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LITTER CLEAN-UP AND ENFORCEMENT DAY

Tuesday, September 17th, 2013

“Don’t Trash California”

Caltrans and CHP increase awareness

(OAKLAND)- Caltrans and the CHP are teaming up to increase awareness of litter clean-up and enforcement efforts on Tuesday, September 17th, 2013. The day-long joint-agency effort starts in the morning with highway message signs throughout the Bay Area reminding everyone: “Don’t Trash California”.

Orange litter bags will be piled-up at various locations along our highways with media ride-along opportunities available with CHP and Caltrans crews.

Caltrans maintenance crews throughout the nine Bay Area counties will focus their efforts throughout the day on cleaning-up litter left alongside the highways. CHP will focus on vehicle enforcement and reminds drivers that law enforcement throughout the Bay Area will be on the lookout for litterers.

“The CHP and Caltrans have worked together in committing resources and personnel towards targeting commercial and private vehicles which violate litter laws,” said CHP Lieutenant, Tim Westcott. “Our role is to provide enforcement efforts focused on uncovered loads, improperly maintained equipment, and material being spilled or thrown onto the roadway.”

“Caltrans and the CHP hope this Tuesday’s event will raise awareness among all drivers that litter is not only unsightly, it’s not safe and it costs taxpayers a lot of money,” said Caltrans District 4 Director Bijan Sartipi. “Last year, Caltrans spent about \$50 million statewide cleaning up litter. Crews also collected enough trash to fill more than 8,000 garbage trucks.”

Caltrans and CHP will be at some of these and other locations throughout the Bay Area:

San Francisco/Daly City (8:30 a.m. until 11a.m.)

Northbound and Southbound Highway 101 Sierra Point to Candlestick

Eastbound and Southbound Highway 380 between Millbrae and Daly City

****Castro Valley/East Bay (starting at around 12 p.m.)**

Northbound Highway 238 under the I-580 Overcrossing

Photo-Opportunities-large stockpile of orange trash bags picked up during the event

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San Leandro/East Bay (9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

Northbound and Southbound I-880 between Washington and Davis

Benicia (10 a.m. until 1 p.m.)

I-680 at Lake Herman to I-780 at South Hampton both directions

San Jose (9 a.m. until 2 p.m.)

Highway 87 Northbound and Southbound between Curtner Road and Julian

For more information on adopting a highway, call 1-866-ADOPT-A-HWY. Or contact Adopt A Highway Coordinators, Chris Mayfield and Jose Montoya at 510-286-4421.

This is the 10th anniversary year of the Litter Clean-Up event which began as a conversation about Litter Abatement among Caltrans District 4, the CHP, truck associations and various Bay Area cities.

Contact Vince Jacala at Caltrans, or Sgt. Diana McDermott at CHP for interviews, photo opportunities, and media ride-along opportunities.

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