

SECTION 1

PURPOSE AND DEFINITIONS

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1-1 PURPOSE: These Improvement Standards provide standards to be applied to improvements and private works to be dedicated to the public and accepted by the County for maintenance or operation, as well as improvements to be installed within existing rights of way and easements. This is necessary to provide for coordinated development of required facilities to be used by, and for the protection of, the public. These Standards shall serve to regulate and guide the design and preparation of plans for: construction of streets, highways, alleys, drainage, sewerage, street lighting, water supply facilities and related public improvements, and set guidelines for all private works which involve drainage, grading, erosion control, trees, and related improvements.

1-2 OMISSIONS: Any items or situations not included in these Improvement Standards shall be designed in accordance with accepted engineering practice, the County of Sacramento Standard Construction Specifications, the State of California "Highway Design Manual", July 1992 edition, and "Traffic Manual", and as required by the Director herein defined.

1-3 DEFINITIONS: When the following terms or titles are used in these standards, or in any document or instrument where these standards govern, the intent and meaning shall be as herein defined:

- A. **Consulting Engineer** - Shall mean any person or persons, firm, partnerships or corporation legally authorized to practice civil, mechanical or electrical engineering in the State of California who prepares or submits improvements plan and specifications to the Public Works Agency of Sacramento County for approval.
- B. **Developer** - Shall mean any person or persons, firms, partnership, corporation or, combination thereof, financially responsible for the work involved.
- C. **Development** - Shall mean the act, process, or result of any land grading, utility installation, street or building construction on property.
- D. **Director** - Shall mean the Directors of the Departments of County Engineering or District Engineering of Sacramento County acting either directly or through the Chiefs of the appropriate Divisions of the Public Works Agency or their authorized representatives.

- E. **Laboratory** - Shall mean any testing agency or testing firm which has been approved by the Public Works Agency.
- F. **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)** – An environmental mitigation program administered by the County Department of Environmental Review and Assessment, in accordance with County Code.
- G. **Specifications** - Shall mean the latest standard construction specifications adopted by the Board of Supervisors governing the construction of roads, streets, sanitary sewers, storm drainage, concrete structures, water supply, traffic signals, street lighting and other facilities within the County of Sacramento to be accepted by the County for maintenance or operation; also private grading, erosion control, drainage, and landscaping.
- H. **Standard Drawings** - Shall mean the standard drawings as set forth in the Standard Construction Specifications and those drawings included herein.
- I. **State** - As used in the State Specifications, shall mean Sacramento County.
- J. **State Standard Plans** - Shall mean the Standard Specifications and Drawings of the State of California, Department of Transportation. (Latest Edition)
- K. **Urban Area** - Shall mean the area within the boundary as defined by the Sacramento County General Plan.