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### SUPERVISOR WHEELER ANNOUNCES DEMOLITION OF 2T'S COARSEGOLD WALL TO BEGIN

**Coarsegold, Calif.** – Thanks to the commitment and determination of the County, area residents, and impacted parties, the crumbling 2T's Coarsegold Wall will finally be torn down, returning the hillside to its natural state. Work on the 3-tiered retaining wall is expected to begin Monday, Nov. 25.

“Repairing the notorious Coarsegold Wall has been a top priority of mine since I came into office,” said Supervisor Tom Wheeler, who represents the Coarsegold area. “After years of lawsuits, court orders, and delays, I am very pleased to say that this eye sore and safety concern will finally be removed.”

On Monday, Jay's Construction Inc. of Lemoore is expected to begin mobilizing equipment and preparing the site, which is located on the southwest corner of Highway 41 and Road 415. The unused storage building above the highest tier will be removed; eliminating the need for a retaining wall. Actual demolition of the 3-tiered wall should begin as soon as Monday, Dec. 2. The entire demolition process is expected to take no more than two weeks, weather permitting.

“I know I am not alone when I say that this demolition is long overdue,” Wheeler said. “County staff has been committed to seeing the wall repaired for the safety of all Highway 41 travelers. However, the process has been daunting due to numerous lawsuits and delayed court dates.”

The County's concern regarding concrete blocks falling onto Highway 41 resulted in a March 2011 court order from Madera Superior Court, requiring the property owner to immediately install barriers to prevent falling blocks from entering Highway 41. The property owners went into bankruptcy soon after, only further delaying the owners fully abating the safety hazard; until now.

Over the last few months, access was granted to the contractor, and construction plans were submitted and quickly approved by the County, Caltrans, and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

“It was very important to me to keep the ball rolling on this so I must acknowledge our County Counsel, Engineering, and Building Departments for all their hard work,” Wheeler said.

Wheeler also wanted to commend the commitment of Michael and Cynthia Graham, 2T's creditors now in legal possession of the property, and the neighboring property owners for ensuring the repairs came to fruition.



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