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**District:** 05 – Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz Counties

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## CALTRANS WORKERS HIT THE HIGHWAYS FOR COASTAL CLEANUP WEEK

CENTRAL COAST - Caltrans District 5 Maintenance workers are participating in Coastal Cleanup Week, an annual event to remove litter from beaches, lakes and waterways. Caltrans maintains over 12,000 structures and bridges above or alongside inland waterways that eventually flow to the ocean. Caltrans crews between Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz counties contributed in the following areas: (see photos below)

- **Santa Barbara County** –The Santa Barbara Maintenance crew picked up litter along U.S. Highway 101 in the Goleta area from Patterson Road to Fairview Avenue.
- **Monterey County** – The Salinas North Maintenance crew's participated in clean-up efforts on Hwy. 156 near Tembladero Slough.
- **San Benito County** – The Hollister Maintenance crew and the Salinas tree crew worked along the shoulder of US Highway 101 and at the San Benito River removing large amounts of debris from below a bridge.

This effort is part of the "Don't Trash California" campaign. Last year, 66,000 volunteers removed 1.2 million pounds of trash and recyclables from beaches, lakes and waterways. One way the public can help is by participating in Caltrans' Adopt-A-Highway (AAH) Program. To become a volunteer or support the program through a paid sponsorship, call 1-866-ADOPT-A-HWY or go to: <http://adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov>. Since 1989, 120,000 volunteers have participated in the program, saving taxpayers an estimated \$16 million annually in litter removal costs while improving 15,000 miles along the shoulder of the state highway system.

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To volunteer or to learn more about the Coastal Cleanup day on Saturday, Sept. 19, 2015 contact: <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html>



Full trash bags collected near State Route 156 in Monterey County.



Near US Highway 101 in Goleta.

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