



New Volunteer Interest Form

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

City of Residence: _____

Over age 18? _____

Activities of Interest (See descriptions and requested time commitments below):

Schedule of Availability

Please check the box for each day and time range when you are available to volunteer during a typical week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:00AM-10:00AM	8:00AM-10:00AM	8:00AM-10:00AM	8:00AM-10:00AM	8:00AM-10:00AM
10:00AM-12:00PM	10:00AM-12:00PM	10:00AM-12:00PM	10:00AM-12:00PM	10:00AM-12:00PM
12:00PM- 2:00 PM	12:00PM- 2:00 PM	12:00PM- 2:00 PM	12:00PM- 2:00 PM	12:00PM- 2:00 PM
2:00PM- 4:00PM	2:00PM- 4:00PM	2:00PM- 4:00PM	2:00PM- 4:00PM	2:00PM- 4:00PM

Do you have a team-mate in mind for volunteering? If so, please provide their name below and indicate your preferred schedule for monitoring.

Do you have other skills or experience that may be helpful to the Estuary Program? Tell us! (*chemistry, botany, microbiology, carpentry, database management, graphic design skills...etc.*)

Volunteer Efforts

We have many different volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Some of our activities are ongoing; others are seasonal or one-time events.

Monitoring Effort	Description	Frequency	Time Commitment	Notes
Creek Water Quality Monitoring	Use test kits and meters to monitor water quality parameters in local creeks that empty into the estuary. Following training with program staff, teams of two volunteers independently monitor one or two creek sites.	Monthly, year-round	2-3 hrs/month	Requires use of a personal vehicle, limited hiking. We request availability to monitor for a 6-month period.
Dawn Patrol	Monitor oxygen, temperature and salinity levels in the estuary in the early morning hours via kayak.	Monthly, year-round	2-3 hrs/month	Requires use of a personal kayak.
Phytoplankton	Collect marine phytoplankton and conduct identification and counts using a microscope.	Monthly, year-round	2 hrs/month	We request availability to monitor for a 6-month period.
Ag Area Water Quality Monitoring	Conduct creek water quality monitoring in areas near agriculture operations. Assist program staff in hiking to sites and collecting field data.	Monthly, year-round	No set time commitment	Requires more hiking than Creek Water Quality effort. (Uneven and slippery terrain.)
Stream Habitat Assessment	Hike up local streams to collect stream bottom invertebrates and assess fish and riparian habitat features. Learn water quality and stream surveying techniques. Attend training with staff.	Once/year (late spring)	4 hours/site	Indicate interest to be notified of training session in spring. We request availability to monitor at least one site following training.
Bacteria Monitoring	Collect water samples in the field and conduct tests for bacteria in the lab. Staff conduct training in collection and processing using sterile technique.	Monthly, year-round	2-3 hrs/month	*Microbiology or lab experience preferred. Requires flexibility with scheduling.
Coastal Clean-up Day	A statewide event which takes place once a year where volunteers join together to remove trash and recyclables from California's beaches, lakes, and waterways.	Once/year (Fall)	4 hrs/ once a year	
Eelgrass Planting	Assist with the annual eelgrass planting as a diver harvesting eelgrass donor material from healthy donor beds or on the ground separating harvested eelgrass into plant bundles.	Once/year (late summer)	4 hrs/once a year	Divers and boaters are encouraged to volunteer!
Eelgrass Monitoring	Collect monthly eelgrass bed condition data including silt/epiphyte loading, recruitment, indications of disease, reproductive stage, and extent of shading (if applicable). Attend training with staff.	Monthly, year-round	2-3hrs/month	Requires use of provided kayaks for some sites.

Estuary Nature Center Docent	Answer questions and educate visitors of the Nature Center.	Weekly, year-round	2 hrs/week	
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For More Information:

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Please email form to:
staff@mbnep.org

Date: _____