

## Help Needed for Great Sierra River Cleanup at New Melones Lake



New Melones Lake Credit: USBR

September 7, 2018 - SONORA, Calif. – Thousands of pounds of trash and debris litter New Melones Lake annually. Join the Bureau of Reclamation on Sept. 15 to participate in the 2018 Great Sierra River Cleanup and help restore our public lands.

Trash and debris will be collected at New Melones Lake in the Stanislaus River watershed. The public, organizations, and local businesses are invited to participate in the cleanup and help us restore the health and beauty of our waterways. Cleanup sites are the Tuttle town Recreation Areas, Mark Twain Day Use Area, and Natural Bridges. Maps will be provided for these locations upon check-in. Volunteers need to provide their own transportation. Opportunities to clean the shoreline by boat may occur.

### Here's what volunteers need to know:

**When:** Sept. 15, from 8 a.m. to noon. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

**Where:** Meet at the New Melones Lake Visitor Center, 6850 Studhorse Flat Road, Sonora, California

**How to Register:** Call the Administration Office at 209-536-9094, ext. 233 (TTY 800-877-8339)

**What to bring:** Volunteers should dress with layers, bring snacks and water, and wear a hat, sunscreen, and sturdy shoes. Bring work gloves and trash grabbers.

Please contact Reclamation as far in advance as possible at the number listed above if participants require special accommodations.

The Great Sierra River Cleanup is an annual event coordinated by the Sierra Nevada Conservancy and is a premier volunteer event focused on removing trash and recyclables from the watershed throughout the Sierra Nevada region.

For additional information on New Melones Lake, please visit our [website](#). For information on the Great Sierra River Cleanup please visit their [website](#).

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