

2015 Coastal Cleanup at Lake Berryessa



On Saturday, September 19, 2015, an impressive 93 volunteers and 11 Bureau of Reclamation employees removed nearly 5,000 pounds of trash and recyclables from Lake Berryessa during the 2015 Coastal Cleanup. This annual event improves waterway scenery and health across the nation. Volunteers representing the local community, Solano Resource Conservation District, Monticello Ski Club, Napa Dive Team, and Sports Co Divers cleaned three different sites along the lakeshore.

At Pope Creek, scuba divers worked with kayakers and boaters to remove trash from below the water line in a popular boating area. At Steele Canyon Recreation Area, volunteers removed large debris, old docks, metal cables and cinderblocks that had recently become visible as a result of the drought. Volunteers also walked the trails and shoreline between Markley Cove Resort and Monticello Dam removing trash, tires, picnic tables and an old refrigerator with the help of a boat loaned from Lake Berryessa Boat and Jet Ski Rentals.

All of the collected rubbish was sorted and weighed. Different categories of trash were tallied to provide land managers with data to manage trends in land use and waterway pollution. All told, 4,490 pounds of debris and 418 pounds of recyclables were removed from Lake Berryessa, making this year's cleanup a huge success!

