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CALTRANS STATEWIDE LITTER PICKUP DAY

Stanislaus County – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) held a statewide Litter Removal Day and Enforcement Day on Thursday, April 21, 2016, to pick up litter, trash and debris along the state highway system and to educate the public about this costly issue.

Caltrans District 10 employees picked up 1,552 bags of litter, trash and debris in its eight counties – Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tuolumne.

240 bags of litter, trash and debris were picked up in Stanislaus County at the following locations:

- The on and off-ramps along Interstate 5;
- The northbound center median on State Route 99 (SR-99) from Crows Landing Road to H Street;
- SR-132 at the San Joaquin River Bridge.

The city of Turlock also participated and collected 1,580 pounds of trash and weeds along the on and off-ramps at Lander Avenue, West Main Street and Fulkerth Road near SR-99.

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:

- 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.

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

Last year, Caltrans spent \$76 million to remove 153,000 cubic yards of litter, trash and debris throughout the State Highway System, collecting enough litter to fill almost 10,000 garbage trucks. Parked end-to-end, those trucks would stretch more than 51 miles.

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

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

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