

## Assembly Bill No. 221

### CHAPTER 154

An act to amend Sections 16000, 16001, and 16004 of the Public Resources Code, relating to recycling.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 221, Quirk-Silva. Recycled concrete.

Existing law authorizes the use of recycled concrete materials if the user has been fully informed, as defined, that the concrete may contain recycled concrete material and prohibits recycled concrete from being offered, provided, or sold to the Department of Transportation or the Department of General Services for any use unless specifically requested and approved by that department. Existing law defines the term recycled concrete for these purposes as including mix designs or aggregate gradations that are in accordance with certain specifications.

This bill would revise the definition of recycled concrete for purposes of these provisions to additionally include, as one of those specifications, the California Green Building Standards Code.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 16000 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

16000. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:

(a) Facilitating the recycling of natural resources is in the best interest of the state.

(b) Facilitating recycling of concrete materials in concrete production reduces waste, truck trips, and emissions, while advancing sustainable practices in concrete manufacture.

(c) Recycling of aggregates from concrete conserves the natural resources of aggregates.

(d) Recycling of water conserves water resources.

(e) Recycling of returned fresh concrete maximizes the reuse of the natural resources of aggregates, water, and cement and conserves embodied energy from concrete production.

(f) This division is intended to encourage the use of recycled concrete as provided in this division.

SEC. 2. Section 16001 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

16001. For purposes of this division, “recycled concrete” means reclaimed concrete material used in concrete mixtures in accordance with the “Greenbook Standard Specifications for Public Works” 2003 edition, or the most current revision of those requirements. “Recycled concrete” includes mix designs or aggregate gradations that are in accordance with the specifications or codes of the American Concrete Institute (ACI), the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM), the International Building Code (IBC), the International Residential Code (IRC), the California Building Code (Part 2 (commencing with Section 1.1.1) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations), Caltrans Standard Specifications, or the California Green Building Standards Code (Part 11 (commencing with Section 101.1) of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations). However, reclaimed concrete material that is in compliance with ASTM-94 specifications is exempt from this division.

SEC. 3. Section 16004 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

16004. This division does not supersede the requirements of the California Building Code or other provisions of law.