



**EEL RIVER CLEAN UP 2014**



PG&E owns approximately 5000 acres between Van Arsdale reservoir and Scott dam at Lake Pillsbury as part of their Potter Valley hydro-electric project.





The 2014 Eel River Cleanup was held on October 11, a bright, sunny fall morning. 81 volunteers arrived to once again clean the shores, gravel bars and roads of the beautiful Eel River drainage. Volunteers have been getting together for this event every October for the past 23 years.



The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual cleanup was a team effort, with organizer Beb Ware and local residents, volunteers from schools, 4H Club, the Potter Valley Tribe (PVT), and the Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority (MSWMA)





# Principle Organizers:



Salvador Rosales  
PVT Tribal Chairman

Gregg Young  
PVT Environmental Director

Mike Sweeney  
MSWMA Manager

Beb Ware  
Friends of Trout Creek



Trash is picked up along the river and roads on a 12-mile stretch and taken to the bridge area.



# Trash and recyclables are separated by hand

- Trash for disposal
- Beverage bottles and cans
- Metals
- Tires
- Wood
- Misc.



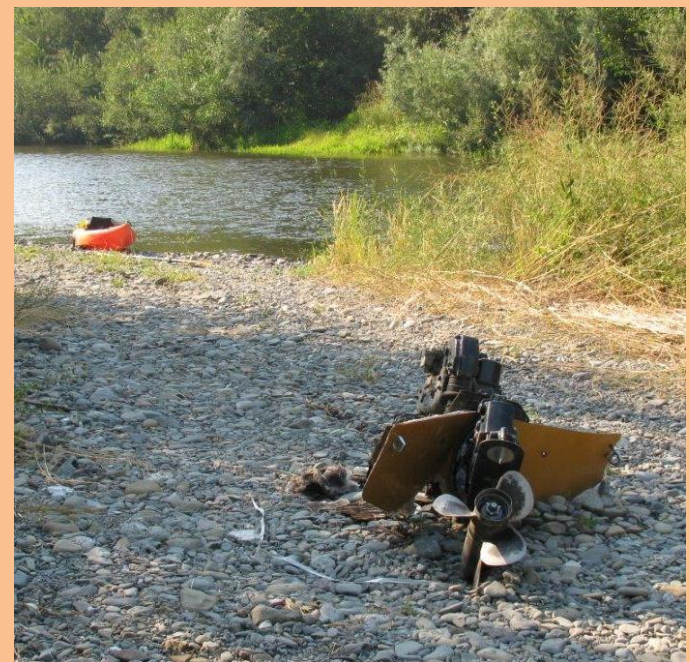


There were 2 toilet sites discovered, which require careful handling. Mattresses and couches were found dumped over the edge of the roads or abandoned on the gravel bars. Tires were pulled from various waterways and roadsides. Some junk is rolled down very steep embankments, making it dangerously difficult to remove.





Volunteers hiked, boated and trucked through the watershed, scouting for refuse.





The Potter Valley  
Tribe provided a  
delicious, healthy  
barbecue lunch and  
beverages.





We tried to make this a very low waste event: Biodegradable plates, forks, cups used and combined with the food waste and taken for composting



**ALL WASTE**  
**HAS TO BE HAULED**  
**130 MILES FROM**  
**POTTER VALLEY**  
**THINK BEFORE YOU:**  
**PURCHASE, USE, TOSS...**

**FORKS, SPOONS,  
PLATES, CUPS ARE  
ALL COMPOSTABLE  
PLEASE PLACE IN  
PROPER CONTAINER**



All the trash was taken to the Potter Valley Transfer Station, which is run by Solid Wastes of Willits, who donated the dump fees.

Organizers keep account of materials; these are reported to State and Federal agencies.



# 2014 statistics:

Volunteers----81

Tires----4

Total loose trash----12 cu yd

Recycled bottles and cans-----1/2 cu yd

½ abandoned motor home

1 boat engine/transmission

4 couches

2 toilet sites

Donated dump fees \$500





Cumulative statistics for the past 23 years;  
Volunteers----1,668  
Cubic Yards of Loose Trash----455.5  
Donated Dump Fees----\$10,440  
Tires----562







**Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who keep the Eel River Cleanup going. Sincerely,**

**Beb Ware - Eel River Cleanup organizer**

**Potter Valley Tribe**

**Mendocino Solid Waste Management Authority**

**Solid Waste of Willits**

**Local schools, 4H club, volunteers, and residents**