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Purpose

To coordinate and support the preparation, publication and continued maintenance of the San Diego Regional Standards for Public Works Construction by all public agencies within the San Diego area. The use of common standard specifications and drawings on a countywide basis results in more consistent work by public agencies as well as decreased costs for all agencies.

Background

In 1967, the first “Greenbook” Standards Specifications for Public Works Construction was issued in Southern California. In 1973, the County of San Diego adopted this policy to promote the use of Regional Standards. The San Diego area Regional Standards includes Regional Standard Drawings and Regional Supplements to the “Greenbook”.

A Regional Standards Committee was established to facilitate the development and maintenance of regional standards. Membership in the committee is open to Chief Engineers from the county, cities, special districts, utility companies, and construction industry associations. The County coordinates committee meetings and the member agencies select a chair and vice chair of the committee.

The Regional Standards Committee meets at least quarterly to review the regional standards that have been adopted by the County. The committee makes recommendations to modify the regional standards and maintains records of the changes that it has recommended.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. The modifications adopted by the Regional Standards Committee to the regional standards for public works construction be incorporated therein unless the same are determined by the County Engineer to be inconsistent with sound engineering practice.
2. The County Engineer will make available the current version and previous versions of the San Diego Regional Standard Specifications and Drawings for Public Works Construction on a website.
3. The regional standard shall be the adopted standards for public works construction in the County of San Diego. The County will use the regional standards except as noted below:

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- The County may use the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) Standard Specifications and Standard Plans, where applicable, for the County's Capital Improvement Program.
- To supplement the regional standards, the County Engineer may modify regional standards or develop standards where no regional standard exists for use as the Department of Public Works (DPW) design standards. The DPW design standards will be available on the DPW website.

4. Since the regional standards are of countywide benefit, expenditure of County funds is authorized for their review, preparation and publication online.

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12/31/23.

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