State of California
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

California State Transportation Agency

Memorandum

Serious drought.
Help save water!

To: BASEM E. MUALLEM
District 8 Director

Date: March 5, 2015

From: Timothy Craggs
Chief
Division of Design

Subject: **STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Attached is the Design Delegation Agreement between District 8 and the Division of Design (DOD), which was executed and effective March 5, 2015. This agreement documents the delegation of approval authority to the District Director for application of certain standards and policies previously held by DOD, and supplements prior delegations, including those prescribed in my June 7, 2013 Memorandum, "Division of Design Policy Updates", to the District Directors.

This is a very significant step as the Department increases delegated authority to the Districts to streamline decision-making. The Department, as owner/operator of the State Highway System, maintains the statutory and inherent obligation to ensure that all modifications or additions to the State Highway System provide a safe, sustainable, integrated, and efficient transportation system. This stewardship agreement establishes a framework for DOD and the District to uphold these expectations and maintains the accountability of the department's agents, leaders, and staff, for carrying out these responsibilities.

Thanks to you and your staff for taking this huge step forward. DOD is committed to the continued support of the districts to facilitate the delivery of quality projects to enhance California's economy and livability.

c: Malcolm Dougherty, Director
Kome Ajise, Chief Deputy Director
Karla Sutliff, Project Delivery Deputy Director
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Attachment