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Chollas Creek

**Chollas Creek Family Stream Team
May 2010
Report to Port of San Diego Environmental Services
Final Report**

I. **Organization**

Under the Come Dump On Us grant auspice, Groundwork convened a meeting with City of San Diego Environmental Services Dept., City of San Diego Stormwater Pollution Prevention, City consultant URS, GWSDCC, and Urban Corps to review the project and determine the most effective next steps. It was agreed that there is currently no trash collection/abatement coordination amongst these entities, nor amongst these entities with outside ngos (ie: Coastkeeper and I Love a Clean) which regularly undertake trash abatement in the Chollas Creek watershed. It was learned that City of San Diego will soon be providing a BMP report to all the partners analyzing cost data, trash characterization and education data, and other data collected through the Come Dump On Us campaign.

At the April 3 Jackie Robinson YMCA and the April 24 Creek to Bay Clean Up event, a total of over 400 volunteers collected trash in the Come Dump on Us creek service area. It was, once again, noted that there is little to no coordination amongst organizations working in the creek. It was also noted that the focus of the publicity by outside organizations was directed to external audiences, and that few community residents were in attendance. Groundwork has secured agreement from the many entities mentioned in this report to meet on a regular basis to optimize the resources available to residents, and to conduct an ongoing trash abatement, recycling, and educational outreach effort within the schools and directly to the families along the South Branch of Chollas Creek.

II. **Collection, Exotics, Community Education and Outreach Events held:**

Jackie Robinson YMCA

April 3

Over 300 volunteers from the Rock Church joined Mt. View community members in a three hour extensive creek clean up and creek transformation day. Two bins (40 yds) of trash and weeds were removed.

Southcrest Recreation Center

April 24

In partnership with NASSCO, I Love a Clean, City of San Diego, Urban Corps, over 100 volunteers removed trash and non native vegetation. Four bins (40 yds.) of trash and weeds were removed.

III. Tracking

Of most value to the planning efforts of the Port, the City of San Diego, and Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek will be the two comprehensive URS reports we will direct to the Unified Port of San Diego on or before June 15, 2010, at the close of the data collection and compilation activities. One report, in addition to the results of the surveys and characterization data, will provide an effectiveness assessment summary to inform future decision-making about the best ways to address illegal dumping and trash pollutant issues in Chollas Creek. The other will be a trash capture device feasibility study, recommending the most effective device for future use in Chollas creek.

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