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CALTRANS STATEWIDE LITTER PICKUP DAY

Tuolumne County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) held a statewide Litter Removal Day on Thursday, April 25, 2013, to pick up litter and debris along the state highway system and to educate the public about this costly issue.

Caltrans maintenance crews in Tuolumne County picked up over 160 bags of litter and debris for the entire day at the following locations:

- From the Stanislaus/ Tuolumne County line on State Route 120 (SR-120) to just before Kistler Ranch;
- SR-108 from Hidden Acres Road to Plainview Road.

Four Tuolumne County Adopt-A-Highway groups participated with Caltrans for this event. They were:

- **Chicken Ranch Bingo.** They picked up along southbound SR-49 from just past Chicken Ranch Road to Fifth Avenue;
- **Darlene's Vacation Rentals.** They picked up along SR-108 from just before County Dump Road to just past East Twain Harte;
- **Miwok and Summit Ranger Districts.** They picked up along SR-108 from Stoddard Springs Road to Snowwhite Ridge Drive;
- **Laire of the Golden Bear.** They picked up along SR-108 from Camp Blue Road to just past Old Strawberry Road.

For more information on the Adopt-A-Highway Program, please visit www.adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov or call Kathy Cockayne, District 10 Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator, at (209) 948-7462.

The best anti-litter campaign is to ensure trash never makes it onto the highways in the first place. Caltrans encourages you to:

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- Carry a litter bag in your automobile and always dispose of trash properly;
- Never discard cigarette or cigar refuse improperly;
- Always cover and properly secure loads of trucks and pick-ups.

With everyone doing their part we can keep California clean for today and the future.

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Last year, Caltrans spent over \$52 million on litter removal throughout the State Highway System. Over 160,000 cubic yards of litter were collected and disposed. That's about 10,000 Caltrans garbage trucks full of litter. Parked end-to-end, those trucks would stretch more than 50 miles.

In addition to the economic costs, litter presents a wide range of serious threats to the environment and human health: Wildlife can suffer from plastics in the environment; roadside vegetation can be damaged by large debris; fires can be started from burning cigarettes that can threaten human health; harmful chemicals and biohazards can cause a serious threat to human health, litter can clog roadway drainage systems that can lead to wet-weather highway flooding, congestion, and accidents. Litter can aid in the spread of disease.

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Slow For the Cone Zone and Don't Trash California!

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