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NEW MAINTENANCE DEPUTY DIRECTOR

San Bernardino – Caltrans is pleased to announce the new Caltrans District 8 Maintenance Deputy Director, Stephen R. Pusey. The Maintenance Deputy Director position was vacated approximately three months ago by Basem Muallem, who was promoted to Program Project Management Deputy Director. Mr. Pusey will begin his new assignment on July 7, 2008.

Mr. Pusey will oversee District 8's \$84.5 million maintenance budget for the largest geographical area of the 12 statewide districts. District 8 covers Riverside and San Bernardino counties, which encompasses four interstates and 32 routes totaling over 7,000 lane miles. He will manage a staff of more than 450 employees and is responsible for planning, organizing, budgeting, controlling, reviewing, and directing the work of the maintenance program.

Mr. Pusey holds a landscape architecture degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, and has over 28 years of experience with the Department. He began his career with Caltrans in 1980 as an entry-level landscape architect in District 7 (Los Angeles). He transferred to the Landscape Architecture branch of District 8 in 1982 and received his professional license as a Registered Landscape Architect in 1984. He has worked as a Resident Engineer in the Construction Division and subsequently earned the position of the Permits Landscape Architect in the encroachment permits branch of the Maintenance Division. He was promoted to Chief of Landscape Construction in 1993 where he assumed the duties of a Construction Engineer. Prior to being selected as the new Maintenance Deputy Director, Mr. Pusey served as the Executive Project Coordinator under retired District Director Mike Perovich since 2006.

In his new role, Mr. Pusey will provide the district with the leadership abilities, knowledge and attributes necessary to work with all of the Department's partners to maintain a safe and efficient transportation system for all customers.

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