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Reclamation Invites Volunteers to Participate in the 2014 Great Sierra River Cleanup at New Melones Lake on Sept. 20

SONORA, Calif. – On Saturday, Sept. 20, in celebration of the 2014 Great Sierra River Cleanup, the Bureau of Reclamation's Central California Area Office is partnering with the Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District, Tuolumne County Land Trust, and the University of California Cooperative Extension to organize the cleanup in Tuolumne County and southern Calaveras County.

The cleanup will focus on sites around New Melones Lake in the Stanislaus River watershed as the declining water levels expose trash and submerged debris. The public, organizations, and local businesses are invited and encouraged to participate in the cleanup on Sept. 20 from 9 a.m. to noon.

To register, please contact Park Ranger Cindy Watson or Park Ranger Sarah Corpening at 209-536-9094 (or TTY 800-877-8339). On-site registration and check-in will begin at 8 a.m. at the New Melones Lake Visitor Center, 6850 Studhorse Flat Road, Sonora.

Cleanup sites will be located in the Glory Hole and Tuttle town Recreation Areas, Camp 9, and Natural Bridges. Maps will be provided for these locations upon check-in, and volunteers will need to provide their own transportation. Volunteers should dress for the summer heat, bring lunch and water, wear a hat, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes, and bring work gloves and trash grabbers, if possible. Participants requiring special accommodations should contact Reclamation as far in advance as possible.

The Great Sierra River Cleanup is the premier volunteer event focused on removing trash and restoring the health of waterways throughout the Sierra Nevada Region. This annual event is coordinated by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and held in conjunction with California Coastal Cleanup Day.

These events support the Department of the Interior's *Let's Move Outside!* initiative, which was created to get kids and families to take advantage of America's great outdoors, which abound in every community, city and town. For information on *Let's Move Outside!*, please visit <http://www.letsmove.gov/lets-move-outside>.

For information on the GSRC, please visit <http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/our-work/rivercleanup>.

For information on New Melones Lake, please visit <http://www.usbr.gov/mp/cao/newmelones>.

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