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CALTRANS TO REPLANT TREES ALONG HIGHWAY 1 IN MORRO BAY

MORRO BAY – A project to replant screening-type trees along southbound Hwy. 1 in Morro Bay will begin on Monday, June 25. This replanting effort follows the removal of several diseased trees (*Myoporum*) on Hwy. 1 between Yerba Buena Street and San Jacinto Street due to a small insect (thrips) which removes moisture from these trees.

This area will be replanted with Catalina Cherry, (*Prunus Lyonii*) and (*Ceanothus*) 'Wild Lilac', at specific intervals along the fence line near southbound Hwy. 1. The initial phase will include irrigation work. The grinding of stumps and irrigation trenching is expected to begin within the next week depending on the availability of equipment. Crews have removed litter/debris adjacent to nearby homes.

The location of plants and the drilling to install them is scheduled to begin the week of July 16. The planting of these new trees will immediately follow. These new trees are expected to grow from 15 to 25 feet.

Caltrans and the California Conservation Corp (CCC) will continue sprucing up the area in the coming weeks. The contractor for this \$60,000 project is Madrone Landscapes of Atascadero, who plan to complete the replanting by the end of summer.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through Caltrans work zones

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