

Summaries of Inventory Responses

REI Marina: Projects include National Trails Day, Coastal Cleanup and other service projects (trail maintenance, beach cleanups) throughout the year. Can accommodate groups on scheduled projects at no fee but cannot manage other group specific projects. Provides small educational component including intro to ecological, public use and safety components related to project.

CA State Parks-Monterey District: Projects include occasional volunteer opportunities doing habitat restoration or trail work (no more than 30 people), but not likely to have capacity for managing group volunteer projects due to budget cuts. Does not promote projects, although groups do contact them. Educational component depends on staff person assigned. State agency, no fee but possibly a donation to the appropriate Cooperating Agency.

Ventana Wildlife Society: Projects include species recovery (ex: release and post-release management of condors in Big Sur), conservation ecology, outdoor education and outreach for ages 6-17. Unable to accommodate volunteers on a regular basis. Occasionally works with groups when compensation is received for staff time (but hopes to accommodate more volunteers in the future). Could facilitate group projects for about \$300 for a group of 10 people (for a one-time condor opportunity).

Elkhorn Slough Reserve: Group project opportunities most often with Stewardship Program in which there are various projects including seed collecting, sowing, planting, transplanting, weeding, etc. Groups should be at least 5 people, better to have 10-15 people, but can accommodate up to 20-25 and should commit at least 2 hours work time. 1-2 weeks notice is needed at minimum, larger groups require more due to increased staffing needs. Both scheduled public projects and specific group projects are possible (one-time or ongoing). Strong educational potential including site tour, guided walk, microscope lab. Donations accepted through Elkhorn Slough Foundation.

City of Monterey Parks: Projects include painting over graffiti, weeding in parks and dunes, and beach cleanups. Maximum of 60 people. Able to accommodate groups on scheduled public events as well as group specific projects (one-time or on-going). Educational component from outside agency or basic in-house information. No fee for projects.

Watsonville Wetlands Watch: Currently doesn't have short-term projects for specific groups due to limited staffing, but could possibly (would like to) provide restoration projects depending on the group and lead time. Max number of people is 50. Educational component includes guided walk and birdwatching.

Save Our Shores: Projects include beach and inland cleanups and can accommodate up to 100 or more people. Both scheduled public projects and specific group projects are possible (one-time or ongoing). Education component includes info on MB National Marine Sanctuary, marine wildlife, and plastic pollution prevention. Fees include \$250 per group to cover costs, \$500 minimum to consider it a sponsored cleanup (with other benefits and recognition). SOS has volunteer tourism infrastructure in place, challenge is solidifying regular corporate groups.

SPCA for Monterey County: Mini projects reserved for corporate groups and organizations including maintenance, landscaping, cleaning, painting, etc. Maximum number of people is 50. Both scheduled public projects and specific group projects are possible (one-time or ongoing). Educational strategy includes spreading awareness of humane animal care and treatment, but not always included in hands-on volunteer opportunities. No fee for group projects. Due to site expansion there are many opportunities for construction-related projects. Hopes to have capacity to serve larger groups in the future.

Surfrider Foundation Monterey: Projects include beach cleanups currently with no maximum number of people. Both scheduled public projects and specific group projects are possible (one-time or ongoing). Educational component includes marine debris presentation. No minimum or maximum fees for group project.

Return of the Natives: Projects include habitat restoration in community parks, public lands, and coastal dunes (cleanups, weeding, planting). Projects available are dependent on the season (planting only during rainy season). Both scheduled public projects and specific group projects are possible (one-time or ongoing). Educational component includes environmental education on watersheds and pollution, habitat destruction and restoration, native plants and animals, invasive plants, etc. Fees dependent on whether groups join an existing event or a new group-specific project is planned. Further discussion needed to establish acceptable donations.