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California State Parks Joins in Saturday, September 15 California Coastal Cleanup Day

California State Parks is joining communities and organizations throughout California to participate in the 17th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day **Saturday, September 15.**

"We invite everyone to join us in this outstanding cleanup event," said State Parks Director Rusty Areias. "We're particularly proud of our volunteers who return year after year to help clean up our parks and beaches."

Once again, State Parks is participating with other agencies and corporate sponsors in this statewide program to demonstrate that environmental stewardship is everyone's responsibility.

To emphasize the importance of community involvement in tackling the state's litter problem, all Californians are invited to organize and participate in cleanup campaigns in their communities. Many of the activities are in conjunction with the California Coastal Commission's Adopt-A-Beach/Coastal Cleanup campaign.

To participate, volunteers are asked to contact parks and beaches in their community or call the statewide coordinator of the event, the California Coastal Commission, at (800) COAST-4U or www.coastal.ca.gov.

Here are some of the cleanup events at participating California State Parks:

FRESNO, MADERA COUNTIES

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area is having a cleanup project at "Friant Cove" below Friant Dam. Volunteers will meet in the dirt lot at the intersection of Friant Road and North Fork Road, across from the Shell station in Friant. Volunteers from San Joaquin River Parkway Conservancy and Trust will join in the project. For more information, contact Damien Waters at (559) 822-2283.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Point Dume Natural Preserve will be the site of a cleanup project. Heal the Bay, California State Parks and the County of Los Angeles Department of Beaches and Harbors will work together to clean up Westward Beach and Point Dume Natural Preserve. Volunteers will meet at Westward Beach at 9 a.m. For more information, call Cara O'Brien at (805) 986-8591 or 1 (800) HEAL-BAY.

Heal the Bay will conduct cleanup projects at numerous sites in Los Angeles County, including **Malibu Lagoon State Beach** and **Malibu Creek State Park**. This annual event, in addition to keeping California's coast beautiful also helps participants develop a sense of pride and ownership in our public lands. For more information, call 1 (800) HEAL-BAY.

LOS ANGELES, VENTURA COUNTIES

Leo Carrillo State Park will host a beach cleanup. Volunteers are invited to join Heal the Bay and California State Parks staff for this event. Volunteers will meet at the South Beach parking lot at 9 a.m. for an orientation and to pick up supplies. Whoever finds the most unique piece of trash will win a prize. For more information, call Cara O'Brien at (805) 986-8591 or 1 (800) HEAL-BAY.

MENDOCINO COUNTY

Mackerricher State Park will be the site of cleanup projects led by local Boy Scouts. The park is located three miles north of Fort Bragg on Highway One. Other cleanup projects will be at Caspar Headlands State Beach, Jug Handle State Reserve and Schooner Gulch State Beach. For more information, contact Mike Sweeney, Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority, at (707) 468-9710 or (800) 246-3939.

NEVADA COUNTY

South Yuba River State Park will have a cleanup project coordinated by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL). In addition, there will be 14 more sites throughout the entire Yuba watershed. SYRCL will host a party with lunch, raffle and music afterwards in Grass Valley. All volunteers must pre-register. For more information, contact Kathy Hemple at SYRCL (530) 265-5961, x202.

ORANGE COUNTY

Crystal Cove State Park will have a project to clean the park's 3.5 miles of coast. The goal is to clean the entire coastline from Abalone Point to Treasure Cove. Volunteers also will be cleaning "under the sea," courtesy of local scuba divers. Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. Cleaning stations will be at both Reef Point and Pelican Point parking lot #4. Parking fees are waived for all volunteers, who will be entered in a raffle and eligible to win prizes from local merchants. For more information, contact Winter Bonnin at (949) 497-7647 or (949) 497-1177.

Doheny State Beach will have a combination beach and creek cleanup from 9 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers are asked to bring work gloves for the project. For more information, contact Vicki Wiker at (949) 496-2704.

Huntington State Beach will be the site of a cleanup beginning at 9 a.m. Volunteers should meet at park headquarters, Magnolia Street and Pacific Coast Highway. Participants under age 18 must have a parent present to sign-up. For more information, contact Lon Graham at (714) 374-0608.

ORANGE and SAN DIEGO COUNTIES

San Clemente State Beach and **San Onofre State Beach** will have cleanup projects beginning at 9 a.m. Meeting locations are the San Clemente State Beach parking lot, trestles parking lot, the north end of San Onofre Surfing Beach and the trail one area of San Onofre Bluffs campground. The San Clemente project will clean the beach north to the pier and south to Upper Trestles. The Trestles project will clean the beach trail and riparian areas of San Mateo Creek. Volunteers on this project will also clean the area from San Mateo Creek south to San Onofre Creek. Volunteers will also clean Surf Beach and the trails and beach along the bluffs campground. Parking fees will be waved at all locations for participants. For more information, contact Doug Harding at (949) 366-8514.

PLACER and EL DORADO COUNTIES

Auburn State Recreation Area will be the site of a cleanup sponsored by the Auburn State Recreation Area Canyon Keepers and Protect American River Canyon Group. Volunteers will clean up the North and Middle Forks of the American River at the confluence. The California Highway Patrol will help remove large pieces of trash via helicopter. Cleanup activities begin at 8 a.m. and will finish around Noon. Gloves are recommended. Volunteers should meet at the North Fork and Middle Fork American River Confluence, Old Foresthill Road off Highway 49. For more information, contact Eric Peach at (530) 885-8878.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

Brannan Island State Recreation Area will have a cleanup project along the banks of Three Mile Slough. There will be garbage bags and latex gloves for volunteers, who may want to bring their own work gloves and hiking boots, since the terrain is steep in places. Volunteers should meet at the Visitor's Center, located to the right of the entrance station. The project starts at 8 a.m. and will end around Noon. For more information, call the park at (916) 777-6671. Brannan Island SRA is located at 17645 Highway 160, Rio Vista, approximately three miles south of the intersection of Highway 160 and Highway 12.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Twenty-six beaches in San Luis Obispo county will have cleanup projects. State beaches and parks include **Cayucos State Beach**, **Montaña de Oro State Park**, **Morro Bay State Park**, **Morro Strand State Beach**, **Pismo State Beach**, and **San Simeon State Park**. Volunteers are invited to visit their favorite participating beach any time between 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and sign up with beach captains. Volunteers should bring hats, water, sunscreen, and gloves. Trash bags, data cards, and sign-in sheets will be provided. Beach captains will have raffle tickets (including tickets for Hearst Castle tours) and directions for an after-cleanup barbeques. The county coordinator, Keith Pellemeier, can provide additional information at (805) 489-3412. **Information is also available at www.slocleanup.com**

Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area will have beach and dune cleanup projects. A volunteer sign-in station, staffed by members from the California 4 Wheel Drive Club, will be on the beach at the entrance to Sand Highway. The Oso Flaco Lake area and beach cleanup will have a sign-in

station, staffed by members from the Dune Center, at the entrance station. The phone number of the park is (805) 473-7223 or (805) 473-7230.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

Cleanup projects in California State Parks in Santa Cruz County will be coordinated with Ecology Action of Santa Cruz County. Volunteers are invited to go to their favorite state beach at 9 a.m. For more information, call Ecology Action at (831) 426-5925.

SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma Coast State Beach will feature a cleanup project. Beach Captains and Adopt-A-Beach groups should report to respective beaches at 8 a.m. Volunteers who do not have assigned beaches can sign up at 8:30 a.m. at the Salmon Creek Ranger Station, 3095 Highway One in Bodega Bay. Doran County Park will host a post-cleanup lunch, castle building and kite flying contest around 1 p.m. For more information, contact Supervising Ranger Rich Lawton at (707) 875-3907 or Sonoma County Volunteer Coordinator Allison Berger at 800-CLEANUP.

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