2-1 Bridge Names and Numbers

The Bridge Numbering System is used for the identification of bridges and other structures under the jurisdiction of Caltrans. This includes structures Caltrans owns, performs maintenance reviews, or has other record responsibilities. Bridge names and numbers are determined and assigned by the Structure Maintenance and Investigations unit.

Typical structures that are routinely assigned bridge numbers consist of state highway bridges, pumping plants, MSE walls, and buildings. Other types of walls and structures are occasionally assigned bridge numbers on a case by case basis. A discussion of the Bridge Numbering System used by Caltrans and an elaboration on which structure types are assigned bridge numbers can be found in Memo to Designers and Bridge Design Aids.

Requests for bridge numbers and bridge names for structures shall be made through OSFP Liaison Engineer and shall include:

- County and State Route Identification Number
- Kilometer Post and Post Mile at Beginning of Bridge (to the nearest .01 KP/PM)
- Site Map or Strip Map of sufficient detail to clearly indicate the relationship of the street names and names of the pertinent features in the vicinity of the bridge site.

The assigned bridge name and number shall be painted on all structures. Locations indicating where to paint the bridge number and name on a structure shall be shown on the General Plan in accordance with Bridge Design Details.