CALTRANS TO HOLD ANNUAL WORKER MEMORIAL CEREMONY THIS WEEK

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY – Caltrans will hold its 24th annual Worker Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, April 23 at 10:00 am at the Caltrans District 5 office at 50 Higuera Street in San Luis Obispo.

“This ceremony will honor our highway workers who have lost their lives while working on the state highway system,” said Caltrans District 5 Director Tim Gubbins.

San Luis Obispo County Fifth District Supervisor Debbie Arnold, California Highway Patrol Captain Mike Bueno and Alicia Alfaro, sister of a fallen highway worker will speak at this event.

Each year during the statewide Worker Memorial Day, Caltrans honors those who have died in the line of duty by placing their names on a memorial plaque in the lobby of the Caltrans headquarters building in Sacramento. The District 5 ceremony includes a rose for each fallen employee on top of a memorial rock that lists their names.

Since 1924, 183 Caltrans employees have been killed on the job, including eight in District 5. One of the biggest hazards for workers is motorists who do not exercise caution while driving through highway work zones. Caltrans reminds everyone to ‘Be Work Zone Alert!’