



STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
GO CALIFORNIA INDUSTRY CAPACITY EXPANSION



CLOSE-OUT REPORT

***A2 Increase the Use of Recycle Materials***

Increase the use of recycled asphalt, Portland cement concrete and base materials to address limited supplies and high costs, achieve environmental benefits, and address limited landfill capacity.

Lead: Project Delivery

Project Manager: Tim Craggs

***General Plan***

Increase awareness throughout industry, local agencies and Caltrans of the availability and benefits of recycled materials.

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***Task Description / Problem Statement***

Original task description was to educate via direct mail to the Association of General Contractors (AGC) and to other contractor associations. This task was modified to include distribution of the prepared article on Caltrans' recycling efforts to "transportation partners" (including all attendees of the GoCalifornia Workshops, the Directors of Public Works, City Engineers, City Managers, the County Engineers Association of California, RTPAs, MPOs and County Transportation Commissions).

Task Manager: Linda Fong

***Background / General Discussion***

Caltrans has a long history of using recycled materials. To ensure front-line awareness and to maximize implementation of recycled products and processes, Caltrans prepared a newsletter article to describe the various transportation related applications of recycled materials promoted by Caltrans. The article elaborates on the various materials that are salvaged or reclaimed from highway construction and demolition activities, the use of waste tire products, composting of plant trimmings from highway right of way, cold foam pavement recycling, recycling of office supplies, and recycling at safety roadside rest areas. The newsletter markets Caltrans' historical commitment to the stewardship of natural resources and its continued search for opportunities to expand and promote innovative uses of environmentally preferable products in transportation projects.

***Action***

Developed a transmittal memo for the Director's signature and enclosed article titled "Caltrans Leads the Way in Recycling." Direct mail to Caltrans' "transportation partners" included approximately 650 recipients.



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***Completion Date***

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