

Clean up Yolo's waterways on Sept. 15

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Volunteers in Yolo County will join environmentalists across the state in the 28th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, Sept. 15, the largest volunteer trash cleanup in the world. Work parties are planned from 9 a.m. to noon at several sites in Yolo County.

This statewide event will take place at more than 800 locations around California. Volunteers will remove debris that has accumulated on California's beaches, creeks and inland shorelines.

"This is a great event to involve families, community groups, clubs and all those interested in caring for and protecting their local water bodies," said Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza of Davis. "For students, it is also an opportunity to earn community service hours."

Cleanup sites in Yolo County include the Cache Creek Nature Preserve, city of Davis ponds, Putah Creek sites near Winters, the barge canal in West Sacramento and Lake Washington, and the Clarksburg Boat Ramp.

The cleanup day is being organized and supported by Yolo County Planning & Public Works Division of Integrated Waste Management, Cache Creek Conservancy, city of Davis, Putah Creek Council, Putah Creek Trout, River City Rowing Club, Lake Washington Sailing Club, Delta Protection Commission and Yolo County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Those wanting to volunteer are encouraged to wear long pants, closed-toe shoes, gloves and sunscreen and should bring their own bucket or reusable bag for collecting trash. Trash ultimately will be emptied into large trash receptacles.

Call or visit the following for more information and to register to participate in Yolo County Creek Cleanup Day:

- * Cache Creek location: www.cachecreekconservancy.org or 530-661-1070;
- * City of Davis or Putah Creek locations: www.putahcreekcouncil.org or 530;400-8431;
- * West Sacramento location: psayerhandley@yahoo.com or 916-869-4510; or
- * Clarksburg location: 916-375-4886.