

# Volunteer Report

Open Space and Regional Park Commission Meeting  
October 6, 2020

## August Volunteer Updates

- August Volunteer Hours: There were a total of 882 volunteer hours in August. Last August, there were over 2,000 hours, with 500 of those hours coming from Summer Youth Employment. Although volunteer groups are beginning to return, we are limiting the size to no more than 25 volunteers and understandably there just aren't as many groups interested in volunteering as usual. We currently have listings to help recruit additional volunteers on our website as well as through VolunteerMatch.org and JustServe.org.
- In addition to groups of volunteers, we continue to have many individuals serving at park locations such as the Hive at Lazy 5, both within the Nevada Farms and Families area and Arboretum at Rancho San Rafael Park, the Regional Shooting Facility, Bartley Ranch, Bowers Mansion, Davis Creek Park, Galena Creek Park, and the Galena Creek Visitor Center. In addition, we also have several trail monitors and a woman who has been both weeding and researching the Huffaker Cemetery on an ongoing basis.
- The Hidden Valley Pickleball Club recently adopted Hidden Valley Regional Park through the Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful "Adopt-A-Spot" program. They had a great turnout on their first event with two groups of 15 volunteers for a total of 62 hours!
- Although we are no longer operating in phases, the following COVID-19 modifications to volunteering will remain in place until further notice:
  - Individual volunteers and groups of no more than 25 people are allowed.
  - Volunteers must practice social distancing amongst each other and the public. Parks staff can help facilitate this by placing volunteers away from busy areas of the park when possible.
  - Volunteers must have a face covering accessible at all times in case they need to interact with anyone or use the restroom.
  - Volunteers are asked to bring their own gloves and tools whenever possible.
- In the month of September, we are looking forward to the KTMB Truckee River Cleanup, several planting events in the Arboretum, and various other group projects.