



Press Release

To: The Lodi News Sentinel and The Record.
From: Assistant Water/Wastewater Superintendent Frank Beeler; and
Watershed Education Coordinator Kathy Grant
Date: August 30, 2006
Re: CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY 2006 AT LODI LAKE PARK.



2005 CA Coastal Cleanup Day 125 Volunteers strong! Lodi Lake 2005

California's 22nd Year - Lodi's 4th Year!
Coastal Cleanup Day on the Mokelumne River

When: Saturday September 16, 2006, 9:00 A.M. - Noon
Where: At Lodi Lake Park, Discovery Center, on Turner Road in Lodi, CA

“Local Team Leaders and Volunteers Being Sought!”

Background- “California Coastal Cleanup Day is the premier volunteer event focused on the marine environment in the country. Each year, more than 40,000 volunteers turn out to over 400 cleanup sites statewide to conduct what has been hailed by the Guinness Book of Records as “the largest garbage collection” (1993). Since the program started in 1985, over 552,000 Californians have removed almost 8.5 million pounds of debris from our state's shorelines and coast. When combined with the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by The Ocean Conservancy and

taking place on the same day, California Coastal Cleanup Day becomes part of one of the largest volunteer events of the year.”

Local Effort - For the fourth year, in cooperation with of SJC Public Works - Stormwater Division, the City of Lodi - Parks Dept. and Public Works Dept. will host a local Coastal Commission Clean-up at Lodi Lake Park.

In 2005, garbage from the park areas was collected by teams of volunteers. Each team collected, sorted and kept a record of all debris found. Their findings were then submitted to The Ocean Conservancy's international database. This data is used to identify the sources of marine pollution and helps in their work towards devising solutions to the marine debris problem.

Volunteers will then be divided into teams. Teams will disperse to local areas around Lodi Lake, in the Nature Areas and along the Mokelumne River collecting trash. Teams will then sort and record their findings. Volunteers who complete their work will receive a free tee-shirt, courtesy of SJC Public Works. Work will extend until noon. A group picture and refreshments will follow.

- Interested Leaders should make contact by September 9, 2006, for more information call Kathy Grant at 339-8722.
- FREE TEE-SHIRTS! All participants who complete their work on Saturday will receive a free Coastal Cleanup tee-shirt, as long as supplies last.
- Release Liability Forms - For volunteers under the age of 18, signed Parental Release Permission forms must be turned in on that day. No work may be performed without these forms signed by parents!
See www.stocktongov.com/mud/MUD2006CoastalCleanUpDay to download forms. Or call 339-8722.
- Dress for Work: work clothes, closed-toe shoes and gloves, hats and sun-block also advised.
- Arrive on time! Be there by 9 AM, Saturday September 16, 2006, to the Lodi Lake Park Discovery Center, Lodi. Leaders should arrive by 8 AM.

Got students? - Teachers/Scout leaders - For more information or classroom curriculum, see coast4u@coastal.ca.gov. Get waivers signed before the event.

Contact - For questions and Parental Release Forms contact Kathy Grant, City of Lodi Watershed Education Coordinator, (209) 339-8722, or kathygrant@sbcglobal.net

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