



# Press Release

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!**

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*SAVE THE DATE!*  
Saturday, September 17, 2015 9:00 a.m. – Noon.  
*LET'S MAKE TRASH EXTINCT!*  
**Lodi's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Cleanup**  
**Lodi Lake Park- Mokelumne River**



**NUMBER ONE TRASH ITEM  
FOUND AT LODI LAKE'S 2015 COASTAL CLEANUP-  
4514 CIGARETTE BUTTS!**

**Other results collected at Lodi Lake Park:**

2015 TOP TEN TRASH FINDS	
1. Cigarette Butts	4514
2. Food Wrappers	2143
3. Plastic Bottle Caps	801
4. Metal Bottle Caps	656
5. Little Foam Pieces	529
6. Little Plastic Pieces	437
7. Little Glass Pieces	383
8. Plastic Grocery Bags	357
9. Straws/Stirrers	269
10. Balloons	212

**Come Join the Lodi Lake-Mokelumne River Cleanup  
On Saturday, September 17, 2016!**

**WHAT:** Lodi Lake Park and Mokelumne River Coastal Cleanup Day  
**WHEN:** Saturday September 17, 2016 / Pre-registration Opens 8:00 A.M.  
Cleanup- 9am till Noon.

**\*\*BRING SIGNED LIABILITY RELEASE FORM!**

**WHERE:** Meet at Lodi Lake Park- Discovery Center, 1101 W. Turner Rd.,  
Lodi, CA 95242

**WHO:** Anyone who provides a signed Liability Release form can  
volunteer.

**WHY:** Trash from parks and streets often ends up in a local waterway,  
creating a marine hazard downstream.

**REGISTRATION ON-LINE:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT8\\_VazS2c8lwYghi7lkdTvOk3XbSFsrQVf27EDoP5vRB-6g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT8_VazS2c8lwYghi7lkdTvOk3XbSFsrQVf27EDoP5vRB-6g/viewform).

**\*\*A Cleanup is the RIGHT thing to do. \*\***

**LIABILITY RELEASE FORM AVAILABLE FROM City of Lodi-**  
[www.lodi.gov](http://www.lodi.gov). or by emailing [kgrant@lodi.gov](mailto:kgrant@lodi.gov).

**WHAT IS COASTAL CLEANUP DAY?**

When it all began...

- The Coastal Commission is celebrating 32 years!
- 2016 is San Joaquin County's 18<sup>th</sup> year
- 2016 is Lodi's 14<sup>th</sup> year

**2015 Summary- Lodi Lake- Mokelumne River- Volunteer Count:** 300 signed waivers- 1200 lbs. mixed garbage; 120# recyclables; 42 bags of trash. To learn about the other trash "species"

that are a problem for our coast and shorelines, why we want them to go extinct, and how you can make it happen, go to: <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/marinedebris.html>.

Every year, on the third Saturday in September, people join together at sites all over California to take part in the State's largest volunteer event, California Coastal Cleanup Day. Families, friends, coworkers, scout troops, school groups, service clubs, and individuals come together to celebrate and share their appreciation of California's fabulous coast and waterways. The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy, which is the largest volunteer event on the planet!

2015- CA Coastal Commission Summary-  
<http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/2015recap.pdf>.

**It Works Like This:** The Lodi Lake Park area is divided into sections, or “reaches”, with a 10-15 person team designated to clean each reach. Each team is led by one or two team leaders. Once the reach is cleaned of trash, teams then sort and record all debris found. Data is submitted to The Ocean Conservancy’s international database and City of Lodi to identify sources of marine pollution, to devise solutions, and measure the public’s “garbage footprint”. Each year, a statewide contest for the “most unusual item found” is held. Lodi has won twice in 12 years with students finding an unscratched CA lottery ticket and a crawdad in a knock-off Gucci purse.

**Become a Sponsor or Leader.** Contact [kgrant@lodi.gov](mailto:kgrant@lodi.gov) or call 209-333-6800- ext. 2317 for more information.

**TEACHERS/LEADERS- Got a Group? *Pre-Registration required!* Get waivers signed before the event and provide a list of participants at sign-in on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at 8:00AM.**

**PRE-REGISTER:**

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT8\\_VazS2c8lwYghi7lkdTvOk3XbSFsrQVf27EDoP5vRB-6g/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT8_VazS2c8lwYghi7lkdTvOk3XbSFsrQVf27EDoP5vRB-6g/viewform).

**Liability Release Forms are For Everyone!** For volunteers under the age of 18, the Waiver of Liability Release forms must also be signed by a parent/guardian and be turned in beforehand to a participating teacher/leader, or on day of cleanup. *No work may be performed without these forms signed by a parent/guardian.* Waivers of Liability Release Forms are available on the City of Lodi’s website front page at [www.lodi.gov](http://www.lodi.gov), or by contacting Kathy Grant, [kgrant@lodi.gov](mailto:kgrant@lodi.gov). Forms will also be available at the cleanup on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at the Discovery Center at the front of Lodi Lake.

**Dress for Work:** Volunteers are encouraged to wear work clothes, closed-toe shoes, gloves, sunblock, and hats. Bring a reusable water bottle and your own bucket. The City of Lodi, San Joaquin County and sponsors will provide a limited supply of gloves, bags, grapplers, and refreshments. *Please help us reduce the waste at cleanups by coming prepared.*

**GO GREEN! Bike to Lodi Lake! Several sites in San Joaquin County have been designated as bicycle friendly.** Lodi Lake Coastal Cleanup participants are encouraged to ride their bicycles to the cleanup event. A bicycle valet and safe parking area will be designated near the Discovery Center. Be sure to bring a bike lock.

**Need Educational Material?** Teachers/Scout leaders - For more information or classroom curriculum, see [www.coast4you.org](http://www.coast4you.org).

**Interested in Being a Sponsor?** Call Kathy Grant, City of Lodi's Watershed Program Coordinator, (209)333-6800- x. 2317, or email [kgrant@lodi.gov](mailto:kgrant@lodi.gov)

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