

~CSRMA ALERT~

NEW TRAFFIC CONTROL REQUIREMENTS FOR CALIFORNIA

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TO: CSRMA Members that Conduct Operations in the Public Right of Way Requiring the Use of Traffic Control Devices and/or Flaggers

RE: Changes to California Traffic Control Requirements

On May 20, 2004, the California Department of Transportation has adopted the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) 2003 as amended by the MUTCD 2003 California Supplement, to prescribe uniform standards and specifications for all official traffic control devices in California. This action was taken pursuant to the provisions of the California Vehicle Code Section 21400 and the recommendation of the California Traffic Control Devices Committee (CTCDC).

The MUTCD 2003 and the MUTCD 2003 California Supplement supersede and replace all the traffic control device topics (Chapters 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12 and the traffic signals portion of chapter 9) in the 1996 Caltrans Traffic Manual, as amended, and all previous editions thereof.

A printed version of the MUTCD 2003 California Supplement is not currently available for purchase from the California Department of Transportation. However, the MUTCD 2003 California Supplement may be downloaded and printed at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/signdel/policy.htm>.

As of May 20, 2004, the MUTCD 2003 and the MUTCD 2003 California Supplement apply to all new traffic control device installations. Existing traffic control devices on the roadway that became noncompliant due to the adoption of the MUTCD shall be brought into compliance based upon the target compliance dates.

For More Information, please follow one of the links listed below:

General Information on the Regulatory Changes: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/mutcdsupp/>

Training: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/signtech/mutcdsupp/training.htm>

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