

For Immediate Release
September 4, 2008

Contacts:
Ana Clayton, San Mateo County Cleanup Coordinator,
(650) 372-6214

Judi Shils, California Coastal Commission Media
Director (415) 378-0504

Help Make a Splash by Picking Up Trash on Coastal Cleanup Day Saturday, September 20, 2008

SAN MATEO, Calif. – People of all ages can help make San Mateo County cleaner and greener by scouring beaches and watersheds on September 20 during California Coastal Cleanup Day, the largest volunteer event of its kind in the state.

Families, students, service groups and neighbors will have the opportunity to help out at more than 30 cleanup locations across San Mateo County. All it takes is to show up at 9 a.m. with the desire to help keep the County beautiful and the marine environment healthy.

“We are truly blessed here in San Mateo County to have such a pristine coastline. However we cannot take it for granted and we must work to keep this vital resource sustainable for future generations,” said San Mateo County Supervisor Rich Gordon. “Coastal Cleanup Day is a great way to participate in maintaining our beaches and coastal communities so we all can enjoy them for many years to come.”

Coastal Cleanup Day is sponsored by the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program and California Coastal Commission. This is the 24th year thousands of Californians will work together along beaches, shorelines and inland waterways to clear cigarette butts, cans, bottles, plastic bags, grocery carts, old tires and other debris.

Last year, more than 2,000 volunteers in San Mateo County removed 19,983 pounds of trash and 4,050 pounds of recyclables. Statewide, more than 60,000 volunteers hauled off nearly 1 million pounds of trash and recyclables that would otherwise soil the state and threaten the health of wildlife.

The vast majority of the debris wasn't dropped on beaches or tossed into a watershed. Instead, most of the debris started out as garbage on urban streets and was carried by storm drains or blown by the wind.

“We are all connected to the shoreline and creek banks by storm drains,” said Ana Clayton, San Mateo County Cleanup Day Coordinator. “The storm drains whisk litter you see on the sidewalk to our waterways. Most storm drains don't flow to a sewage treatment plant. They flow to our vulnerable waterways. It's important to remember that we need to do our part and keep trash and pollutants out of storm drains before they reach the ocean and Bay.”

Volunteers are encouraged to show up at any of the following cleanup locations in San Mateo County at 9 a.m. on September 20. Most cleanups end by noon.

For more information about the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program or clean-up sites within San Mateo County, visit www.flowstobay.org or call (650) 372-6200. For information on statewide locations and this year's corporate sponsors, visit the California Coastal Commission at www.coast4u.org.

Bayside and Inland Locations

Belmont

- **Belmont Creek:** Meet at Twin Pines, City Hall Area. 1. From 101 take the Ralston Exit and head west toward El Camino Real. 2. Make a left onto Sixth Avenue, City Hall and Twin Pines Park area located mid block behind Safeway.

Brisbane

- **Brisbane Lagoon:** Meet at Fisherman's Park. From 101 N. exit Bayshore/Cow Palace. Turn Right on Tunnel Av.(2nd stop light). Right on Lagoon Rd. (next stop sign). Right on Serra Point Pkwy (next stop sign). Approx 500 meters down on right side. From 101 S. exit Sierra Point Pkwy, go through stop sign and park is on right hand side.

Burlingame

- **Burlingame Bayfront:** Meet at Embassy Suites - 150 Anza. From 101 northbound, exit Anza and go straight to end. Broadway exit off From 101 southbound, exit and head southwest on Old Bayshore.

East Palo Alto

- **San Francisquito Creek:** Meet on the corner of Manhattan Ave. & Woodland Rd.

Millbrae

- **Mills Creek:** Meet at El Torito Restaurant Parking Lot - 1590 Old Bayshore Highway - Millbrae Av. exit off 101 S. go west, turn right at Old Bayshore or Broadway exit off 101 N. go west, turn left at Old Bayshore.

Redwood City

- **Cordilleras, Pulgas & Brittain Creek:** Meet in front of Redwood High: 1968 Old County Rd.
- **Redwood Creek, Woodside Rd., Fair Oaks Community Center, etc. :** 8:30am - noon. Meet at Public Works Services - 1400 Broadway (on the corner of Woodside and Broadway) Breakfast provided at 8:30 and BBQ at noon for all participants!

San Mateo

- **Laurel Creek:** 8:30 am – noon. Meet at Casanova Park - 4098 Casanova Dr. From Hwy 101 S., exit Hillsdale Blvd. Keep right at the fork, merge onto Franklin Pkwy. Left on Saratoga. Left on Santa Clara. Right on Casanova. From Hwy 101 N. exit Hillsdale Blvd. Turn left onto Hillsdale. Left on Saratoga. Left on Santa Clara. Right on Casanova. Parking available on street in residential area. Picnic at Ryder Park for all San Mateo Volunteers.
- **San Mateo Bayfront & San Mateo Creek (Ryder Park):** 7:30 am to noon. Meet at Ryder Park. From Hwy 101, take 3rd Ave East, follow signs to parking. BBQ, Entertainment, Prizes! Wear old work clothes and bring gloves if you can (however, disposable gloves and garbage bags are provided).
- **Coyote Point State Park:** Meet at Coyote Point Museum - 1651 Coyote Point Drive.
From 101 S. Take the Broadway exit toward Burlingame. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Airport Blvd./Use Overpass/Old Bayshore Hwy. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Overpass. Right at Rollins Rd. Right at Broadway. Right at Bayshore Hwy. Bayshore Hwy turns left and becomes Airport Blvd. Passing the Peninsula Humane Society turn left after the stop sign (this is Coyote Point Dr). The park will be on the left of the city golfcourse. Follow directions to the Museum. *From 101 N.* Exit Dore Av. Immediately turn left onto North Bayshore Boulevard. Turn right onto Coyote Point Drive to the park.

Coast-side Locations

Daly City

- **Thornton State Beach:** Hwy 280 exit John Daly Blvd. west, right on Skyline Blvd., left on Olympic Way to Stables parking lot.

Half Moon Bay

- **Pillar Point:** From Hwy 1, turn westbound onto Capistrano Rd. at light. Left onto Prospect Rd. Right onto Broadway. Quick left onto Harvard; follow to end. Right onto Westpoint. Follow around marsh. Turn left into Parking lot.
- **Roosevelt / Dunes State Beach:** Hwy 1 to Young Ave. Meet at the kiosk at the end of the road.
- **Poplar State Beach:** Located a half-mile west of Hwy 1 at the end of Poplar Ave. off Hwy 1, just south of Half Moon Bay State Beach. Parking available at the bluff top parking lot.
- **Francis State Beach:** From Highway 1, turn west on Kelly Ave (south of Highway 92).

Miramar

- **Mirada Surf West:** Meet at Coronado/Highway 1 in Mirada Surf West County Park. Park on one of the residential streets east of Highway 1 - not on the shoulder of Highway 1. Please cross Highway 1 in the crosswalk at the Coronado stoplight.

Montara

- **Montara State Beach:** We will meet in the Northern Parking lot of Montara State Beach (Not the Outrigger). If you are coming from the North, it's the first turn off after the Devil's Slide. If you are coming from the South, drive past Montara and past the Outrigger and it will be the last turn off before the slide. I will have a sign out on the road.

Pacifica

- **Esplanade Beach:** Take Manor Drive west to the ocean, Right onto Esplanade. Go north on Esplanade to Land's End condos. Meet at the top of the stairs on the west side of Esplanade.
- **Linda Mar Beach/ Pacifica State Beach:** Meet at the south end of Linda Mar State Beach parking lot near Taco Bell.
- **Sharp Park State Beach:** Meet at the start of the levee near the picnic tables on Beach Blvd at Clarendon just south of the Pacifica Pier.
- **Rockaway Beach:** Hwy 1 to Rockaway Blvd, turn west and go to the end of the street. Meet by Nicks Restaurant.
- **San Pedro Creek Watershed:** Meet at the north end of Pedro Point shopping center just south of Taco Bell off Hwy 1

NOTE: Post-cleanup celebration for all Pacifica beach volunteers at Sharp Park State Beach at noon.

Pescadero

- **Pescadero State Beach:** Off Hwy 1. Meet at the beach's northern parking lot.
- **Pistacio State Beach:** 10 am - 1 pm. Meet at the northwest end of Pigeon Point road at Hwy 1. Parking is available on Pigeon Point Rd. Please wear closed toed shoes, and if possible, bring small hand tools or leather gloves.

San Gregorio

- **San Gregorio State Beach:** Hwy 1 at Hwy 84. Large parking lot - free parking for volunteers.