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Earth Day Clean Up and Beautification Events

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Location: Citywide

Recommendation: Receive and discuss.

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Attachments:

- 1-Description/Analysis
- 2-Presentation

Description/Analysis

Issue Detail: The purpose of this presentation is to provide the Sacramento Youth Commission with an update on the City of Sacramento's annual Earth Day clean up and beautification events, as well as to invite the Commissioners to participate and help promote the events.

Earth Day is a global event with people around the world cleaning up their communities and advocating in support of environmental protection. Earth Day started in 1970 after a series of environmental disasters struck across the country, from oil spills in Santa Barbara to a river catching fire in Ohio. As a result, U.S. Senators and community activists alike came together to establish Earth Day and energize youth nationwide.

The Office of Climate Action and Sustainability (OCAS); Department of Youth, Parks, and Community Enrichment (YPCE); Department of Utilities, and the Community Engagement Team partner annually to host Earth Day clean up and beautification events. In 2025, this included nine events with over 300 volunteers who collected approximately 12,000 lbs. of trash and planted 230 plants.

The City of Sacramento's 2026 Earth Day clean up and beautification events will take place on Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. There will be multiple simultaneous events - at least one event in every Council district - giving residents an opportunity to support the City's climate action goals, protect our planet, and take meaningful action in their neighborhood parks. Events will include trash pickup, planting, and mulching.

More information can be found on the City's Earth Day website: cityofsacramento.gov/earthday. Individuals, families, and community groups are welcome to volunteer. If you're interested in volunteering, pre-register on the YPCE Better Impact platform (<https://bttr.im/oog2i>) to be notified when sign-ups open and to explore other tree planting and park volunteer opportunities. Please note that minors under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Supporting youth involvement and leadership in advancing climate action within the city is an important element of OCAS's strategic plan. OCAS seeks to engage youth in projects whenever possible, including through volunteer opportunities like these Earth Day events.

Policy Considerations: Not Applicable.

Economic Impacts: Not Applicable.

Environmental Considerations: Not Applicable.

Sustainability: The Earth Day clean up and beautification events promote the City's sustainability efforts by stewarding Sacramento's local parks and waterways and educating volunteers on City sustainability topics.

Commission/Committee Action: Not Applicable.

Rationale for Recommendation: Not Applicable.

Financial Considerations: Not Applicable.

Local Business Enterprise (LBE): Not Applicable.



Earth Day Clean up and Beautification Events

Sacramento Youth Commission
March 2, 2026



JOIN US FOR CLEAN-UP EVENTS CITYWIDE ON
APRIL 11, 9AM - 12PM

[CITYOFSACRAMENTO.GOV/EARTHDAY](https://cityofsacramento.gov/earthday)

History of Earth Day





Trash Pick Ups



Beautification and Planting

2025 Earth Day

- 9 events
- Over 300 volunteers
- ~12,000 lbs. of trash collected
- 230 plants planted



2026 Earth Day

- Planning for multiple events citywide
- Activities:
 - Trash pickup
 - Planting
 - Mulching



How to get involved

1. Invite your friends and family to volunteer



2. Attend one of the events!



Pre-register to be notified
when sign-ups open!



Thank you!

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