



# CLOSURE of RV Sanitation Systems

## FACT SHEET

### REST AREAS

**Rest Areas Will Remain Open With Restroom And Drinking Fountain Services**

### GOALS

To comply with current environmental and water quality standards.

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### THE PROJECT

Caltrans' rest areas are a component of the State Highway System. These facilities provide a safe place where travelers can restore their energy. Currently, the northbound and southbound Interstate 5 Aliso Creek rest areas north of Oceanside and the Interstate 8 Buckman Springs rest area east of Pine Valley provide sanitation systems (dump stations) for recreational vehicles (RV). Due to water quality violations, Caltrans has determined these RV dump stations are no longer viable and will be closed permanently in September 2016. **NOTE: The Rest Areas Restrooms And Drinking Fountains Will Remain Open.**

### LOCATIONS

#### ALISO CREEK

At the Aliso Creek rest area, the sewage from the restroom and the RV dump station is regularly monitored and it's been confirmed that the sewage contains inconsistent materials that is caused by illegal dumping. Caltrans reviewed possible treatment options (offsite/onsite) to comply with current wastewater quality standards for wastewater treatment, but all options were costly, maintenance intensive and not guaranteed to meet standards. For these reasons the RV dump station will be closed.

#### BUCKMAN SPRINGS

At the Buckman Springs rest area, the sewage from the restrooms and the RV dump station is treated onsite by a wastewater treatment system. The water quality is routinely tested and is required to meet current water quality standards. Following a recent review of the analysis, the ground water does not meet these standards and Caltrans is in violation of the wastewater discharge permit. The samples indicate a high level of preservatives and other chemicals present in RV wastewater holding tanks. Treatment of the RV wastewater sewage will require expansion of the existing treatment. Caltrans has determined it is cost prohibitive and the RV dump station facility will be permanently closed.

### ALTERNATE RV SANITATION SYSTEMS

See the following link to alternate fee-based RV dump stations in the area. [www.dot.ca.gov/d11/projects/alternate-rv-sanitation.pdf](http://www.dot.ca.gov/d11/projects/alternate-rv-sanitation.pdf) Users should call ahead to verify price and operating hours.

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## Project Area

