

Memorandum

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Subject: Update to the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications, Fourth Edition and California Amendments*

Effective December 15, 2011, updates to the *California Amendments to the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) Bridge Design Specifications, Fourth Edition*, are in effect. The *Preface* contains a legend distinguishing the December 2008, September 2010, and November 2011 California Amendments. The updates are for the entirety of Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 12, and 13. No changes were made to Sections 1, 9, or 14 dated December 2008; all CA Amendments to those Sections are still in effect and need to be retained.

All updates have been posted at the following website:
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/techpubs/>

Technical questions regarding the *AASHTO LRFD Bridge Design Specifications* and California Amendments should be directed to the respective Caltrans Technical Committee Chair or Specialist in the area of interest or the Caltrans project oversight engineer responsible for the geographic area of your projects.