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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALTRANS COMPLETES REPLANTING OF SHRUBS ALONG HIGHWAY 1 IN MORRO BAY

MORRO BAY – Caltrans has completed a project to replant 325 screening-type shrubs along one mile of southbound Hwy. 1 in Morro Bay after vegetation was removed earlier this year due to a small insect (thrips) which causes considerable leaf damage.

All of the new planting and irrigation systems were installed along the fence line near southbound Hwy. 1 between Yerba Buena Street and San Jacinto Street. This area was replanted with Catalina Cherry (*Prunus Lyonii*) and (*Ceanothus*) 'Wild Lilac', at specific intervals.

Caltrans and the California Conservation Corp (CCC) worked together on this vegetation planting project. The contractor for this \$75,000 project was Madrone Landscapes of Atascadero.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work zones.

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 can visit the District 5 website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm



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