

Delta Conservancy Volunteers and Staff Clean Up 1500 lbs of Trash!

The Delta winds snatch plastic bags from picnic tables and toss them into the open arms of Brannan Island bushes. Nature's game of catch, and forgetful campers, leave behind piles of trash in the bushes and on the steep water's edge at Brannan Island State Park. At the Delta Conservancy's Clean Up Day, Saturday, September 15, volunteers and staff formed separate land and water teams to clean up the park and waterways.



Kristal Davis Fadtke & Nova; Campbell (standing) & Kim Ingram; Susan Roberts; Shakoora Azimi-Gaylon; Liza, Liam & Andy McGuirk; Harjit Lahoria, Jim Fenton and Gary Lahmon.

Roberts, Conservancy outreach coordinator. Before the event, they scoped the site, identified areas needing the most help and worked with the park managers to coordinate trash pickup and other details.

Two weeks prior to the clean up, Jim Fenton, Harjit Lahoria and Gary Lahmon, river-clean up volunteers from Snodgrass Solutions Inc, identified and repaired a sunken boat so they could 'float the boat' and drag it in. They also arranged clearance with the coast guard to haul it away.

The park welcomes all groups that volunteer their services for clean up. Contact Ted at 916-777-7705 if you are interested in a clean up project.

The Delta Conservancy's Clean Up was part of California Coastal Conservancy's California Coastal and Inland Waters Clean Up Day, the largest volunteer event in California.



Andy McGuirk, Event Coordinator

The land team braved the park's blackberry bushes and rocky water's edges to collect and bag more than 135 lbs (27 bags) of trash. They hauled away many items including an abandoned inner tube, an inflatable mattress pad and numerous runaway

boxes.

The Conservancy's water team, volunteers from Snodgrass Solutions Inc, pulled large chunks of Styrofoam, crates, 3 large rubber tires, and—their most unusual item—half a boat! Their haul weighed in at over 1400 lbs!

Thanks goes to Conservancy volunteer Andy McGuirk, a CSU Environmental Studies student and event coordinator, and Jim Fenton, president of the Snodgrass Solutions, a nonprofit dedicated to keeping Delta waterways clean, and Susan



Harjit Lahoria, Jim Fenton and Gary Lahmon



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