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Winter 2013 - Pothole Sweeps Week

Sacramento CA – The Sacramento County Department of Transportation (SACDOT) has started up ***“Winter 2013 - Pothole Sweeps Week,”*** which is an intensified effort to identify and repair potholes, and is part of continuous efforts to improve preventative maintenance activities for unincorporated area roadways. Pothole sweeps are performed twice each year: in late Spring to repair potholes caused by inclement weather; and, in early winter to ready road surfaces for the storm season.

Residents are encouraged to contact SACDOT concerning potholes on neighborhood streets. Pothole locations can be called into Customer Service at 916-875-5171, or emailed to www.sacdot.com: Report a Problem. This County-wide effort began in the Arden Arcade community -- which is the center of our service area -- and will continue through the remainder of the unincorporated area

There are over 5,200 lane miles of paved roadways in the County unincorporated area and it's inevitable that somewhere in this large area of streets there will be potholes. SACDOT's policy is to: **“Repair all potholes as soon as possible.”** The Pothole Sweeps Week program enhances ongoing pavement maintenance activities, which include SACDOT crews who are sent into the field Monday through Friday each week to specifically repair potholes.



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Some facts about potholes in Sacramento County:

- Potholes Reported To Customer Service Annually = 970.
- Potholes Repaired Annually = 41,000.
- Potholes Repaired Per Month = 3,400.
- Annual Cost for Pothole Repair = \$2.8 million.
- Square feet of potholes repaired annually = 94,000.
- Repair Cost Per Square Foot = \$30.
- Repair cost per pothole = \$68.
- Reported potholes are typically repaired within 72 hours.

Visuals to Support Story: News crews are encouraged to arrange for a field tour of maintenance crews repairing potholes. SACDOT staff will be available for interviews in the field. Please contact Dan Regan at 874-7056 or regand@saccounty.net, to make arrangements.

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