



California Construction and Industrial Materials Association

AB 978 & AB 2953 Updated Fact Sheet

AB 2953 was added to the Public Resources Code, a requirement that city and county governments adopt permissive specifications for recycling of materials used in infrastructure projects.

It requires local specifications for materials to be equal to or greater than the recycling allowance in Caltrans specifications. AB 2953 went into effect on January 1, 2024 with an intended sunset of January 1, 2027. AB 978 went into effect on January 1, 2026 and removed the sunset date. It also amends the recycle percentage limit to be in line with future updates to Caltrans specifications and explicitly allows greater than Caltrans Standards.

This law is important to achieving state and local goals to keep materials out of landfills, conserve natural resources of aggregates, increase the use of recycled asphalt pavements (RAP), reduce use of cement, and assist in California's carbon reduction and sustainability goals. In addition to helping the Governor reach his GHG goals while expanding the supply of materials available for local infrastructure repairs and new construction. Below is a summary of the current applicable Caltrans Standard Specifications:

- Contractor option to use up to 100% recycled road base and subbase per Section 25 & 26
- Contractor option of percent RAP, current $\leq 25\%$, used in asphalt per Section 39
- Use of supplemental cementitious materials (SCM), reclaimed aggregates and returned concrete per Section 90

The law applies to cities with over 25,000 population and counties with over 100,000 population.

CalCIMA is prepared to assist cities and counties with their recycling specifications. Some additional resources can be found on CalCIMA's website (links below).

[AB 978 Bill Text](#)

[AB 978 Local Agency Recycling Requirements](#)

[Caltrans Local Public Agency Specification Memo](#)

In addition, please feel free to contact CalCIMA for more information or technical resources. Please contact Cameron Richardson at crichardson@calcima.org (279-400-9255) or Charley Rea crea@calcima.org (916-661-6821) for questions.

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