

A Special Thank You

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- Jim Beckworth High School
- Manila Highway Improvement Project
- Rancho Murieta Association
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Facts & Stats

Did you know that California's Adopt-A-Highway Program began in October of 1989? After one month, the first Adopt-A-Highway status report showed a total of nine adoption permits issued statewide; five were for litter removal, two were for tree planting, and one was for wildflower planting. One year later, there were 498 groups. Today, there are nearly 4,700 adoptions statewide. At approximately two miles per adoption, that translates to an astounding 9,400 miles adopted – over half of the roadides in California's state highway system! The Adopt-A-Highway Program saves California taxpayers an estimated \$25 million per year.

Number of Adoptions

Litter Removal.....	3944
Graffiti Removal.....	306
Wildflower Planting.....	241
Tree Planting.....	89
Vegetation Management.....	35
Mission Bell.....	43
Other.....	34
TOTAL	4692

Roadside Remedies

Here's a great idea from Caltrans' maintenance crews who pick up litter. You can use a stick found along the roadside to help prop your bag open.



- 1 Place a stick on the outside of the bag about 4" from the top of the bag.
- 2 Fold the bag over the stick. Then fold the bag and stick one more time toward the outside.
- 3 For best results, the stick should be about 2' long and 1 1/2" wide.

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New Adopt-A-Highway Safety Video is Now Available!

Caltrans has received a supply of new videos to assist Adopt-A-Highway Program volunteers. The new, two-part video entitled *Get Serious About Safety* is packed with helpful information about the Adopt-A-Highway Program's safety steps. Part one, called *Advanced Preparation*, focuses on the responsibilities of group leaders. It lasts about 13 minutes and includes information about obtaining safety equipment and developing work strategies. Part two, called *Let's Get to Work*, is for group leaders to show when giving safety training to their group members. It lasts about 15 minutes and demonstrates safe work practices for all participants. (Please call the representative listed on your Encroachment Permit and make arrangements to get your free video.)



Mark Your Calendars! Saturday, September 15, 2001 is California Cleanup Day!

Adopt-A-Highway participants are invited to join volunteers from all over the world in this international cleanup event. "California Cleanup Day" is one of two major cleanup events that the Caltrans Adopt-A-Highway Program supports each year: the second being "April is Keep California Beautiful Month." For more information about these events, please visit our web site at <http://adopt-a-highway.dot.ca.gov/>.

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