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CHP Helicopter Conducts Third Hoist Rescue in 24 hours

BLACK DIAMOND MINES REGIONAL PRESERVE, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CA,
On March 29, 2015 at approximately 1845 hours the California Highway Patrol Helicopter (H-32) was alerted to missing hikers on the Black Diamond Trail in East Bay Regional Park. H-32 was not requested at that time as East Bay Regional Parks' Helicopter (Eagle 7) was already overhead and looking for the hikers. At 1915 hours, H-32 was contacted by Eagle 7 on air to air radios that they had located the two missing female hikers and that they were stuck on a ledge that would require a hoist rescue. H-32 responded from the Walnut Creek area and quickly setup for a hoist rescue. H-32 hoisted the hikers to safety one by one and delivered them to East Bay Regional Parks. The two hikers said that they wound up lost on unfamiliar trails and became stuck on the ledge.

This was the third hoist rescue for the crews of H-32 in the last 24 hours.

The California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Division Air Operations unit, based at the Napa County Airport, operates four aircraft (two airplanes and two helicopters) which patrol approximately 6,923 square miles that incorporates a residential population of more than 7 million people. The helicopter is routinely staffed with a CHP Officer/Pilot and a CHP Officer/Paramedic. The helicopter is equipped with a rescue hoist that has 165 feet of rescue cable that can lift patients and/or rescuers, that can weigh up to 450 pounds, into the helicopter.

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