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CALTRANS ANNOUNCES TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TULARE REST AREA FOR REHABILITATION PROJECT

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the temporary closure of the Philip S. Raine Safety Roadside Rest Areas along State Route 99 in Tulare County. The temporary closure will be necessary for a rehabilitation project of both the northbound and southbound State Route 99 rest area facilities. This project will begin on Monday, May 9, 2011 and is anticipated to be complete and re-open, mid-January 2013.

This \$8.5 million dollar project will rehabilitate the existing northbound and southbound facilities at the Philip S. Raine Safety Roadside Rest Area (SRRA) on State Route 99, in Tulare County. Rehabilitation is necessary to comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Cal OSHA requirements, to meet current health and safety codes, and to provide safe, reliable, and convenient stopping opportunities for the traveling public. The existing comfort stations will be rehabilitated and expanded to provide additional restroom capacity for women.

New buildings will be constructed to provide for Cal OSHA compliant maintenance crew rooms, to increase security with California Highway Patrol drop-in offices, and comply with the Randolph-Sheppard Act by relocating existing vending machine kiosks. The project also includes canopies, permeable paving, high efficiency irrigation systems, native planting, relocation of existing wireless internet, improved accessibility to pedestrian and pet areas, and improved efficiency of the existing RV sanitation area.

Caltrans would like to thank the motoring public for their patience as we work to improve this safety roadside rest area. Motorists are reminded to drive with extra care while traveling through construction and maintenance areas.

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