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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Caltrans Annual Litter Pickup Day

**Inyo & Mono Counties** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has scheduled a statewide effort to raise the public's awareness and prevent littering. Caltrans District 9 maintenance crews will be picking up trash along the district's roadways on Thursday, April 25, 2013.

Last year, the California Department of Transportation spent \$43 million to pick up and dispose of trash that was tossed or dumped onto California's roadways. Crews picked up 2,469 cubic yards of litter which equals enough trash statewide to fill more than 158 garbage trucks. Cigarette butts are the number one item discarded on the state's highways. They cause roadside fires, clog storm drains and threaten water quality.

In addition to not throwing trash out on our roadways the public can help by participating in the Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Program. The Adopt-A-Highway Program allows the public to adopt sections of highway for beautification projects, such as litter removal, vegetation control, graffiti removal, and tree and shrub planting. The AAH Program participants picked up nearly 104,000 bags of trash from California's roadsides – enough to fill nearly 1,000 garbage trucks. Due to the efforts of the volunteers of this program California's taxpayers saved an estimated \$11.5 million value in litter removal costs last fiscal year.

To become a volunteer or sponsor, call Barbara Cote, Caltrans District 9 Adopt A Highway coordinator at 760-872-0622.

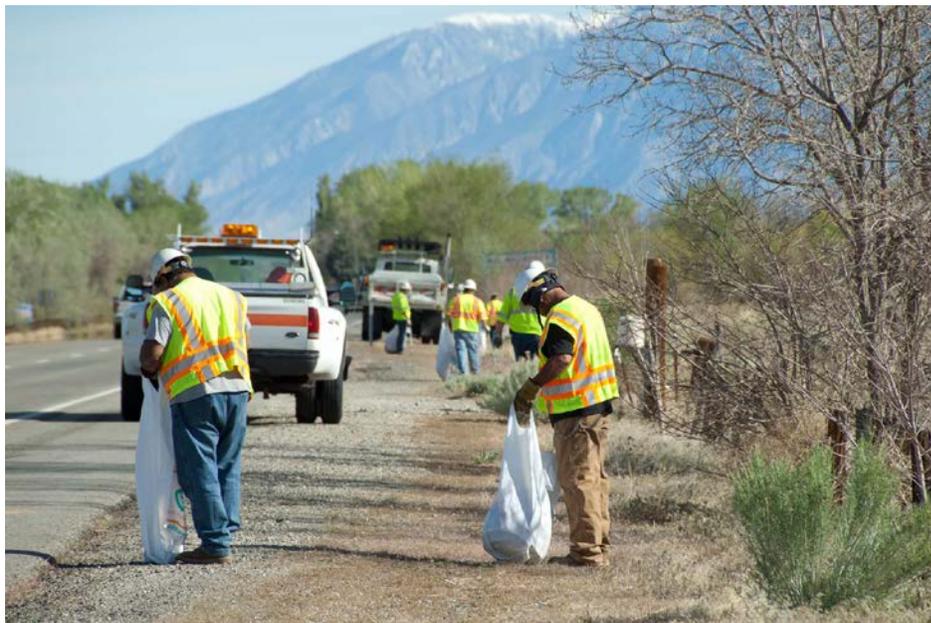
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