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## **SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION IN MAINTENANCE STATION**

SANTA CRUZ – A project to install a solar panel system in the Caltrans Maintenance Station located at Capitola Road Extension will begin Monday, September 26, Caltrans officials have announced.

Work consists of installing a photovoltaic (PV) system that will be a utility interactive grid-tie PV electrical generating system. The size of the PV system is 15 kW or about enough energy to run 2.5 homes for a year.

There is no traffic control and work is expected to be completed mid-October, weather permitting.

The purpose of this project is to install a solar panel system that will conserve energy.

The contractor for this \$102,000 project is RBT Electric, Inc. of Irvine.

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

For lane closure information and traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Santa Cruz County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-423-0396 or can visit our website at [http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road\\_information.htm](http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm)

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