



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY (SR-1) MAY RE-OPEN TOMORROW

Malibu/Point Mugu – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has re-evaluated the three mud slides between Las Posas Road and Yerba Buena Road (9 miles) on Pacific Coast Highway (SR-1) and has determined that the highway could open to all motorists by late Thursday, December 4.

To re-open the highway, repair crews will unpin and remove concrete barriers (K-rails) to remove mud and debris trapped in the debris basins. Debris and mud will spill across the highway when the K-rails are removed. Crews will then clear drain inlets and wash away mud on the highway.

On Sunday, November 30, heavy rains along SR-1 caused mud and debris washed down from the May 2013 Springs Fire burn area to slide across and block the highway. The mud and debris quickly filled debris basins, blocked storm drains, and spilled over the K-rails in three places between Las Posas Road and Yerba Buena Road. There were no reports of injured motorists and there has been no damage to the pavement.

Union Engineering Inc. of Ventura, California was awarded this \$2 million emergency repair contract.

Motorists should continue to consider alternate routes and visit quickmap.dot.ca.gov for traffic conditions. The California Highway Patrol will be on duty. Please **Be Work Zone Alert**.

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