NEWSWORTHY

- Sara Von Schwind is our new Deputy District 5 Director for Program Project Management, effective December 17, 2012. Sara holds a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from CSU-Cal Poly and is a certified Project Management Professional. She has served as project manager for projects in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties, and spent the last three years serving as the District Programming Manager, overseeing Programming and Project Control. With this change, Aileen Loe will resume her role of District 5 Deputy Director of Planning and Local Assistance, and Scott Eades will resume his role as project manager.

- Caltrans announced it is awarding nearly $18 million to 105 public transit projects across California under the Job Access & Reverse Commute and New Freedom programs. The projects are designed to help low-income people and those with disabilities to access employment and employment-related activities such as job training and job interviews more easily. This includes transporting people to employment opportunities in suburban areas and city centers.

- Caltrans and the California Natural Resources Agency are pleased to announce the joint release of the Guidelines and Application for the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program (EEMP) for the 2012/13 grant cycle. Applications must be received *at* the Natural Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311, Sacramento CA, 95814, by **Friday, January 4, 2013 - no later than 4 p.m.**

  You may access the EEMP Guidelines and Application at: http://www.resources.ca.gov/eem/.

Please Submit Maintenance Service Requests at the Following Link: http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/msrsubmit/

PROJECT UPDATE – SAN BENITO COUNTY

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Implementing Agency	Project Manager (Resident Engineer)	Contractor	Comments
1.	**ADA Curb Ramp Project (0R8404)**	On Route 25 & 156 in San Benito and Rtes 68, 101, 183 in Mon Co. (Various)	ADA curb ramps and minor concrete	Fall 2012 to Winter 2012/2013	$569,615	SHOPP	Caltrans	Richard Rosales (FK)	Brough Construction Inc., Arroyo Grande	Contract Approval Nov 6. Begin construction approx. Dec 3. Contractor expects to start from south to north with one crew performing the work.
2.	**Hwy. 101/San Juan Road Interchange (31580_)**	On Route 101 near Prunedale.4 mile south of Dumbarton Road in Mon. Co. (PM 10.0-101.3)	Construct new interchange at San Juan Road and US 101	December 3, 2012 to Winter 2014	$46.2 Million	STIP/ CMIA/ ARRA	Caltrans	David Silberberger	Construction	Granite Construction/MCM is the Contractor for the project. Construction began Dec. 3. The immediate focus will be earthwork for bridge abutments.

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPMENT

	Project	Location	Description	Construction Timeline	Construction Cost	Funding Source	Imple-menting Agency	Project Manager	Phase	Comments
3.	**Hwy. 156 Improvement Project (34490_)**	On SR 156 in and near San Juan Bautista from The Alameda to 0.2 mi east of 4th St. near Hollister (PM 3.0/R8.2)	Widen 2 to 4 Lanes	Fall 2015 to Fall 2017	$47.2 Million	STIP, IIP, RIP, Demo, Local	Caltrans	Richard Rosales	PS&E	Sept. 29, 2011- Approval of Supplemental Project Report and Final Supplemental Env. Document. Nov 4 - Court dismissed first lawsuit. Currently Pending 2nd lawsuit filed Sept 14, 2011. Tentative hearing date set for 12-17-12