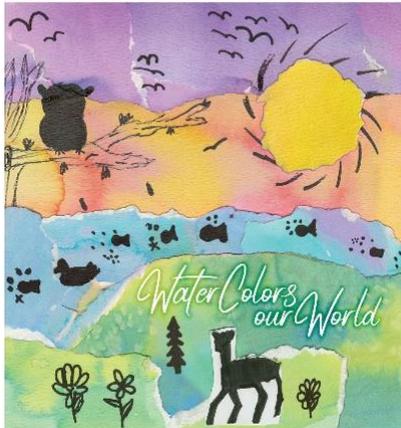


Creek Week 2019 | April
A Sacramento Area Creeks Council Event 4th-13th



A big thank you to the 1,600 volunteers who worked at 90+ different clean-up sites along 35 miles of local waterways to clean a creek in 2019.

The 29th annual creek clean-up fell on a lovely spring day. Some creek banks were a little soggy from the recent rains. Late high spring flows had washed a large quantity of trash out of debris dams and bank vegetation back into the creeks and downstream out of our creeks into the river system. Even so, volunteers managed to pull out many tons of trash from Sacramento County waterways.

More than 22 tons of garbage were removed from creeks in Sacramento, Citrus Heights, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, Rio Linda, the Delta, & unincorporated Sacramento County

Typical items were removed: lots of plastic items and pieces, cigarette butts, food and drink containers, styrofoam, furniture, tires, shopping carts, mattresses, lots of debris from illegal encampments, toys...

For the tenth year, water quality testing was conducted at selected sites.

CSUS student volunteers helped to field test a phone app under development by conducting garbage surveys at their creek/neighborhood and then entering their litter data in the new data collector.

Mira Loma High School and Americorps volunteers removed 3 tons of invasive plants growing among oak trees lining Owl Creek and over 1 ton of plastic debris from Arcade Creek.

Grant Union High School students removed over 3 tons of garbage from Steelhead Creek under the direction of this year's Creek Steward, Dr. Roland Brady.

Clean-up teams were organized and led by sponsors, Scouts, 4-H, schools, neighborhood groups...

Thanks to the volunteers who worked hard to make the Celebration at Carmichael Park a success!

Mira Loma High School and Key Club students and Sac Suburban Kiwanis helped set up, man exhibits and do any other tasks needed.

Carmichael Chamber of Commerce prepared and served lunch to all.

CSUS students separated our waste into organics, recycling and landfill in special event boxes and bags and provided signage to make us all more aware of our garbage.

Thanks to our Sponsors and other exhibitors for their earth-friendly exhibits.

All of our volunteers deserve credit for improving the health of Sacramento's creeks.

A few more 2019 clean-up statistics:

911 adults + 693 children = 1,604 clean-up volunteers

50 tires, 23 shopping carts, 18 mattresses, 1,133 bags filled

Weight totals (pounds):

Sacramento County = 12,909

Sacramento City = 25,040 (More than usual due to extraordinary efforts at Steelhead and Arcade Creeks)

Rancho Cordova = 2,140

Citrus Heights = 4,500

Folsom = 662