



NEWS RELEASE

14-178

Date: Friday, August 29, 2014

District: 8 – SAN BERNARDINO

Contact: Joy Sepulveda

Phone: (909) 383-6291

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is proud to have participated in this year's Coastal Cleanup Day the week of September 15 -19, 2014. California Coastal Cleanup Day is an annual back and inland waterway cleanup event and is the state's largest volunteer effort. In 2013, over 58,000 volunteers removed more than 75,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from our beaches, lakes and waterways. Last year, every county in California, except for two, participated in the Coastal Cleanup Day event.

The Adopt-A-Highway Program had 873 participants take part in Coastal Cleanup Day, filling 1,828 bags with a total of 22,000 pounds of trash collected. Most of the marine debris that accumulates on California's beaches starts as urban trash or street litter. This is a continuing effort of the "Don't Trash California" campaign and is vital for our state's environmental well-being to keep California and its coast clean.

Caltrans plays a significant role by participating in this important event. In addition to the coast, Caltrans has over 12,000 structures and bridges above or alongside inland waterways that eventually flow to the ocean.

Caltrans, District 8 Deputy District Director for Maintenance Stephen R. Pusey asked that one maintenance crew from each of his two regions be designated to participate in the Coastal Cleanup effort. He says, "In appreciation of the coastal environment and its inherent value to the stakeholders of California, District 8 participated in the Coastal Cleanup Day. Maintenance crews were actively involved in weed and trash abatement adjacent to drainage inlets to do our part in improving the environment and protecting our natural waterways and oceans."

For more information on these and other Caltrans programs and campaigns, visit our web site at www.caltrans8.info or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/caltrans8.

Caltrans asks that motorists please be aware of the work and [SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE](#).



#