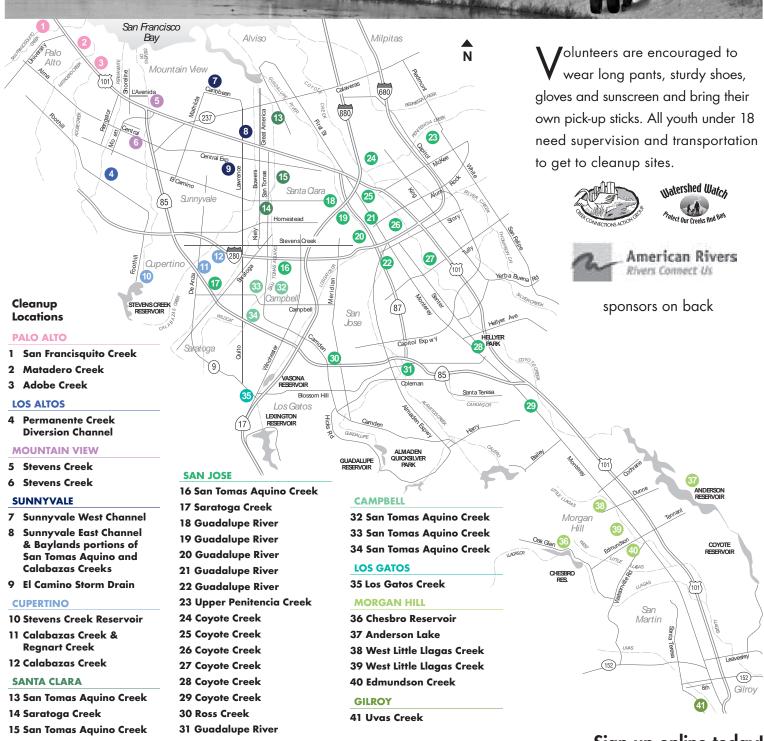
# NATIONAL RIVER CLEANUP DAY



Saturday, May 18, 2013

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9AM-Noon

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(408) 630-2739

Presented by: Creek Connections Action Group, Watershed Watch Campaign, & American Rivers





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### **Participating...**

Sponsors: Santa Clara Valley Water District, City of San José and Santa Clara County Parks

- Agencies: City of Cupertino, City of Gilroy, City of Morgan Hill, City of Mountain View, City of Palo Alto/Water Pollution Control Plant, City of Sunnyvale and West Valley Clean Water Program
- **Groups:** Blackford Neighborhood Action Coalition, Bordeaux HOA, Brownie Troop 60650, Cub Scout Pack 32, Cub Scout Pack 433, Forest Hill School, Friends of Adobe Creek, Girl Scouts of Northern California Service Unit 625, Green Town Los Altos, Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Hands On Bay Area, Rotary Club of San Jose, San Tomas West NAC, Santa Clara County Cub Scout Pack 325, Santa Clara County Water Ski Club, Santa Clara County Department of Child Support Services, Santa Clara University Civil Engineering Department, Save The Bay, Sierra Club Singlearies, West Valley Green Leaf

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## Healthy creek ecosystems

The hundreds of miles of creeks and rivers in our valley need protection and care. A healthy stream is an irreplaceable natural resource and a wonderful amenity that can bolster a property's value. Make the most of your local creeks by helping to keep them healthy. Creek health reflects the conditions throughout the watershed, not just those along its banks. Through proper care of stream banks and riparian vegetation, you can enhance your property, prevent erosion problems, avoid flood losses, preserve water quality and contribute to the survival of fish and wildlife.

The Guidelines and Standards for Land Use Near Streams manual can help creekside property owners large and small make the right decisions in caring for their property. Find a copy at **www.valleywater.org/Programs/ WaterResourcesProtectionCollaborative.aspx**.

## Help water flow

Keeping debris out of creeks helps water flow. Creeks are a valuable natural resource that support sensitive wildlife and ecosystems and also serve as natural drainage systems that carry storm water away from homes, roads and businesses safely to the bay. For our waterways to carry runoff during heavy rainfall, it is important to keep creeks free of trash and debris, which can impede the flow of water and cause flooding. While most people realize trash and chemicals should not go into a creek, many don't know that yard waste, leaves and soil also pollute a creek and can obstruct water flow, resulting in flooding and erosion.



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