

Memorandum

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RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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Subject: **RUBBERIZED HOT MIX ASPHALT-GAP GRADED WITH 10 PERCENT RAP OPTION**

This Construction procedure directive (CPD) provides guidance to Caltrans resident engineers about the option to use 10 percent recycled asphalt pavement (RAP) in rubberized hot mix asphalt-gap graded (RHMA-G) mixes for projects with less than 10,000 tons of RHMA-G.

The current Caltrans *Standard Specifications* does not allow the use of RAP in RHMA-G mixes. The Pavement and Materials Partnering Committee, comprised of industry representatives and Caltrans, piloted non-standard special provisions (nSSPs) that allow 10 percent RAP in RHMA-G. Based on the initial testing and field evaluations, the nSSPs are now available options for contractors to use in projects with less than 10,000 tons of RHMA-G.

With this directive, contractors have the option to request the use of 10 percent RAP in RHMA-G nSSPs for ongoing projects. Contractors may do this by submitting a no-cost change order request to the resident engineer.

Attached to this CPD are a sample change order memorandum, sample change order, and the nSSPs for 10 percent RAP in RHMA-G. This CPD also serves as delegation of authority from the Division of Construction for change order approval, except when change order language is altered.

If you have questions or comments regarding this CPD, contact Soroosh Amelian, Division of Construction, at Soroosh.Amelian@dot.ca.gov or call (916) 764-8058.

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Attachments:

1. Sample Form DOT CEM-4903, "Change Order Memorandum," Using 10 Percent RAP in RHMA-G.
2. Sample Form DOT CEM-4900, "Change Order," Using 10 Percent RAP in RHMA-G.
3. nSSP Section 39-2.01A(1), "Hot Mix Asphalt-General." This nSPP adds to the types of HMA: RHMA-G with 10 percent RAP option.
4. nSSP Section 39-2.14, "Rubberized Hot mix Asphalt-gap Graded with 10 percent RAP."