

Caltrans is now offering electronic signatures (e-Sign) for contract execution

The Division of Engineering Services (DES), Program/Project Management & Office Engineer Office of Construction Contract Awards (OCCA) has developed a process to electronically execute a contract using Adobe Sign.

Benefits to e-Sign:

- Faster execution of contracts
- Start on project quicker
- Document Tracking – Ability to see where the document is at in the process
- No more lost mail
- Paperless

What are contractors saying about e-Sign?

- “It is a big step forward in the contract process and we look forward to not having to process hard copies.”
- “Beneficial if you don't like receiving contracts in the mail.”
- “...overall, really liked the electronic signing of the contract.”

For more information on e-Sign visit the links below:

Contractor's e-Sign Guide

http://ppmoe.dot.ca.gov/des/oe/docs/Contractor_eSign_Guide.pdf

Adobe Sign FAQ's

<https://helpx.adobe.com/sign/faq.html>



In 1999, California enacted the California Uniform Electronic Transactions Act (CUETA) in Civil Code 1633.1 to give electronic signatures the same legal authority as "wet" signatures on contracts. An electronic signature is defined as an electronic sound, symbol or process that is attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record. All signatory parties of the contract must agree to use electronic signatures to execute the contract.