



## PRESS RELEASE

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **Additional Freeway Service Patrol Vehicles Added for El Niño Storms**

During the first full week of El Niño conditions, the Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC) is increasing its Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) vehicles on the 91 and on Interstate 15 to help stranded motorists.

The specially marked FSP tow trucks roam local freeways, including the 91 Project construction limits in Corona, to assist stalled motorists at no charge by jump-starting batteries, providing fuel and fluids, changing flat tires and performing other minor repairs. The trucks also can tow vehicles from the 91 and I-15 to CHP-approved locations.

In addition to regular service hours, tow trucks have been added for January 6 and 7 as follows:

#### **Wednesday, January 6:**

- 2 extra trucks, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- 1 extra truck, 2:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

#### **Thursday, January 7:**

- 1 extra truck, 5:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- 2 extra trucks, 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- 1 extra truck, 2:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

The extra tow trucks will continue as needed later this week and during the 2016 El Niño season, through special funding provided by RCTC for the 91 Project.

Please note that stalled motorists cannot call the FSP to request roadside help. FSP drivers roam small sections of the roadways, so help likely will be on the way very quickly.

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Motorists who experience a freeway emergency should dial 9-1-1 or use the nearest call box if safe to do so. For more information about the FSP program, including service hours and service areas, visit: [ie511.org/traffic/roadside-assistance](http://ie511.org/traffic/roadside-assistance).

All tow trucks are white and display the FSP logo. Drivers wear blue uniforms and safety vests with the same logo, have an ID badge on their shirts and are certified by the CHP.

The Riverside County Transportation Commission's 91 Project is adding regular lanes, tolled express lanes, auxiliary lanes and direct express connectors from the northbound 15 to the westbound 91 and from the eastbound 91 to the southbound 15. Improvements to interchanges, ramps, lanes and surface streets also will be made along the 91 between the Riverside County/Orange County Line in Corona and Pierce Street in Riverside. The new lanes are expected to open in 2017.

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