

Memorandum

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To: CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR
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DISTRICT DIRECTORS
DIVISION CHIEFS

Date: July 20, 2026

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Deputy Director
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Subject: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2026 CALTRANS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT STANDARDS

This memorandum establishes the implementation date for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Construction Contract Standards 2026 Edition (2026 Standards). The 2026 Standards include the Standard Specifications, Standard Plans, Standard Special Provisions, and Standard Bid Items.

The 2026 Standards must be used on all projects submitted to the Division of Engineering Services, Program/Project Management, and Office Engineer (PPM-OE) on or after October 19, 2026, and on all on-system projects advertised, awarded, and administered by others with complete encroachment permit application package submitted to a Caltrans district on or after October 19, 2026.

The 2026 Standards will be updated in April 2027, and as needed for special postings. Refer to the Implementation of Integrated Construction Contract Standards memo for details.

The 2026 Standards will be published in electronic format only and accessible in the following link:

On October 19, 2026, the Standards will be available at:
<<https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/ccs-standard-plans-and-standard-specifications>>.

The 2025 Standards will not be supported after October 16, 2026.
In the interim, the 2026 Standards have been posted internally and are accessible at:
<<https://design.onramp.dot.ca.gov/upcoming-standards-revisions-preview-site#overlay-context=construction-contract-standards>>.

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If you have any questions regarding the 2026 Standards, please contact Mohsen Sultan, Chief, Office of Construction Contract Standards, at (916) 715-6808 or by e-mail at <mohsen.sultan@dot.ca.gov>.

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