

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CONTACT:** Robyn Slater, Solano Resource Conservation District**EMAIL:** robyn.slater@solanorcd.org**TEL:** Office: (707) 678-1655, Cell: (801) 529-0246**COASTAL CLEANUP DAY BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER TO PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS**

Volunteers picked up over 11,800 pounds of trash and over 800 pounds of recyclable beverage containers.

Solano County, CA (September 19, 2026): Solano County residents came together on Saturday morning for the annual Coastal Cleanup Day event. They picked up an impressive 11,839 pounds of trash and 829 pounds of recyclable beverage containers, preventing that litter from entering our waterways and flowing into the Pacific Ocean.

Approximately 990 volunteers showed up to the 44 Coastal Cleanup Day sites that were spread across the county. Sites ranged from the Benicia Yacht Club to Glen Cove Waterfront Park in Vallejo to Lake Solano County Park. The youth in Solano County showed up in a big way, with student groups from all over the county volunteering their time to clean up their local environment. Over half the volunteers in Benicia and Vacaville joined the cleanup as part of local student groups. Sheila Brown, a volunteer at the Lower Ledge Creek site in Fairfield, joined as part of Armijo High School's Leadership Program. Sheila noted: "I've always hated seeing trash around my city, and today's Coastal Cleanup Day made me finally make time to do something about it."

California Coastal Cleanup Day is the largest single volunteer event held in the county each year, and Solano Resource Conservation District has coordinated Solano County's participation annually since 2009. Each year, volunteers collect trash and recyclables that contribute to several important initiatives that help set and achieve California's environmental stewardship goals.

First, the types of litter collected are recorded by volunteers and contribute to the California Coastal Commission's data set that helps lawmakers understand and address pollution problems in our state, resulting in legislation such as the plastic bag ban. Second, the recyclable beverage containers collected help us reach the state's goal of recycling 80% of all aluminum, glass, plastic, and bimetal beverage containers sold in California.

Among the notable litter collected this year were a wheelbarrow, a 5-gallon bucket full of golf balls, a clock face, and a kiddie pool with a slide. Volunteers from the "Dog Stop" in Vacaville said, "We should all have a clean place to enjoy. It makes us feel so good to clean our community!"

New to the event this year were schoolyard cleanups in the week leading up to Coastal Cleanup Day. Cambridge Elementary and Padan Elementary, both in Vacaville, held events for students and picked up trash that contributed to Solano County's efforts for this event and taught students a valuable lesson about being stewards of their environment. Sandra Duggan, a teacher leading the Padan Elementary cleanup effort, said, "I remember participating in many Coastal Cleanup Days on my own as well as with my children when they were in Boy Scouts, and I was excited to help bring that experience to Padan."

Solano County's Coastal Cleanup Day is coordinated by the Solano Resource Conservation District and funded by local wastewater agencies and the Cities and County of Solano. The next county-wide cleanup event, the Earth Day Cleanup, will be held in April 2027. Keep an eye on cleanupsolano.org for more information in the spring.

EVENT PHOTOS (SEPTEMBER 19, 2026)



In Fairfield, Upper Ledge Creek volunteers pose with the litter they collected.



Volunteers at River Park in Vallejo are ready to pick up trash.



Dixon volunteers pick up trash from a local retaining pond.



A Vallejo volunteer collects recyclable beverage containers. Over 800 pounds of recyclables were collected across the county.



A Vacaville volunteer shows his unusual find: a broken clock face found along Ulatis Creek.