longer than 90 days from the start of waste generation. Section 14-11.14, “Treated Wood Waste,” of the Standard Specifications must be changed for all projects that include treated wood waste removal after December 31, 2020. Resident engineers must modify such contracts with the revised specifications included in the sample change order attached to this directive. If the revised Section 14-11.14 has been included in the project special provisions, a change order will not be needed.

Attached to this directive are a sample change order memorandum and a sample change order. This directive serves as delegation of authority from the Division of Construction for change order approval, except when any of the following apply to the change order:

1. The language is altered.
2. The total absolute value exceeds $200,000, except when delegated total absolute value exceeds $500,000 for a district with a Change Order Quality Control Plan.
3. Contract time is extended by more than 20 days, except when time adjustments are delegated for a district with a Change Order Quality Control Plan.

Projects of Division Interest are subject to Federal Highway Administration oversight requirements; consult the Federal Highway Administration transportation engineer for change order concurrence.

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Enter “Change in Treated Wood Waste Management” for the contract change order description in Form CEM-4901, “Change Order Input.”

If you have questions or comments regarding this directive, please contact Wing (Ricky) Choy, Division of Construction, at Wing.Choy@dot.ca.gov or (916) 764-7069.

Attachments:
1. Sample Form CEM-4903, “Change Order Memorandum”
2. Sample Form CEM-4900, “Change Order”