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Dear Potential Site Coordinator,

If your neighborhood has a creek, river, or lake that is plagued by litter, we encourage you to be Site Coordinator for that location at our next event: **National River Cleanup Day on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 9 am to noon.**

The Creek Connections Action Group (CCAG) is a partnership of the City of Cupertino, City of Palo Alto, City of San José Department of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, City of Sunnyvale, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation, Santa Clara Valley Water District, and other stakeholder groups. We have sponsored and organized over 25 creek cleanup events including the annual National River Cleanup and California Coastal Cleanup Days since our inception in 1996. To this date, we have worked with over 13,000 volunteers who have removed over a quarter million pounds of trash around Santa Clara County.

As a site coordinator you will be responsible for volunteer sign-in, review of safety tips, refreshments (provided by us), set-up and data reporting at your site on the cleanup day. (Don't worry; we'll train you on everything!). The CCAG will provide you with cleanup supplies and refreshments for participating volunteers and will also provide a web site (www.cleanacreek.org) and publicity materials to assist in providing information and recruitment of volunteers for your site.

Here is how you can get started:

1. **Choose an accessible creek/river or lake site that can use public attention.** Many coordinators choose parks or trails that have good creek access, public visibility and minimal vegetation, difficult terrain or dangerous litter. Please check your site's condition before signing up. (If you need site suggestions, please call me at the contact information below.)
2. **Arrange for one or two people to serve as Site Coordinators on the day of the event.** The site coordinator(s) must participate in our Training /meeting /supply pick-up session on Thursday, April 29, 2010, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. at Vasona Lake County Park in the Gateway Picnic Area. *Lunch will be provided!*
3. **E-mail, mail or fax the attached registration form by February 24, 2010.**

Participation in this event is a great way to work with residents to protect and care for our local waterways and environment.

If you have any questions or need site suggestions, please call me at (408) 265-2607 ext. 2739 or e-mail kslama@valleywater.org

We look forward to working with you!

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