

# Memorandum

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**Subject:** IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2018 CALTRANS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT STANDARDS

This memorandum establishes the implementation date for the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Construction Contract Standards (2018 Standards). The 2018 Standards include the Standard Specifications, Standard Plans, Standard Special Provisions, Standard Bid Items, Notice to Bidders, and Bid Book.

The 2018 Standards must be used on all projects submitted to the Division of Engineering Services-Office Engineer (PPM&OE) on and after October 22, 2018, and on all on-system projects advertised, awarded, and administered by others with encroachment permits issued by the district on and after October 22, 2018.

The 2015 Standards will not be supported after October 19, 2018.

In the interim, the 2018 Standards have been posted and are accessible at: <https://des.onramp.dot.ca.gov/office-engineer/2018-construction-contract-standards>. On October 19, 2018, the Standards will be posted at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/construction-contract-standards.html>.

The Division of Design, Office of Construction Contract Standards (OCCS) will send out a notice when the printed 2018 Standards have been delivered. Subsequently, Caltrans staff should contact their Manual Coordinators to request copies; and external users should contact the Department's Publications Distribution Unit for copies at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dpac/publications.html>.

If you have any questions regarding the 2018 Standards, please contact Mohsen Sultan, Chief, Office of Construction Contract Standards, at (916) 227-6230 or by e-mail sent to [mohsen.sultan@dot.ca.gov](mailto:mohsen.sultan@dot.ca.gov).

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