



# GVCC NEWSLETTER

APRIL - JUNE 2016

## Upcoming and Ongoing Recycling Events

Jewish Food Festival 6/5

Barbara Festival 6/11

San Joaquin County Fair  
6/15-6/19

City of Stockton  
Neighborhood Cleanup 6/18

Amador E-waste Event 7/16

Amador County Fair 7/28-

### Natural Resource Update

The Greater Valley Conservation Corps natural resource division has been extremely busy this past quarter with a wide variety of projects and detailed below are three of those key projects completed in our region.

#### Lake Camanche

During this project corpsmembers covered approximately 100 acres on the north and south shores of Lake Camanche to prepare for the fire season. GVCC crews used line trimmers, drive and push mowers, backpack blowers and a "billy goat" to reduce fire loads and make recreational areas safer and cleaner for residents and visitors. The teams battled through the elements for the better part of May and June to complete the project.



#### Oak Park Pool House

If you happen to take a swim in Stockton's Oak Park this summer and see a freshly painted and restored pool house then you can thank the hardworking natural resource crews of GVCC. Our team spent a week at this site; cleaning the locker area, sanitizing, pressure washing, repairing light fixtures and painting the exterior of the facility. A project such as this truly displays the versatility of GVCC.



#### East Bay Regional Parks

A very intrusive plant known as the Barbed Goat Grass is attempting to invade the lush landscape of East Bay Regional Parks. GVCC used line trimmers, chemical sprayers and drive mowers to eliminate this grass before it reproduces. Invasive weed control is very demanding work and the corpsmembers that perform this task daily are some of the toughest this organization has to offer. This will be GVCC's second project with East Bay Regional Parks District and we are excited to advance on this partnership.



## GVCC Supports Leadership Stockton Class of 2016



In April GVCC, YouthBuild San Joaquin and AmeriCorps proudly supported a service project in conjunction with Leadership Stockton. Corpsmembers and volunteers supported cleaning the Stockton Police Department, landscaping the grounds, blowing the parking lot and installing a fresh new layer of bark. GVCC maintains a close relationship with Clean Planet in Stockton who graciously donated 40 yards of bark to this project. Thanks Clean Planet!

This was a timely beatification and special project because it was set to complete before the Fallen Peace Officers Memorial event in May. GVCC and the rest of the crews were happy to show the Stockton Police Department, Leadership Stockton and the community that we are all about getting dirty for a good cause. Thanks again to everyone that supported this great project!



GVCC's 26ft. Freightliner

## Corps to Careers Program

This quarter GVCC is excited to launch a new edition to our Corps to Careers Program- Virtual Job Shadow. This course takes corpsmembers through career pathways powered by an online module system. On a biweekly basis corpsmembers that have been in the program for 6 months or longer attend a class to enhance their career readiness skills. It is our duty at GVCC to support each corpsmembers' path into higher education or full time placement once they transition out of the GVCC.



## City Action Team

In an ongoing partnership with City of Stockton Code Enforcement, GVCC has been busy supporting neighborhood cleanups. Right now the City Action Team patrols a new blitz area in north Stockton that demands an extra level of attention by the litter truck and graffiti abatement crew.



Each month the City of Stockton sets up a large neighborhood cleanup in a designated area which gives residents the option of disposing their bulky items, E-waste, tires, green waste etc. GVCC provides a boots on the ground effort and vehicle support to these large events. Recently GVCC supported Stockton neighborhood cleanups on Kelley Drive, St. George and the next location will be between Louis Park and Pixie Woods. Keep up the great work City Action Team!



## Join Us!

Greater Valley Conservation Corps is currently looking for new corpsmembers to add to our growing organization! GVCC helps young adults between the ages of 18 and 25 with academic instruction, employment, green job training and life skills. Positive outcomes are inevitable when teaching young people the benefits of conserving our natural resources. If this sounds like the right program for you or anyone you know please check out our website and join the corps!

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