

Caltrans Fences and Livestock Control

The following excerpts from the Caltrans Maintenance Manual describe the purpose of right of way fences and a statement of responsibility regarding livestock.

"State owned fences are provided to control access and prevent indiscriminate crossings of medians or ramps by vehicles or pedestrians.

Freeway fences and right-of-way fences are State owned and act as physical barriers to ensure integrity of access lines or right-of-way lines. As a secondary function these fences may act as a property fence. All freeway and right-of-way fences are placed either on the access line or immediately adjacent to the right-of way line.

Property Fences are privately owned fences outside the State owned right of way that serve the abutting property owners' needs. Although they are the property of the abutting owner such fences may serve access control purposes. The State provides property fences only as a right of way consideration and does not maintain them".

Department of Transportation Freeway Fences and Right-of-Way Fences are *not* intended for, and should *not* be relied upon for livestock control. Private fences should be erected to contain privately owned livestock. A person who owns or controls the possession of any livestock is responsible for not willfully or negligently permitting any of the livestock to stray upon a public highway, including the state highway system and its associated right of way. "