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State Route 74 Emergency Culvert Repair - Hemet

RIVERSIDE – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will begin work on a \$3.4 million emergency project to remove and replace culverts, perform rock scaling and install safety measures at culverts in both directions on State Route 74 (SR-74) in Hemet. *Weather permitting.*

The project was awarded to Beador Construction Company Inc., of California. Crews will be working on SR-74 from just east of View Lane (PM R47.1) to just east of Strawberry Creek Bridge ((PM R53.5). The project length is 6.4 miles.

A 55-hour emergency closure will take place on SR-74 at Blackburn Road.

Friday, September 15 at 10:00 p.m. to Monday, September 17 at 6:00 a.m.

**A temporary access road will be in place for through traffic. One-way traffic control will be in place. Expect delays up to 15 minutes. Motorists are advised to avoid the area and use alternate routes.*

Crews will be constructing and replacing box culverts at Blackburn Road to increase water and debris flow capabilities, and better address and decrease potential flooding during inclement weather.

Alternate routes:

SR-79 north to I-10 east to SR-243 south.

SR-74 east of Blackburn Road, head east to SR-243 to the I-10.

The California Highway Patrol will be on scene to assist with traffic control and safety.

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