

## 14,000 pounds of trash pulled from Nevada County waterways by nearly 900 SYRCL volunteers

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What a difference a day can make. Volunteers at the 20th river cleanup sponsored by the South Yuba River Citizens League made a difference Saturday ne...

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waterways including Deer Creek, Wolf Creek, Oregon Creek, the Bear River and Kentucky Ravine. Items pulled out of the river included office chairs, refrigerators, toilets, tires, and hundreds of cigarette butts.

After the cleanup, volunteers gathered at Pioneer Park to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Yuba River Cleanup. Volunteers heard from Damian Fussel from California State Senator Ted Gaines' office, Cheri West from California Assemblyman Brian Dahle's Office, Nevada County Supervisor Heidi Hall and Grass Valley Vice Mayor Lisa Swarhout.

From the headwaters along Donner Summit to the confluence of the Yuba and Feather Rivers, hundreds of watershed stewards turned out for the 20th Annual Yuba River Cleanup.

Numbers are still rolling in from 35 sites. So far, the South Yuba River Citizens League reports at least 886 volunteers removed nearly 14,000 pounds of garbage and recyclables from dozens of miles of rivers, creeks and lakes.

"It was wonderful to see so many families participating in the cleanup last weekend," said Jenn Tamo, SYRCL's Community Engagement Manager. "Our community is raising the next generation of water protectors and it is beautiful."

In addition to families, school groups and business teams pitched in to get their hands dirty along

All presented official proclamations honoring the cleanup. Sierra District California State Parks Chief Ranger, Matt Green, expressed appreciation to all volunteers on behalf of the South Yuba River State Park.

After six years at the helm, the day also saw Caleb Dardick step down as executive director of SYRCL. The cleanup was his final day and party goers bid him farewell.

"The Yuba will always be my home and I will continue to root for SYRCL's growth and success," Dardick said. "Words cannot fully express my deep appreciation to the Board, Leadership Team, staff, members, volunteers, donors and community for your support and encouragement."

*Note: Due to inaccurate information provided to The Union, the numbers provided on Wednesday's page A3 were incorrect regarding the South Yuba Cleanup. Those numbers have been updated in this story.*

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