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Subject: Implementation of SDC Version 1.6

Effective December 15, 2010, all projects without previous Type Selection approval shall be designed in accordance with Caltrans Seismic Design Criteria Version 1.6 (SDC 1.6). The provisions of SDC 1.6 may be used on all other projects, with approval as outlined in Memo-to-Designers 20-11.

A summary of changes to SDC 1.6 and the unformatted comprehensive document (SDC 1.6 Full Version, OEE Release) may be found at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/earthquake\\_engineering/SDC\\_site/](http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/earthquake_engineering/SDC_site/). In order to achieve timely updates of the SDC, the Office of Earthquake Engineering is posting the comprehensive document, which is technically complete, prior to final formatting by Caltrans, Division of Engineering Services, Technical Publications unit. Upon completion, the formatted version will be posted at <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/esc/techpubs/>.

This memo should be forwarded to all staff, as applicable. Questions regarding the technical content of the SDC should be directed to Mark Mahan at (916) 227-8404 or [mark.mahan@dot.ca.gov](mailto:mark.mahan@dot.ca.gov).

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