Full-Depth Reclamation (Recycling)



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California Nevada Cement Association

WHO WE ARE

- A non-profit trade association
- Funded by the seven producers and distributors of Portland cement in CA & NV
- Advocates for infrastructure funding
- In partnership with agencies/owners, consultants, and contractors to provide:
 - Research
 - Educational opportunities
 - Design assistance
 - Technical expertise
 - Construction feasibility



















Pavement & Materials Partnering Committee





Same Old Thinking Same Old Results





Pension Reform Drug Policy Education Transpo Topics - Publications

23rd Annual Highway Report –

Percent Urban Interstate Mileage in Poor Condition



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- Section 30-2 Pulverization (2018 Standard Specifications)
- Section 30-3 Full Depth Reclamation Foamed Asphalt (2018 Standard Specifications)
- Section 30-4 Full Depth Reclamation Cement (2018 Standard Specifications)
 - o RSS-30-4_2018 Full Depth Reclamation Cement
 - o SSP-30-4_2018 Full Depth Reclamation Cement
- NSSP-30-5 _2018 Partial Depth Recycling (Updates coming soon)
 - o Partial Depth Recycling Emulsified Asphalt
 - o Partial Depth Recycling Foamed Asphalt



In-Place Recycling Training Presentation and Resources

- Introduction to In-Place Recycling Training Webinar Presentation
- Highway Design Manual: Chapter 630 Flexible Pavement
- Caltrans PaveM Portal Website
- Caltrans In-Place Recycling Manual (coming soon)
- DES Website
- Office of Asphalt Pavement
- Wirtgen Cold Recycling Technology Manual (external link)
- Basic Asphalt Recycling Manual (BARM) (upon request)
- Road Resource Website (external link)
- Portland Cement Association Manual (upon request)



Call Us – We're Here to Help!





Ine Basics of FDR

What is FDR?

In it's simplest form:

Full-depth reclamation is a road rehabilitation method that involves recycling existing asphalt pavement and its underlying layer(s), blending them with a stabilizing agent, and creating a new stronger, more homogenous base layer.



Benefits of FDR

- Cost-effectiveness
- Contractor Evolution
- Higher structural carrying capacity
- Increased durability
- Opportunity to improve roadway geometry
- Shorter construction time and less staging impacts
- Early opening to traffic
- Reflection cracking mitigation
- Reduced carbon footprint Sustainability



Sustainability – Truck Trip Reduction



40:1 Replacement

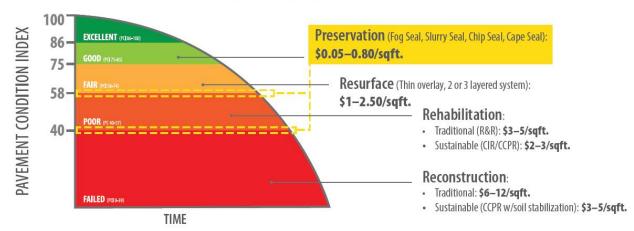
Less Fuel. Less Damage



Quantifying In-Place Recycling Impacts



National Pavement Condition Index (PCI)
National Best Management Practice=PCI 82













FDR – Recycling Making Too Much Sense



CALIFORNIA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY AGGREGATE SUSTAINABILITY IN CALIFORNIA

Fifty-Year Aggregate Demand Compared to Permitted Aggregate Reserves





Versatility of Cement as Stabilizing Agent

Material Type - Including RAP	Well Graded Gravel	Poorly Graded Gravel	Silty Gravel	Clayey Gravel	Well Graded Sand	Poorly Graded Sand	Silty Sand	Clayey Sand	Silt, Silt with Sand	Lean Clay	Organic Silt/Organic Lean Clay	Elastic Silt	Fat Clay, Fat Clay with Sand
USCS ²	GW	GP	GM	GC	sw	SP	SM	sc	ML	CL	0L	МН	СН
AASHT0 ³	A-1-a	A-1-a	A-1-b	A-1-b A-2-6	A-1-b	A-3 or A-1-b	A-2-4 or A-2-5	A-2-6 or A-2-7	A-4 or A-5	A-6	A-4	A-5 or A-7-5	A-7-6
Emulsified Asphalt SE > 30 or PI < 6 and P ₂₀₀ < 20%	X	X	х	х	х	X	х						
Foamed Asphalt PI < 10 and P ₂₀₀ 5 to 20%	x		х	х	х		х						
Cement, CKD or Self-Cementing Class C Fly Ash PI < 20 SO ₄ < 3000 ppm	х	х	X	X	х	х	х	Х	х	х			
Lime/LKD PI > 20 and P ₂₀₀ > 25% SO ₄ < 3000 ppm								х		х		х	х



When FDR Should be Considered?

- Flexural distresses in wheel lanes
- PCI below 55 (Poor Condition)
- Excessive digout repairs needed (>15-20%)
- Need to increase structural design of road
- Need to correct pavement cross slope/superelevation/drainage issues



Project Selection - Visual Assessment







Agency:

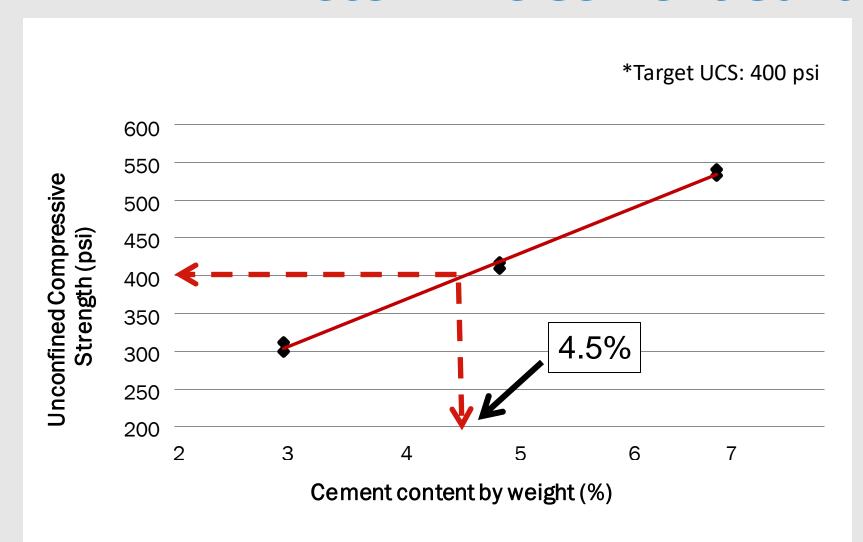
- Investigate existing pavement structure
- Determine TI, R-Value
- Design new pavement structure (HMA over FDR)
- Bid Documents should specify:
 - 1. SY of FDR area
 - 2. Depth of FDR treatment
 - 3. Target Unconfined Compressive Strength (UCS)
 - 4. Tons of cement (based on estimated quantity)

Contractor:

- Run mix design of representative field materials
- Determine actual cement content to achieve design UCS



Determine Cement Content

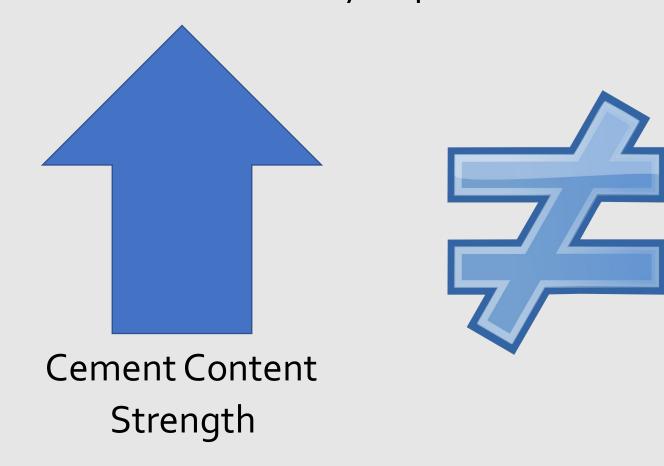


- *PCA recommends 7-day target UCS of 300-400 psi
- *CT allows a UCS range of 300-600 psi
- *Greenbook requires minimum 400 psi
- *Remember, thicker is better...too much strength can be detrimental



Looking for Strength or Performance?

Worst Cement Industry Representative Ever:









Construction

FDR Construction Process - Simplified

- ✓ Pulverize
- ✓ Shape
- ✓ Add Cement
- ✓ Mix-In-Place
- ✓ Make Grade
- ✓ Compact
- ✓ Surface

Bituminous
Surfacing
Granular
Base
Subgrade

Existing road

PulverizedSubgrade

Pulverization to desired depth Pulverized Stabilized

Subgrade Subgrade

Removal of excess material (if necessary) and regrade

Addition of cement, mixing, reshaping, and compaction

New Surfacing

Stabilized

Subgrade

Final surface application





Curing is Crucial

- CT requires asphaltic emulsion cure: SS1h or CSS1h
- MUST be properly cured to allow for cement hydration and strength gain
- Other agencies allow moist curing alternative
- Curing doesn't take the weekend off!



Microcracking

- 48 to 56 hours after placement
- 12 ton vibratory roller
- Low speed (2 3 mph)
- High amplitude
- 2 or 3 passes
- Network of fine cracks
- Stiffness reduction 40 -60%
- Continue curing



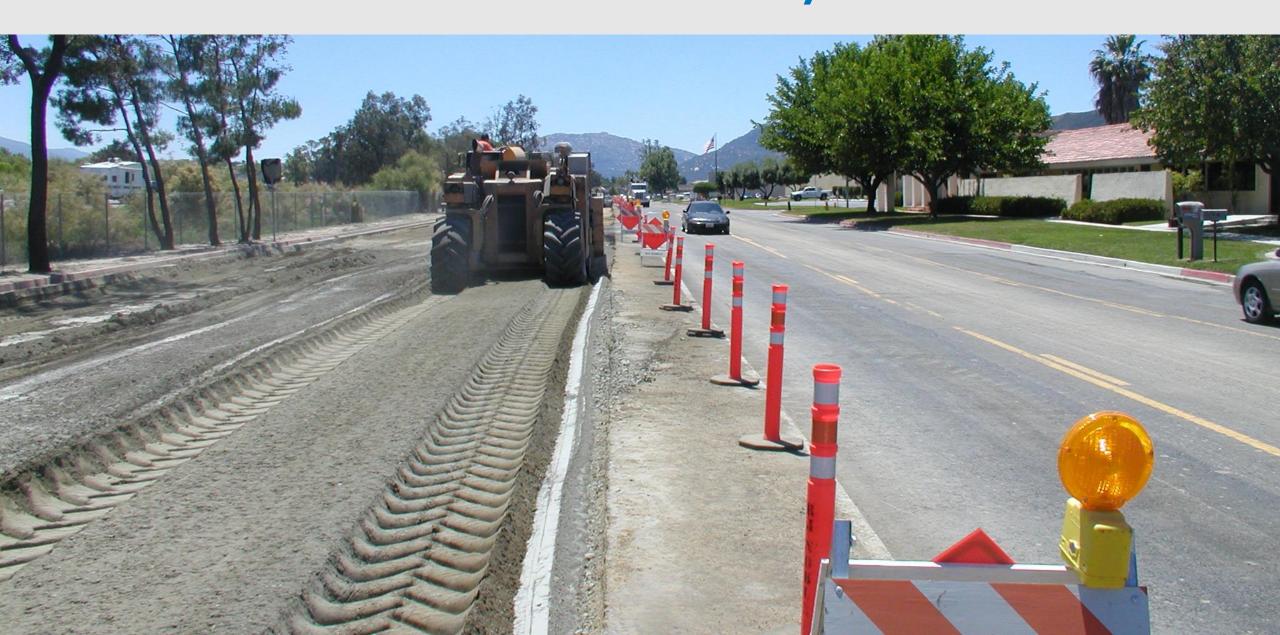
Traffic & Surfacing

- Constructed under traffic: Single-lane pilot car traffic control
- Compacted FDR base can be opened immediately to lowspeed traffic and construction equipment

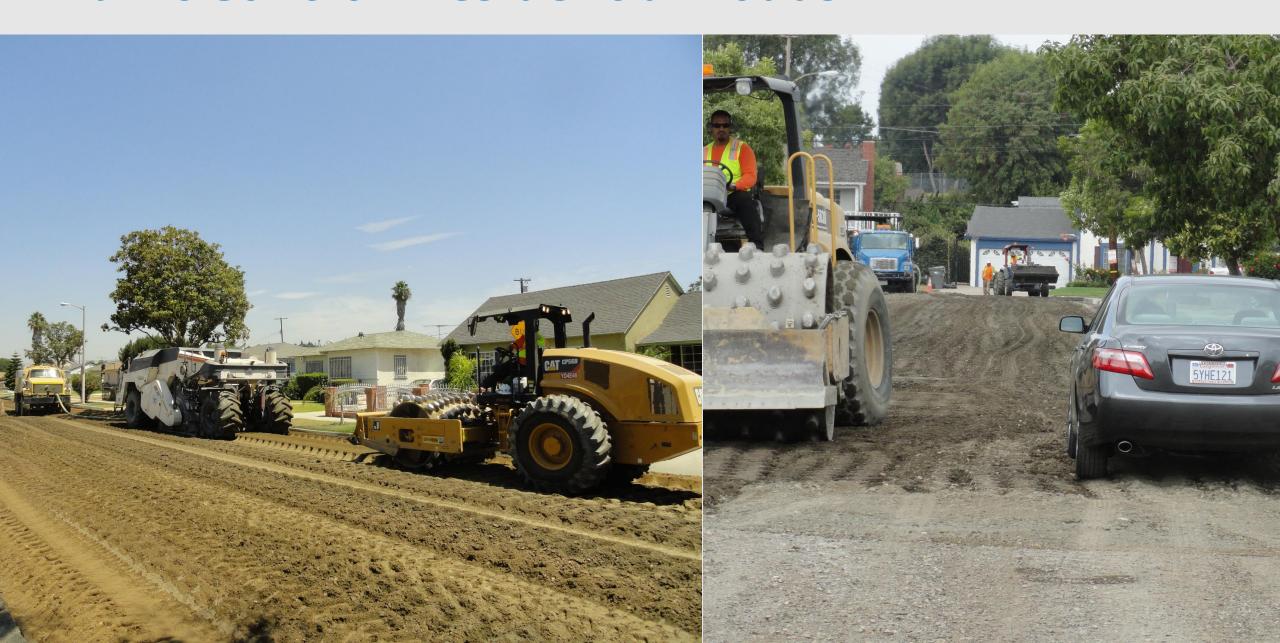


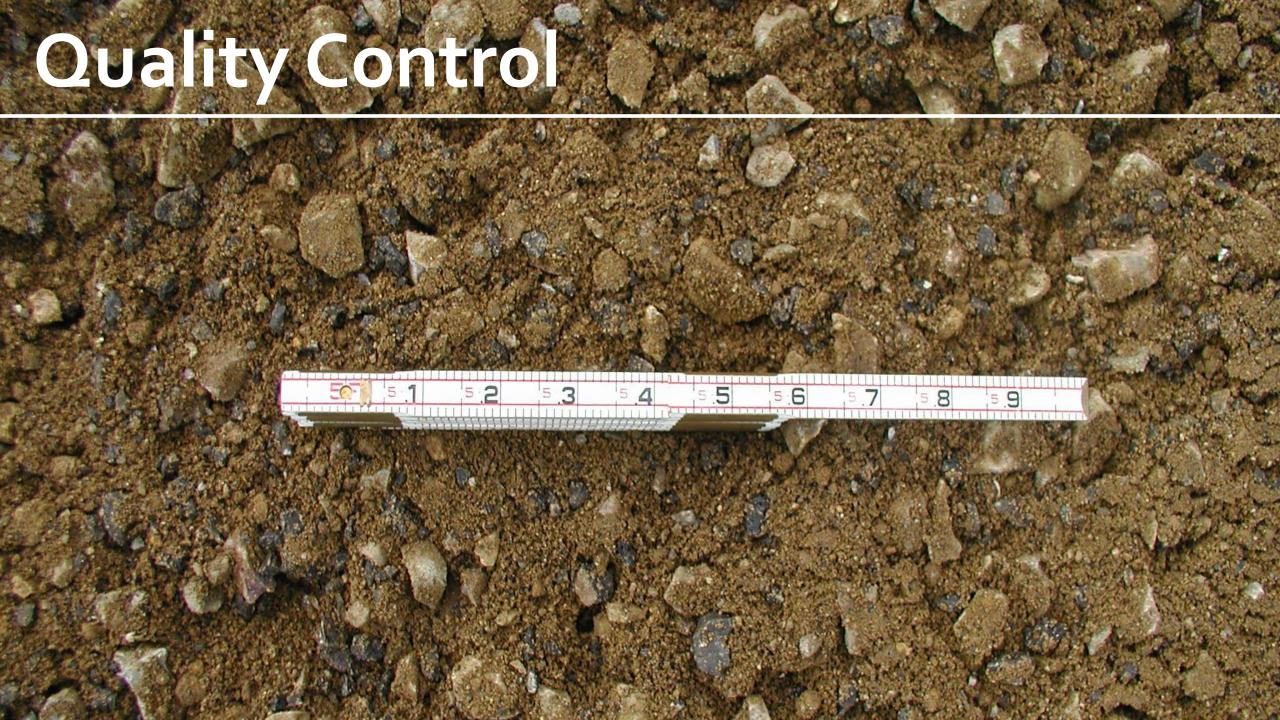


Traffic Control: Arterial Roadways



Traffic Control: Residential Roads





QC - What is Important?

- Gradation (sizing)
- Cement spread
- Moisture content
- Mixing adequacy
- Density
- Thickness



Characteristics vs. Acceptance

FDR—Cement Requirements for Acceptance

Quality characteristic	Test method	Value	
Cement application rate (lb/sq yd)	Calibrated tray or equal	Mix design rate ± 5%	
Relative compaction (min, %, wet density)	California Test 231	95	
Thickness (ft) a	Core measurements	±0.05 of the thickness shown	

^aTake 4- or 6-inch diameter cores from random locations the Engineer selects. The Engineer may require 3 locations per lot; coring more than 3 locations per lot is change order work. At time of coring, submit cores to the Engineer for measurement.

FDR—Cement Quality Characteristic Requirements					
Quality characteristic	Test method	Requirement			
Gradation (%, passing) Sieve Size 3 inch 2 inch 1-1/2 inch	California Test 202	100 95–100 85–100			
Moisture content (%)	California Test 226	Mix design ± 2 percent			
Unconfined compressive strength (psi)	ASTM D1633°	Specified in section 30-4.01D(2)			
Laboratory maximum wet density (lb/cu ft)	California Test 216	Use for relative compaction calculation			
Relative compaction (min. %) (wet density) ^b	California Test 231	95			

- ✓ Site evaluation, design optimization, costing
- State/National Publications
 - √ The "Greenbook" Sec. 301-3.4(2018)
 - ✓ PCA Guide to Full-Depth Reclamation (2019)
 - ✓ Caltrans Standard Specifications (2018)
 - ✓ ARRA Basic Asphalt Recycling Manual (2015)
 - ✓ CT Division of Maintenance FDR-C Guide (2013)

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Guide to

FULL-DEPTH RECLAMATION (FDR)

with Cement







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