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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### PILE DRIVING TO BEGIN NEAR ROUTE 222 RUSSIAN RIVER BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

**Eureka** – Caltrans announced today that pile driving will begin Thursday, May 20, near the Russian River Bridge Replacement project on Route 222 (Talmage Road) in Mendocino County. Piles will be driven to test soil conditions and insure the bridge piles will provide the support needed for the new bridge. The location, about 1000 feet west of the Russian River and just north of Route 222, was determined to have similar soil conditions as the bridge site. Using this location will help eliminate delays to the project because pile driving cannot be performed near the river channel before June 10 due to environmental concerns. Work hours will be 6:30AM to 5PM, weekdays. There will be no impacts to traffic. This pile driving is anticipated to be completed by Friday, May 28.

This \$5.4 million bridge replacement project was funded primarily by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The bridge, built in 1954, is being replaced due to scour and the migration of the river channel. Scour results from water flows eroding the foundation or footings of a bridge. The new bridge will increase safety by providing two 12-foot traffic lanes with wider shoulders.

Under Governor Schwarzenegger's leadership, California has obligated \$2.52 billion in Recovery Act funding obligated to 930 highway, local street, and job training transportation projects statewide. For more information on the Recovery Act visit: <http://recovery.ca.gov/>

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