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OC RESIDENTS TEAM UP TO KEEP WATERWAYS CLEAN: REMOVE TRASH FROM CREEKS, RIVERS AND BEACHES

County of Orange Teams Prepare for Cleanup Day 2011

SANTA ANA, CA-- Each year County employees, city representatives and civic groups, join other volunteers and don gloves to scour local beaches and inner coastal waterways for trash that would otherwise end up in the Pacific Ocean.

This year's Inner Coastal and Watersheds Cleanup Day (Cleanup Day), held on September 17, 2011, promises to be one of the largest volunteer events of the year. Coastal Cleanup Day, a local, national and international event in its 27th year, brings volunteers from all over the state to California beaches to pick up trash and debris from our shores. For the past 15 years, Cleanup Day has drawn Orange County residents to rid channels, creeks, rivers and parks of trash and debris before it reaches the beach.

"Volunteers collect all sorts of trash, debris, and recyclable materials that would contribute to the pollution of our environment and oceans," said Jennifer Shook, Environmental Resource Specialist for the Orange County Stormwater Program. "With Inner Coastal and Watershed Cleanup Day, what has been most impressive is the number of school-aged volunteers that pitch in to collect litter from our waterways – the next generation seems to understand how their actions inland have a direct impact on the cleanliness of our Orange County beaches."

Orange County's 15th Cleanup Day held in concert with the California Coastal Commission's 27th Annual Coastal Cleanup, is an excellent opportunity for Orange County residents to have a positive impact on water resources at this fun community event. County staff will be working at the Fullerton Creek location at Western and Melrose in Buena Park, on San Diego Creek at University and Campus in Irvine and in the Santa Ana River Channel near LeBard Park in Huntington Beach this year. Cleanup sites are organized throughout the County, please visit www.ocwatersheds.com and click on the "Cleanup Day icon" to find the site closest

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