

Fact Sheet For Trash Free Coyote Creek Cleanup and Surveillance Project (B3) & Education and Outreach Project (B7)

Agreement Nos: A3763R (B3) and A3764R (B7)

Funding Program: Fiscal Year 2014 Safe, Clean Water Priority B Grant Program

Start Date: August 1, 2014

Completion Date: September 30, 2015

Location: Coyote Creek (Tully Road to Yerba Buena Road: 2.3 miles) and Santa Clara County

Lead Agency: San Jose Parks Foundation, fiscal sponsor for Santa Clara County Creeks Coalition

Other Partners: Sierra Club, San Jose State University Center for Community Learning and Leadership, McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Association, Coyote Creek Neighborhood Association, Yerba Buena High School, Andrew P. Hill High School, Independence High School, Silver Creek High School, Bellarmine Preparatory Latino College Preparatory Academy, Santa Clara County Dept Roads and Airports, San Jose Homeless Response Coordinator, San Jose Environmental Services Division, Mormon Missionaries.

District's Grant Award: B3: \$26,783

Total Project Cost: B3: \$80,760

B7: \$42,199

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Project Description:

The Cleanup and Surveillance Project was to achieve a trash-free Coyote Creek between Tully Road and Hellyer Park in San Jose by engaging community volunteers in the removal of trash along the banks and dry bed of the creek to reduce pollution impacts on water quality and fishery resources. The project progressed towards this vision through coordinating and organizing cleanups in conjunction with the Homeless Encampment Dismantlement Program.

The Education and Outreach Project was to (1) reach out to neighborhood and civic groups trail users and businesses to educate them about the potential for restoring Coyote Creek to a trash-free condition and (2) enlist their participation in creek cleanups to create a trash-free Coyote Creek.

Collectively, these projects accomplished the following:

By the numbers:

- a. Removed 81,800 pounds of trash through 14 cleanups accomplished by 1296 volunteers
- b. Hosted a Day-long Coyote Creek Howl conference attended by 150 people at San Jose State University
- c. Produced 9 informative brochures on topics such as Birds, Plants, Geology of Coyote Creek
- d. Provided 32 Presentations to community organizations
- e. Provided 14 community events presentations

Additional benefits:

- a. Integrated into the Homeless Encampment Dismantlement Program, i.e. providing volunteer trash removal to complement and support the encampment removals
- b. Coordinated support from San Jose Environmental Services Division (trash supplies and pickup) and Parks Department (Ranger support for volunteer safety)
- c. Coordinated cleanups with Hellyer Park (County Park system)
- d. Developed and refined methods for conducting efficient and safe cleanups

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