

Caltrans launches roadway clean water initiative

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California highway officials last week launched a clean water campaign, "Protect Every Drop" aimed reducing the amount of pollution that flows off of people's cars into streams, rivers, lakes and the ocean.

"Clean water is essential for our quality of life in California, and it's important to 'Protect Every Drop'," said California Department of Transportation Director Malcolm Dougherty. "Every motorist needs to do their part to keep California's waterways clean."

Caltrans operates storm drain systems along more than 15,000 miles of the state highway system. Roadway pollution flows through ditches and pipes into city or county storm drain systems, or directly into watersheds.

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