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GOOD NEWS FOR TRAVELERS ON I-15

San Bernardino County – Caltrans will demolish and rebuild the Valley Wells Rest Area on Interstate 15 (I-15) located north of Baker. Phase 1 of the project will begin on January 14, 2008 and is expected to be complete in early 2009. The work will be constructed in four phases.

The first phase will include the new facility, rest rooms (comfort stations), parking area, and walkways. Once the first phase is complete, the second phase will add an interpretive center with California native desert information on plants, animals, and the civilization. In approximately 2010 the third phase will expand the parking area, and in 2012 the landscape makeover will take place.

The Valley Wells Rest Area has been closed for approximately three years as a result of necessary repairs that go beyond normal maintenance. Other rest areas on I-15, I-10 and I-40 in San Bernardino and Riverside counties are being and will be upgraded to comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) along with other necessary improvements to make the facilities maintainable and suitable for the traveling public. The Clyde V. Kane Rest Area on I-15 north of Barstow will also be rebuilt with construction expected to begin in 2010.

The rest area will remain closed throughout the project and no lane or road closures will take place during construction. Motorists are advised to use facilities in Baker, Barstow, and at the Nevada State Line before traveling across the Mojave desert.

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