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TIME TO CLEAN HOUSE, CALIFORNIA!

Inland Empire – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is asking your help in keeping California clean and beautiful. Caltrans highlights the “Don’t Trash California” campaign each year on Earth Day and we need your help! To date, District 8 has spent \$2.9 million in the 2012/13 fiscal year (which ends on June 30, 2013) on litter removal and clean-up along State highways and interstates. Those funds could be spent on such items as new pavement, pothole repairs, and roadside improvements.

Caltrans District 8 maintains 7000 lane miles throughout a twenty-eight thousand, square mile district that encompasses Riverside and San Bernardino counties. The Department utilizes many avenues to fight litter on our state highways: Adopt-a-Highway, probation programs, one day clean ups by local agencies under permit, and our own maintenance crews.

Caltrans urges you to help us keep our highways litter-free by joining the Adopt-A-Highway Program. You can make a difference in your community by maintaining sections of roadside within California’s State Highway System. In return, you get a freeway sign recognizing your contribution which builds community pride and adds to the roadside aesthetics that serve as a gateway to your community. In addition, when you adopt-a-highway, Caltrans provides you with the supplies needed to clear litter from the segment. Your participation would also prevent potential pollutants from entering our waterways and save taxpayers millions of clean-up dollars every year.

Caltrans District 8 Deputy District Director, Steve Pusey states, “The Department thanks those that participate in the Adopt-A-Highway Program and I personally appreciate the civic pride they demonstrate by doing so. We, at District 8, value their commitment.”

Littering is a crime and a hazard to motorists. Keep your litter inside your vehicle, don’t throw out cigarette butts, and secure the loads on your vehicle. Caltrans reminds parents to set a good example for your children and to stash your trash. Make a difference and show you care. Remember we are all in this together- Don’t Trash California!

For more information and to see how you can join, go to <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/adopt/>.

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