



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
VOLUNTEER REPORT FORM  
PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 - JUNE 30, 2020  
Deadline: July 17, 2020**

**1. DEPARTMENT INFORMATION:**

Department: PARKS AND RECREATION  
Division/Unit: OPERATIONS

**2. VOLUNTEER PROGRAM BENEFITS:**

a. GENERAL VOLUNTEERS (this section should include community volunteer, student intern, groups, corporations, etc).

No. of Vol.	3,491	Hours	78,757	X	\$29.95	=	\$2,358,772.15
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Types of work performed by GENERAL VOLUNTEERS in this category:

DPR Volunteers assist our field staff in ensuring our park visitors have the highest quality park experience. Volunteers assist in keeping our parks safe and clean. In addition to general park maintenance, such as cleaning restrooms and campsites, weed abatement, painting, security, and assisting with opening and closing our facilities, DPR volunteers help to construct and maintain trails, provide tours of historic buildings, lead hikes and rides, conduct wildlife and plant surveys, remove exotic and invasive plants, graffiti removal, dispense information, plant trees and native plants, facilitate special events and service projects, and office support. Our recreation volunteers assist in coaching, mentoring, and after school programs. Patrol volunteers are our extra eyes and ears in our open space preserves, providing information and assistance, as needed. Throughout the year we're also supported by many groups, including scout groups, corporations, military, and community groups. Groups give back to their communities by assisting park staff with planting trees, removal of invasive plants, trail maintenance, erecting fencing, special event support, and other projects that contribute to beautifying our parks while ensuring they are safe.

b. INSTITUTIONAL VOLUNTEERS (this section should include honor camp inmates, PIC/RETC, GAIN, etc.)

No. of Vol.	Unknown	Hours	9,550	X	\$29.95	=	\$286,022.50
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Types of work performed by INSTITUTIONAL VOLUNTEERS in this category:

We continued to see a rise in court ordered community service needs this year and our field staff were responsive to that need by providing opportunities for those individuals to serve their commitment to society, while providing park staff with supplemental assistance. Community service volunteers assist with the park maintenance, to include the cleaning of restrooms, trash pick up, trail maintenance, tree care, sweeping, spreading mulch, scrubbing picnic tables, and invasive plant removal. Our parks benefit from the services of the Community Involved Vocational Crew Services (CIVICS), as well as from CALFIRE crews, with them assisting with creating firebreaks and vegetation management.

c. SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS (this section should include utilization of Special Volunteers in positions requiring specific skills and/or expertise levels, for example, an attorney, physician, sports figure or celebrity). These specialized positions have verifiable compensation levels (VCL). If you have such a volunteer, please indicate the position, hours and compensation level

<u>Position</u>	<u>Hours</u>	X	<u>VCL</u>	=	<u>Dollar Benefit</u>
NA					\$0.00
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No. of Vol.		Total Hours	0	Total Value =	\$0.00
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Types of work performed by SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS in this category:

NA

d. TOTALS OF DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS (from above):

	<u>No. of Volunteers</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Dollar Benefit</u>
2a.	3,491	78,757	\$2,358,772.15
2b.	Unknown	9,550	\$286,022.50
2c.	0	0	\$0.00

<b>Total Vol.</b>	<b>3,491</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>88,307</b>	<b>Total Value =</b>	<b>\$2,644,794.65</b>
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**5. NET BENEFIT TO DEPARTMENT FROM VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:**

a. Total Dollar Benefits of Volunteers, Item 2d (Page 2)	<u>\$2,644,794.65</u>
b. Total of Donations to Volunteer Program, Item 3 (Page 2)	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
c. Subtract Total of Program Costs, Item 4d (Page 3)	<u>\$446,121.59</u>

**TOTAL PROGRAM BENEFIT**

<b>\$2,200,073.06</b>
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**6. RECRUITING:**

Please describe your recruiting programs:

We continue to use Volunteer Match, Idealist and Workamper News, Inc as online recruitment networking tools. Social media plays an important role in getting the word out when we've had a specific volunteer opportunities, as well as to make the public aware of our volunteer program successes and accolades. When possible, we add planned volunteer activities to our Program Guide, which is distributed online and at our parks. Additionally, flyers promoting our volunteer opportunities are displayed in our park kiosks. We annually attend the San Diego State University Community Service Fair. Word of mouth continues to be a great way to build our volunteer force.

**7. SPECIAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES/ACHIEVEMENTS:**

Please describe any special activities and/or achievements your program was involved in during the period of this report:

Trees were a big part of our year for FY 2019-2020. There were about a dozen volunteer projects to plant trees and native shrubs, with our rangers educating the 166 volunteers, about 50 of them youth, about the pests that continue to affect many trees in our parks and beyond. There were close to 40 trail maintenance projects in multiple parks and regions of the county, with about 550 volunteers, mostly youth, doing the service.

Volunteers supported special regional events, such as Coastal Cleanup Day at Flinn Springs, San Luis Rey, Sweetwater Regional Park, Tijuana River Valley, San Dieguito Park and Live Oak Park. Additionally, volunteers were key to our success for events such as our Haunted Trails at Dos Picos Park, Hellhole Canyon and Oakoasis Open Space; and the Fall Festival at San Dieguito Park. Docents played an important role at our annual Rancho Guajome Adobe events, such as Dia de los Muertos and Rancho Christmas.

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Organized volunteer groups continue to serve year after year, supporting our parks and programs. The San Diego Mountain Bike Association has played an important role with the opening our new Bike Park at Sweetwater Regional Park. St. Augustine’s High School plans their days of service with our department each year, with their Giving Tuesday (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in December) being their big day of service with hundreds of youth volunteers, their teachers and some parents, serving multiple parks on that day. The Tijuana River Valley Equestrian Association supports the work team in clearing out debris and maintaining the trail system the most southern watershed of our region. Our local military find our parks a great place to contribute their time and energy during their assignments in San Diego.

Youth organizations appreciate the professional and organizational skills of our field staff. Groups such as Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of San Diego, Jr. Optimists, Mater Dei Catholic Key Club, Greater San Diego Academy and Mechanical Advantage Robotics Team served multiple parks, assisting staff with tree plantings, trail maintenance, erecting split rail trail fencing and assisting with special events.

Our partners, such as the Mountain Empire Historical Society and the Nature Collective contribute their time and effort to support county parks and facilities. Their volunteers provide tours and other educational activities to the public, in supporting our mutual goals.

Community service needs, both court ordered and school related, have continued to rise. Though we do not count court ordered community service in our goal numbers, they are an important contribution to the community. This fiscal year we had 9,550 community service hours. This is mutually beneficial, as our parks benefit from the service, while providing safe and worthwhile service opportunities to citizens who require those opportunities.

9. **GENERAL INFORMATION:**

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10. **DEPARTMENT CERTIFICATION:**

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**DEPARTMENT HEAD SIGNATURE**

**DATE**