

2026 STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS DIGEST

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The 2026 edition of the California Department of Transportation Standard Specifications is based on U.S. Customary units.

The 2026 edition of the Department's Standard Plans is to be used in conjunction with the 2026 edition of the Department's Standard Specifications.

The 2026 edition of the Department's Standard Specifications was developed by incorporating the following revisions:

Standard Specification Revisions			
Standard Specs	A10-19-26		Section 1-1.06. Added HSS for hollow structural section to the abbreviation table. Section 1-1.07B. Revised Holidays table by removing Lincoln's Birthday and Columbus Day, and changing the names of Washington's Birthday and Cesar Chavez Day. Section 1-1.11. Revised row for Division of Accounting in table of websites, addresses, and phone numbers. Section 1-1.11. Revised rows for Authorized ADSC Standard Mitigation Plan, Geotechnical Services, and Quail Software in the table of websites, addresses, and phone numbers. Section 1-1.11. Revised the row for CA Unified Certification Program's list of certified DBEs and the row for Department of General Services, Office of Small Business and DVBE Services in the table of websites, addresses, and phone numbers. Section 1-1.11. Revised the row for Department of Conservation, Office of Mine Reclamation and the row for MPQP in the table of websites, addresses, and phone numbers. Section 1-1.11. Revised the rows for Authorized Facility Audit List, Authorized Material List, Authorized Laboratory List, and METs in the table of websites, addresses, and phone numbers. Deleted the rows for Authorized Material Source List and Authorized Material Systems List. Section 1-1.11. Revised the row for MUTCD in the table of websites, addresses, and phone numbers. Section 2-1.24. Moved submission information to the General section and removed repeating information in other sections. Changed the Small Business Preference submittal deadline from the 2nd

			business day to the 4th business day after bid opening. Section 2-1.33B(3). Revised tables listing Small Business Preference submittal deadline from the 2nd business day to the 4th business day after bid opening. Section 5-1.43E. Added the virtual meeting option to DRA or DRB meeting. Added requirements for on-site and virtual meetings and time spent on DRA or DRB related tasks. Revised payment price and payment requirements related to DRA and DRB. Section 6. Updated reference from "METS website" to "DES website." Section 6-1.03. Incorporated contents of canceled SSP 6-1.03 into the Standard Specifications. Section 6-1.08. Added specifications from canceled SSP 6-1.08 into newly created section. Section 7-1.04. Revised reference to Chapter 6C for consistency with CA MUTCD. Section 8-1.03. Replaced "DBE and DVBE" with "DVBE" in the table. Section 10-1.05. Added new section for Traveler Equipment. Section 11. Revised section to update the specifications to adopt the editions of AWS D1.1, D1.5, and D1.8 published in 2025. Section 11-3.02. Updated descriptions of AISC Certification categories. Section 12. Revised specifications to comply with CA MUTCD. Section 12-3.20. Revised section to include MASH compliant temporary barrier systems that have been added to the AML and other miscellaneous revisions. Section 12-4.02A. Revised Designated Holidays table changing Washington's Birthday to Presidents' Day. Section 13. Revised multiple sections to change QSP and QSD requirements. Section 14-6.03D(3). Replaced Reserved section with new specifications to incorporate biological resource information program requirements. Section 20-2.07B(3). Removed material reference to ASTM F667 for corrugated
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			HDPE conduit pipe. Section 20-5.05. Added specifications for Site Furnishing requirements and added Reserved sections for new SSPs. Section 20-10.03. Revised to address planted area deficiencies, weed control, and replacement planting. Section 30-5. Revised the requirements for measuring smoothness prior to HMA overlay. Deleted section 30-5.03H Supplemental Compaction for PDR-EA. Section 30-6. Revised the requirements for measuring CCPR surface smoothness prior to HMA overlay. Deleted section 30-6.03H Supplemental Compaction for CCPR-EA. Section 37. Removed trichloroethylene to comply with Federal EPA ban. Section 39-2. Revised to clarify the continued validity of verified JMFs during production and added requirements to section 39-2.02B(2) for PG modified binder selection when virgin binder temperature classification cannot be met. Updated the maximum fabric content and the maximum wire content in the tables titled Crumb Rubber Modifier for Asphalt Rubber Binder in sections 39-2.03A(4)(e)(ii)(C) and 39-2.03B(3)(c). Section 40. Revised sections 40-1, 40-2 and 40-5. Changed acceptance requirements to fixed value of compressive strength, incorporated acceptance criterion based on cores, and updated references to section 52 and maturity testing. Section 41-3.03. Revised ambient relative humidity requirement for HMWM. Section 42-3.01D(3). Replaced "coefficient of friction" with "skid resistance." Section 46. Revised section to remove reference to other sections, replaced with direct specification requirements, and removed AML requirements for strand tendons, bar tendons, and bar couplers. Section 47-2.02E. Revised to remove metric reference to ASTM A1064M. Revised section to remove the title reference for "Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete." Section 48-2.03B. Added "section" in front of the section number. Section 48-2.03D. Revised multiple
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			paragraphs for clarity. Section 48-4.02B. Revised section to change "coefficient of friction" to "skid resistance." Section 48-7. Revised to add new section for "Temporary Bridges." Section 49-2.02A(4)(b)(iii)(C). Revised section to replace the MET website with DES website. Section 49-2.02B. Removed table and clause references for AWS and ASTM metric designations. Deleted the requirement for splicing steel pipe piles using circumferential weld. Section 49-3.01B. Replaced "fly ash" with "coal ash" in item 2.1. Section 49-3.02A(4)(d)(iii)(A). Added slurry displacement method to dewatered holes. Section 51-1. Revised section to change "coefficient of friction" to "skid resistance." Section 51-1.01D(3)(b). Removed the requirements of the test for surface smoothness and crack intensity for Type R approach slabs. Section 51-2.02A. Added requirements for cover plates and mechanical expansion anchors. Section 51-2.02B(2)(c). Revised specifications for backer rods. Section 51-2.02D. Revised to comply with updated AWS requirements and restore requirements for neoprene joint seals. Section 51-2.02E. Removed welding process restriction for CJP welds in modular JSAs. Removed references to other sections and referenced the test methods directly. Section 51-3.02B(1). Revised section to convert the existing SSP 51-3.02B(1) to the Standard Specifications. Section 51-6. Updated the concrete thermal control and QC requirements. Section 52-1. Moved the specifications from section 52-6 to 52-1. Section 52-1.03C. Revised to change reference from document title to its designation, ACI 318, and added requirements for bending bars larger than no. 14.
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			Section 52-2.01A. Revised section to clarify and update sampling requirements of epoxy-coated and epoxy-coated prefabricated reinforcement. Section 52-2.01C. Added a table for minimum lap splice length for bars. Section 52-2.02A. Moved duplicated requirements to section 52-2.01A. Section 52-2.03A. Moved duplicated requirements to section 52-2.01A. Section 52-3. Added sections for Bending and Splicing. Section 52-5.01. Updated the referred sections. Section 52-6. Moved specifications to section 52-1 and reserved section 52-6. Section 55-1. Revised section to update the fabrication requirements for steel structures. Section 55-1.01B. Added a definition for "fracture critical member" to comply with the changes in the National Bridge Inspection Standards in 2022. Section 56-1.01A. Moved the requirement for compliance with AWS D1.1 from section 56-1.03. Section 56-1.01D(2)(b)(ii). Revised to update AWS references. Section 56-1.03. Moved the requirement for compliance with AWS D1.1 to section 56-1.01A. Section 56-2.02F. Revised section to incorporate multiple RFI's requesting the usage of ASTM A500 necessitate the evaluation of the material and were authorized on the project level. Section 56-2.03B(2). Replaced the Reserved section with the contents of SSP 56-2.03B(2). Section 59-3.03. Revised section to add a 1st finish coat color requirement, and changed the 2nd finish coat color requirement for painting galvanized surfaces. Section 60-3. Revised section to change "coefficient of friction" to "skid resistance" and revised various test method references to Standard Specifications sections. Section 60-3.03B(2). Revised California Test
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			205 with 202. Section 60-3.04E. Deleted section 60-3.04E Multilayer Polymer Overlays. Section 60-4.02C(1). Revised section to change "coefficient of friction" to "skid resistance." Section 60-4.06A(4). Updated the quality assurance requirements for field welding of column casings. Section 60-4.06B(1). Revised ASTM references by removing the metric designations. Section 64-2.02E. Revised to allow Polypropylene plastic pipe to comply with either ASTM F2881 or AASHTO M 330. Section 70-5.04C. Revised paragraph 5 test requirements under California Test 342. Section 70-7.02C. Revised paragraph 5 to update the referenced section from 75-1 to 75. Section 82. Updated specifications to comply with CA MUTCD. Section 83-2.01C. Added a Reserved section for Vegetation Control Mat—Rubber or Fiber. Section 87-19.02H. Revised fiber optic marker requirements. Section 90-1. Revised "fly ash" to "coal ash." Deleted table in item 8.3 in section 90-1.02B(3)(a). Revised the material requirements for supplementary cementitious materials and concrete in corrosive environments. Section 90-1. Revised test method references and required test frequencies. Section 90-1.03B(1). Replaced "method" with "methods." Section 90-4.02. Replaced "fly ash" with "coal ash" in the 3rd paragraph. Section 90-4.02. Revised the 6th paragraph for clarity. Section 90-6. Revised specifications for lightweight concrete in sections 90-6.01 and 90-6.02. Section 94-1. Removed trichloroethylene to comply with Federal EPA ban. Added AASHTO T 301 for Tests on Residue to the
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			table of section 94-1.02G. Section 96-1.01D. Revised the quality assurance requirements for geosynthetics.
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