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Youth Invited to Join Community Creek Clean up Days

Santa Rosa Creek Trash Removal Slated for September 20

Santa Rosa, CA --Neighbors (including teens) are encouraged to join the Sonoma County Water Agency and the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps (SCYEC) in three community creek days scheduled for the fall and winter.

The first event is slated for Saturday September 20, in conjunction with Creek Week -- a weeklong celebration of our local creeks. The community service day will be held from 9 a.m. to noon where Santa Rosa Creek crosses Stony Point Road in Santa Rosa. (See below for directions and details.) This event is co-sponsored by the City of Santa Rosa, which is hosting events throughout the week.

Participants will clean-up trash, learn about their watershed, and earn community service hours. This is an excellent opportunity for youth to volunteer in the community and make new friends. The event will take place in light rain; heavy rain cancels (if in doubt, call 521-6209 for a recorded message).

“These community service days are a great way to improve our creeks and flood control channels while giving young people an opportunity to earn community service hours,” said David Rabbitt, chairman of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisor and the Water Agency Board of Directors.

The Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps has employed more than 1,400 young people, ages 14-24, in summer jobs that benefit the environment and the community while providing a paycheck. The Water Agency’s Stream Maintenance Permit requires that invasive plants that are removed to increase the flood capacity of creeks be replaced with native species that will create shady canopy over the creeks and provide habitat for fish,

birds and other animals. The community service days will help the Water Agency meet this requirement.

SANTA ROSA CREEK COMMUNITY DAY INFORMATION

Date/Time Saturday, September 20, 9 a.m. – Noon

Location Santa Rosa Creek at Stony Point. Park at the Volunteer Center of Sonoma County parking lot, 153 Stony Point Rd.

ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY CREEK DAY INFORMATION

Date/Time **Saturday, November 22, 9 a.m. – Noon**

Location McDowell Creek in Petaluma

Date/Time **Saturday, December 6, 9 a.m. – Noon**

Location Starr Creek in Windsor

To register and for more information, please contact Ryan Pedrotti at 707-521-6209 or ryanp@scwa.ca.gov. Visit the Sonoma County Youth Ecology Corps page to see precise meeting locations: <http://youthecologycorps.org/get-involved/> or like our Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sonoma-County-Youth-Ecology-Corps/367745627192?ref=bookmarks> .

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