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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

ROSEMEAD BLVD. AT WHITTIER NARROWS DAM -- UPDATE #2

ROSEMEAD BOULEVARD (STATE ROUTE 19) BRIDGE -- CLOSURE CONTINUES FOR STORM DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Pico Rivera – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has extended the October 17 closure of the Rosemead Boulevard (19) bridge at the Whittier Narrows Dam until water can be pumped from the base of the bridge.

Heavy rainstorms necessitated the release of water from the Whittier Narrows Dam, causing excess water to accumulate at the base of the Rosemead Boulevard bridge. The bridge had been undergoing repairs from the previous storms earlier this year. A closure of Rosemead Blvd. between San Gabriel Boulevard and Gallitin Street was necessary to ensure the safety of the motoring public.

Caltrans is securing necessary environmental permits from the California Department of Fish and Game, the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Army Corps of Engineers before water can be pumped out; and storm damage assessments will be performed thereafter. Estimated duration is unknown at this time. Additional information will be forthcoming as damage assessments are made.

Signs and detours will be posted to assist motorists. Beverly Boulevard can be utilized as an alternate route during this closure.

For additional information, please contact the Caltrans Public Affairs office at (213) 897-3630 or (213) 897-3656.

Caltrans reminds motorist to PLEASE, ***SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE.***

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