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California State Parks Joins in Saturday, September 20 California Coastal Cleanup Day

California State Parks is joining communities and organizations throughout California to participate in the 19th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day **Saturday, September 20**.

"We invite everyone to join us in this outstanding cleanup event," said State Parks Director Ruth Coleman. "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. Because California State Parks is struggling with greatly reduced funding, it is particularly important for volunteers to participate in the cleanup endeavor this year. Ongoing maintenance is a major cost to the department throughout the state park system and volunteers can greatly assist in keeping parks clean during these hard times.

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 Coastal Cleanup Day program.

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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.coastforyou.org.

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

CALAVERAS and TUOLUMNE COUNTIES

Calaveras Big Trees State Park will have a cleanup at Beaver Creek from 9 a.m. to 12 Noon. Volunteers will meet at the Beaver Creek Picnic area, approximately nine miles (a 20-minute drive) from the park entrance. Volunteers are advised to wear wading shoes and bring sunscreen, a hat, drinking water and snacks. For more information, contact Wendy Harrison at (209) 795-3840 or fax (209) 795-6680 or wandw@goldrush.com

FRESNO and MADERA COUNTIES

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area will be assisting the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust and the United States Bureau of Reclamation in the cleanup of the San Joaquin River. Millerton Lake personnel will be at the Friant Cove station, located on the San Joaquin River below Friant Dam. Participants are requested to arrive and sign in before the event. The starting location will be at the dirt parking area across from Friant Shell, on the corner of Friant Rd. and Road 206. Cleanup will begin at 9 a.m. and continue to Noon. Participants are asked to bring gloves, sunscreen, hat, comfortable shoes and water. Trash bags will be provided. The stations staffed by the San Joaquin River Parkway Trust and the Bureau of Reclamation will be located in various locations along the San Joaquin River. For more information, contact Park Ranger Joe Ramos at (559) 822-2332 ext. 115, or email: joramos@parks.ca.gov

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Malibu Lagoon and Malibu Creek State Parks will have events on September 19 and 20. On the 19th, Malibu Creek State Park will partner with Heal the Bay to remove an 80 year old cement Texas crossing type bridge that impedes the waterway to Malibu Lagoon. The project will be done by volunteers and will save the district over \$40,000. On the 20th, Malibu Lagoon State Park will also partner with Heal the Bay for a huge beach clean up. State Parks

staff also will be working with local schools and community associations on the project. The Malibu Lagoon is in Malibu next to the historic Adamson House. The parking lot is at Cross Creek Road and Pacific Coast Highway. For more information, contact Ranger Lindsey Templeton at (818) 880-0372.

MERCED COUNTY

San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area will host a cleanup project sponsored by California State Parks and the California Striped Bass Association from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. All participating boaters will receive a garbage bag at the Basalt boat launch ramp upon entering the lake. At the end of the day, boaters will turn in bags of litter from the shorelines. The day use fee for the day will be waived for participants. For more information contact Randy Caldera at (209) 826-1197 extension 215, or e-mail; rcal@parks.ca.gov

MONTEREY COUNTY

The following state parks and beaches will have cleanup projects in Monterey County: **Asilomar State Beach, Carmel River State Beach, Marina State Beach, Monastery State Beach, Moss Landing State Beach, Salinas River State Beach and Zmudowski State Beach.** Participants are asked to show up at any of the cleanup sites by 9 a.m. with water, comfortable shoes, layered clothing and sunscreen. Beach captains will have bags, gloves and data cards. Minors must have a parent or guardian available to sign the event waiver. Groups are encouraged to register in advance for favorite sites – or can be directed to sites that need extra help. For more information, contact Monterey County Coordinator Jean Scott at (831) 647-4238 or e-mail: marina_interp@hotmail.com

ORANGE COUNTY

Crystal Cove State Park will have cleanups from 9 a.m. to Noon. Stations will be set up at both the Reef Point parking lot and Pelican Point parking lot # 4. The parking fee will be waived for volunteers entering the park between 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Trash and recycling bags, gloves, and tally cards will be provided. There will also be morning munchies and coffee

available. Volunteers should bring water, sunscreen and a hat. All cleanup participants will be entered into a raffle and eligible to win prizes donated by local merchants. After the cleanup, volunteers are encouraged to enjoy a picnic lunch or a walk along the beach. For more information, call (949) 497-7647 or e-mail crystalcv@fea.net.

Dohney State Beach will host a cleanup of San Juan Creek and the park's stretch of shoreline. Volunteers will meet at the San Juan Creek rivermouth and will work from 9 a.m. to Noon. Participants are asked to bring some type of working gloves. For more information, please contact Vicki Wiker at (949) 496-2704.

San Clemente State Beach will have a cleanup program. Volunteers should meet in the day use parking lot. For more information, contact Jeff Hostert at (949) 366-8594 or e-mail: jhostert@parks.ca.gov

* **SACRAMENTO COUNTY**

The Gold Fields District and American River Conservancy will have a cleanup event at Lake Natoma on September 20th. Volunteer should meet at the Nimbus Flats picnic area. There will also be other stations set up around the lake. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Hikers, canoeists, kayakers and divers are encouraged to participate. Boaters are still needed to help shuttle trash from the people on the water. Minors should be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Trash bags, water, and snacks will be provided. Fair trade coffee and tea will be on sale for \$1 with free refills. There will be a raffle, and a free after-event BBQ. Volunteers are asked to bring a good pair of gloves, sun protection, and to wear closed-toe shoes. Volunteers are encouraged to pre-register. Contact Debbie Tachibana by phone at (530) 621-1224 or by email at dtach@arconservancy.org.

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

Last year over 1,600 people cleaned up 28 beaches in San Luis Obispo county. This year help us clean up even more. Many sites will have cleanups by kayak! (Bring your own kayak.) State beaches and parks include **Cayucos State Beach**, **Montaña de Oro State Park**,

Morro Bay State Park, Morro Strand State Beach, Pismo State Beach, Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area 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 and directions for an after-cleanup barbeques. Many prizes have been donated by local sponsors including t-shirts, gift certificates and tickets to Hearst Castle. Keith Pellemeier is the county coordinator again this year. For more information check the website at www.slocleanup.com or call (805) 489-3412. Please check the website for the many San Luis Obispo County Creek and Watershed cleanups also.

SONOMA COUNTY

Sonoma Coast State Beach will feature several cleanup projects. Beach Captains and Adopt-A-Beach groups should report to their respective sites 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 Heather Baldini at (800) - CLEANUP.