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CALTRANS AND ARROYO GRANDE TREE GUILD PLANT NEW TREES

ARROYO GRANDE – A project to plant 20 new trees along Hwy. 101 will begin this week thanks to a cooperative effort by Caltrans, the City of Arroyo Grande and the Tree Guild of Arroyo Grande. These new trees are located near the on/off ramps at Halcyon Road, Oak Park Road, Grand Avenue, Brisco Road and Camino Mercado.

This partnership began when a number of trees planted in 2005 died for various reasons. Caltrans offered to remove these trees so that they could be replaced.

The City of Arroyo Grande and the Tree Guild purchased 20 trees and related materials which will be installed by Caltrans. “This is a truly collaborative effort by all parties to make our city a more beautiful place,” said Kristen Barneich, founder of the Tree Guild of Arroyo Grande (www.treeguild.org).

The City of Arroyo Grande has received the “Tree City USA” designation for the last 28 years. “We are pleased to be part of this effort so the community will enjoy the benefits of these plantings for years to come”, said Caltrans District 5 Director Rich Krumholz.

For traffic updates on other state highways in San Luis Obispo County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at (805) 549-3318 or visit the District 5 website at:

www.dot.ca.gov/dist/05/maint/road/upslo.htm

