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Caltrans Parolee Program

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in partnership with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) developed the Caltrans Parolee Program (CPP) in order to help with litter removal along San Bernardino and Riverside area freeways.

In addition to the Adopt-a-Highway and probation programs already utilized to clean up litter, Caltrans began working with CDCR on the Caltrans Parolee Program in August 2013. District 8 currently has a nine person CPP crew that is helping to improve the appearance of the roadsides in the San Bernardino Metro Area.

“Everyone wins with this program,” said the Director of CDCR’s Division of Adult Parole Operations, Dan Stone. “Parolees are being productive as they reintegrate into their communities. Caltrans gets the help they need, and California’s taxpayers enjoy cleaner highways while saving money.”

A pilot project of the program began in February 2009 in Sacramento. The County of Sacramento saw a recidivism rate of 51 percent for parolees who did not participate in the program and 5 percent for those that did. Currently, there are programs running in Sacramento, San Joaquin, Oakland, Fresno and Los Angeles counties.

District 8 maintains 7,000 lane miles throughout a twenty-eight thousand square mile region that encompasses San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Litter removal is a continuous issue for maintenance crews both in District 8 and statewide. Since June 2013, District 8 spent \$2.9 million on litter removal and clean-up along the region’s state highways and freeways.

“Caltrans, District 8 is proud to be a part of this very worthwhile program. We view the program as beneficial to all who participate—our maintenance forces get the much need help and the parolees get the opportunity to play a positive role in their communities and personal lives,” said Steve Pusey, Deputy District Director, Maintenance.

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