

Despite Rain, Dedicated Volunteers Participate in the Lake Berryessa Coastal Cleanup Day

The Mid-Pacific Region's Central California Area Office, Lake Berryessa Field Office, hosted two cleanup sites at Lake Berryessa as part of the California Coastal Cleanup on September 21, 2013. The annual event is part of a statewide effort supported by the California Coastal Commission. Every year, on the third Saturday in September, people join together at sites all over California to take part in the state's largest volunteer event. In 2012, more than 65,000 volunteers removed almost 770,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from California's beaches, lakes and waterways. The event is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, organized by the Ocean Conservancy, which is the largest volunteer event on the planet.

Lake Berryessa had one site at the south end of the lake near Markley Cove where volunteers collected trash from the shoreline and trails. The second site was near the Pope Creek Bridge on the north end of the lake where volunteer divers from the Napa Dive Club collected debris from the lake bottom. All debris was sorted into bins for glass, plastic, aluminum and trash. Despite surprisingly heavy rain, 37 volunteers participated in the cleanup at the two sites and collected 235 pounds of trash and 287 pounds of recyclables from the lake and shoreline!

The event sponsors and partners included the Napa Dive Club, the Solano County Resource Conservation District, the Solano County Water Agency, Markley Cove Resort, Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rental and the Napa County Stormwater and Pollution Prevention Program.

