Caltrans D8 PLC Meeting Notes February 2019

1.       HQ Staffing Changes

a.       Ryan Chamberlain returned to District 12

b.       Jim Davis is the Special Advisor to Director Laurie Berman until the Chief Deputy position is filled

2.       District Staffing Changes

a.       Michael Beauchamp is the new District 8 Director

b.       Christy Connors is the Acting Construction Deputy

c.       Jamal Elsaleh is the Acting Design Deputy

3.       Design Updates

a.       12/14/18 was the last update to the Highway Design Manual [http://www.dot.ca.gov/design/manuals/hdm/MCT%20HDM%20Change%2014Dec2018.pdf](https://nam01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.dot.ca.gov%2Fdesign%2Fmanuals%2Fhdm%2FMCT%2520HDM%2520Change%252014Dec2018.pdf&data=01%7C01%7Ccliff.simental%40psomas.com%7Cf95e7817cf894e48018c08d69862f471%7Cda3c8f56f9af471eaeb5f3d0cdc4b303%7C0&sdata=uzEaZ%2BFfiaz8nijuaryZaqtSahr7PyYWtJj3bjw6a5c%3D&reserved=0)

b.       Caltrans is upgrading its bidding software from Expedite Bid (Expedite) to Project Bids (BIDS). Beginning this week (2/18/19), all bidders will need to use the new BIDS software.

c.       Reminder: 2018 Standards are in effect; 2015 Standards are no longer being supported