

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date **Held Until**
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Agenda Item No: **Agenda Item No:**

Department: General Services & Regional Parks

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Board Date:
June 16,2009

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

Summary Report on Spring Clean 2009 Accomplishments

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

The purpose of this item is to report on the activities and accomplishments of the Spring Clean 2009 event, a community-based volunteer program which performed projects in the community on May 2nd and May 9th 2009. Informational only. No action required.

CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT

EXPENDITURES

ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD APPROVAL

Estimated Cost	\$		Contingencies	\$	0
			(Fund Name:)		
Amount Budgeted	\$		Unanticipated Revenue	\$	0
			(Source:)		
Other Avail Approp	\$	0	Other Transfer(s)	\$	0
(Explain below)			(Source:)		
Additional Requested:	\$	0	Add'l Funds Requested:	\$	0

Explanation (if required):

Prior Board Action(s):

04-08-2008: Supported the 2008 Spring Clean event held on May 3rd and 4th, 2008.

04-28-2009: Approved participation in Spring Clean 2009 by County staff

Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:

The Board could choose not to receive the report.

BACKGROUND:

On April 2009, the Board approved the County’s participation in the 2009 Spring Clean event. The Spring Clean event provides a means for the City and the County to leverage public resources with community volunteer hours to undertake improvements and address community needs. The goal of the program is to improve the overall quality of life in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County by volunteering talent and resources to perform work in the community at large. As in previous years, the County provided both logistics support and the supplies and materials required to complete the work at the various County project sites. The County was the recipient of thousands of hours of volunteer labor expended to address the needs of multiple county areas and facilities.

Spring Clean 2009 expanded on prior event sponsorship and participation and was managed to be as inclusive as possible to all interested groups. Civic groups and community-based organizations were included in the list of volunteer teams, including Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County and volunteer groups from the Roseland area. The invitation to participate was extended to any and all persons or groups who wanted to come together and work for the overall good of the community in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County.

This year, we experienced the unique circumstance of individuals contacting the program and asking for permission to organize their neighbors in an effort to work on projects of their own choosing. One County employee, Hope Marshall, organized a group of neighbors to clean up an area that the community uses for recreation near the old airfield in West Santa Rosa. This expansion of the original concept of planning projects in favor of individual project selection shows a willingness among the community to use this event as means to address very specific needs within the community.

For 2009, a kicked off rally was held at the Santa Rosa Finley Center on Saturday Morning, May 2, 2009, with as many as 800 individuals braving the rain to attend and participate. Many of the planned afternoon activities were cancelled this year, due to the poor weather conditions; although, lunch was served to many returning volunteers. A second day was added to this year’s event, dedicated to Regional Park’s projects on May 9, 2009. An estimated 250 people worked on City and County projects in the Windsor area and another 25 worked on City and County projects in the Petaluma area.

The Spring Clean 2009 program included over 40 projects that extended from Windsor in the north, south to Petaluma, and from Los Guilicos and Bennett Valley in the east to the Roseland area of Santa Rosa on the west side.

Attachments:

On File With Clerk: Pictures of projects being performed

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Board Action (If other than “Requested”)

Vote:

BACKGROUND (Cont.):

The projects for the 2009 Spring Clean event included:

(May 2, 2009 Projects)

- Spring Lake Park – clean around barbecue pits to improve fire clearance, clean and paint barbecues
- Chanate Cemetery – split rail fence installation, brush removal, rock path work
- Ragle Park – scotch broom removal, paint pond fence, mulch around tennis courts
- Los Guilicos Nursery – pruning and weeding, planting, irrigation repair, brush & blackberry vine removal, stump removal, rock removal for mowing
- Los Guilicos Main Campus/Hood Mountain Park – tree pruning, brush clearing, trail clearing, border repair

(May 9, 2009 Projects)

- Riverfront Park – remove old irrigation lines
- Shiloh Park – oil picnic tables, paint barbecues, fence repair, paint gazebo
- Foothill Park – hand dig swale at pond C. build new fence separating properties, plant replacement at entrance
- Helen Putnam – playground sand removal & chip replacement

More than 1,000 volunteers collectively gave more than 4,000 hours of their own time to improve the conditions in their communities. In total, on May 2nd alone, Spring Clean 2009 resulted in the collection of 250 cubic yards of debris being collected, 20 miles of creeks cleaned, 4 miles of railroad track cleaned, and 255 cubic yards of bark being spread.

The Spring Clean 2009 program was a resounding success and momentum continues to build in this partnership between the County, cities, non-profit organizations, and individuals in the community, all committed to a better living environment for all Sonoma County citizens.

We would like to once again extend out thanks to the Board of supervisors and the CAO for your support of this program.