



NEWS RELEASE

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Caltrans to Turn Off Bay Bridge Decorative Lights for “Earth Hour”

Oakland – This Saturday, March 28, numerous organizations and private individuals will observe “Earth Hour San Francisco” by turning off all unnecessary lights between the hours of 8:30 and 9:30 pm.

For the third year in a row, Caltrans will take part by turning off the decorative lights on the San Francisco – Oakland Bay Bridge. In the interest of safety, the overhead lights will remain on.

San Francisco will join several cities taking part in the world-wide Earth Hour event. In addition to the Bay Bridge, decorative lights will be turned off on the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Ghirardelli Square, Coit Tower, City Hall and AT&T Park, as well as numerous private businesses and homes.

Sydney, Australia started the first Earth Hour on March 31, 2007. Between the hours of 8 and 9 pm, Sydney residents turned off enough lights to reduce their energy use by about ten percent.

For more information visit the Earth Hour web site at:

www.earthhour.org

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