



NEWS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

EMERGENCY TREE REMOVAL TOMORROW ON NORTHBOUND HIGHWAY 17 NEAR SCOTTS VALLEY—LONG DELAYS EXPECTED

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY – Caltrans maintenance crews will be performing an **emergency** tree removal along a one-mile section of **northbound** Highway 17 from Vine Hill Road to Sugarloaf near Scotts Valley for **one day only** Friday, July 15, Caltrans officials have announced.

Roadwork will require closing the **northbound #2** (right) lane from 9 am to 3 pm.

Motorists can expect delays of 25-30 minutes.

An electronic message board will be activated today to advise the travelers of this roadwork. The CHP will be onsite to assist with traffic control.

The purpose of this maintenance work is to safely remove a fir tree hazard that is splitting from the base up and needs to be removed. Roadwork is being performed by the Santa Cruz North Crew and is expected to be complete by 3pm Friday.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over or slow down when driving through highway work zones.

For lane closure information on this project and for traffic updates on other Caltrans projects in Santa Cruz County, residents can call the District 5 toll free number at 1-831-423-0396 or visit our website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/paffairs/release.htm#scr>

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