



NEWS RELEASE

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MATERIAL FROM US 101 CLEANUP IS BEING STOCKPILED AT MULTIPLE SAFE LOCATIONS

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY – The clean-up and repair along US 101 through Montecito continues 24/7 with crews making steady progress by clearing about 9,000 cubic yards of material daily so far this week. Nearly all of the mud has been cleared and Caltrans is moving into inspection and repair of all highway features, as well as clearing drainage structures before the highway can reopen.

Caltrans has established six sites for the disposal of mud and debris. Highway 154 at Cathedral Oaks Road is a temporary stockpile and beginning today, material will be moved from that location to a contractor construction yard in Buellton. Material is also being delivered to other locations within Caltrans property on Highways 101, 1 and 150. These locations are being monitored and managed with storm water best management practices to alleviate environmental and social concerns. This includes the use of earthen berms, silt fencing and straw wattles.

“We are laser focused on the safe, efficient clean-up of US 101 and have established these disposal sites in the overall effort to clear the highways,” said Caltrans District Director Tim Gubbins.

Material from the US 101 clean-up is separate from Santa Barbara County operations, which has established other disposal sites.

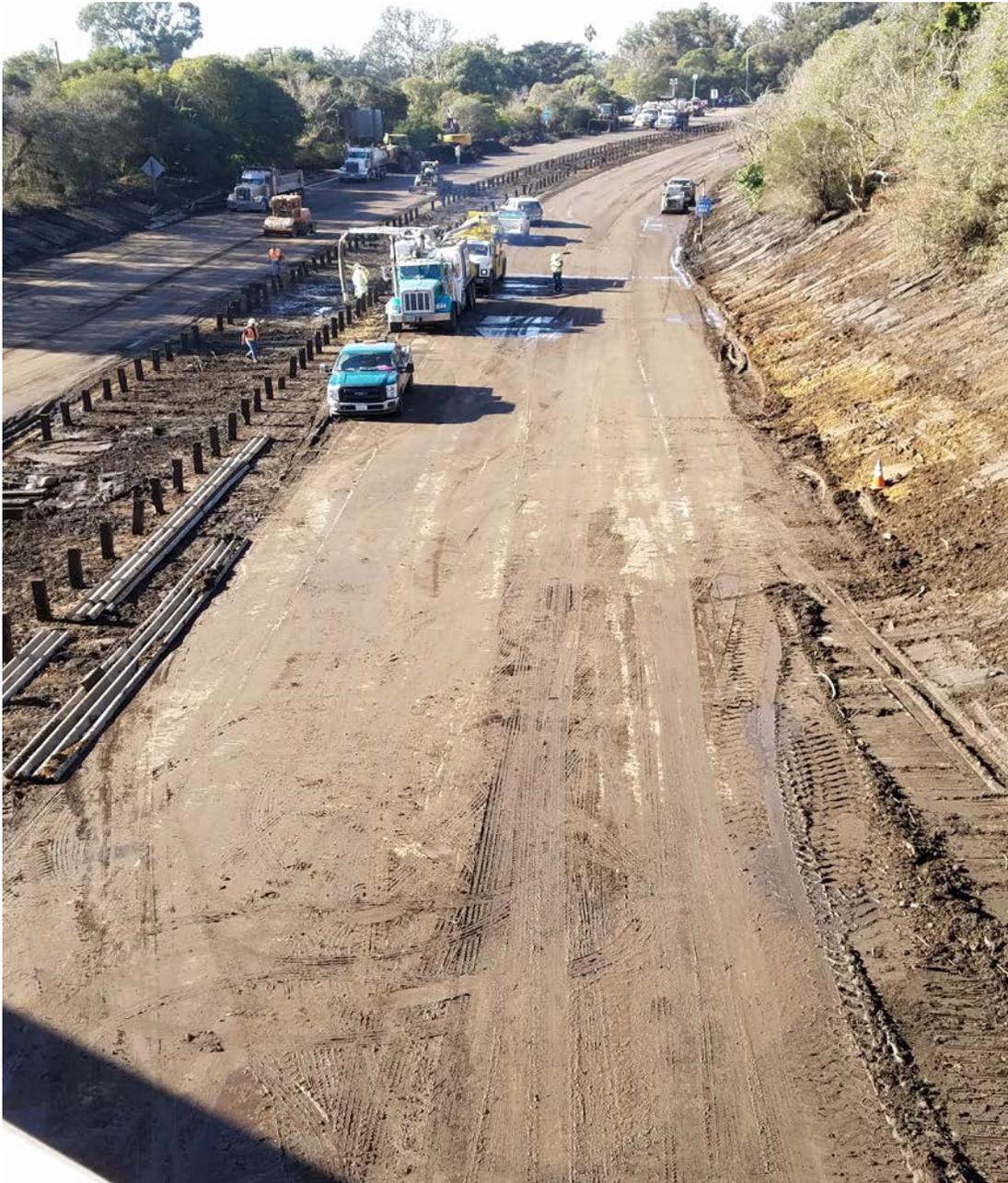
Caltrans continues operating dump trucks, excavators and loaders to remove mud/debris and has deployed over 300 personnel on site working 12 hour shifts, 24 hours per day. Clean-up progress made this week is encouraging and while an exact date for reopening is not yet available, Caltrans expects US 101 to re-open early next week.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway construction zones.

For traffic updates in Santa Barbara County, motorists may call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-549-3318 or can visit our website at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/road_information.htm Also, our free Quickmap app will provide real-time information on full closures, CHP incidents, traffic cameras and other important highway information. <http://quickmap.dot.ca.gov>.



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US 101 at Olive Mill Road looking north



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