

VERCO DECKING, INC TAKES PART IN THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP DAY.

We are always looking at ways to give back to our communities. When the Verco team members were asked to suggest ways we can give back to our local communities, Tammy Tice, a team member at the Antioch, CA facility suggested the California Coastal Cleanup. That was all it took; her teammates rallied and they collected several tons of material in less than three hours. The most important part, it was **DONE SAFELY**, just as they make deck.

The coastal cleanup started in 1985; since then more than 12 million pounds of debris have been removed from the state's shorelines and coast. In 1993, the Guinness Book of World Records hailed the Coastal Cleanup Day as 'the largest garbage collection'.



Tim Ferrier, Deck Plant Supervisor, arranged a meeting with Louis Terrazas, Wildlife

Refuge Specialist, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Louis oversees the Antioch Dunes National Wildlife Refuge. This area, which sits directly behind the Antioch, CA facility, is a highly sensitive area and home to three endangered species. It is the only home in the world to Lange's Metalmark Butterfly. It is also home to two endangered plants,

the Antioch Dunes Evening Primrose and the Contra Costa Wallflower. This made the coastal cleanup even more important.



After a quick briefing by Mr. Terrazas on what bugs not to swat, which plants not to step on and a toolbox safety meeting, the team and their family members began collecting trash in some of the most difficult places.



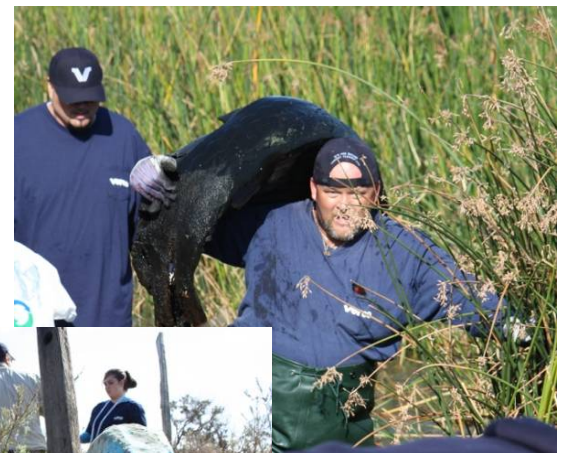
The entire coastal line was not cleaned, however the team of 29 did put a dent in the trash. When the first load was delivered to the rally point, the Verco team members were instructed to just throw their load in the roll-off dumpster as it would take too long to weigh it all. When the scale master was informed there were possibly two additional loads to be delivered, they were directed to another roll-off dumpster. They had just nearly filled the first one. Most of the material will be recycled.

The Verco team members had a wonderful and safe time; it was a great time for families to spend together. The entire Verco team thanks all the team members and their families for participating in the cleanup event.



We will finish the task in 2009. The Antioch Dunes Wildlife Refuge has not been cleaned as part of the California Coastal Cleanup Day in the past. Mr. Terrazas says the Verco team made a difference.

As we were leaving, Jerry Sager, Maintenance Supervisor, and Ray Frits, Paint Line Operator, had an opportunity to talk to a couple in the area.



The best part of the story is what others thought and this is shared through an email from Jerry Sager.

I just wanted to replay a story regarding a couple that flew out from Florida coincidentally the same day as our clean up. They used to live in the area many years ago.

As we were climbing along the beach, we saw a couple walking along the Antioch Dunes. When they saw us, they started walking toward us. Unfortunately, I do not remember their names, but they asked what we were doing. When I told them we were taking part in the Coastal Cleanup Day and chose to clean the area behind our manufacturing plant along the delta, they were very excited that Verco and NUCOR took such an interest in this area because they lost their youngest son in the area in 1972. They went on to explain that when their youngest son was 5 years old, he, his two older brothers, and friends were along the beach digging caves in the side of the cliffs. The 5 year old, being the smallest, was the furthest in the cave when it collapsed. The kids started yelling for some adults in the area who were able to get all the boys out except the 5 year old. Needless to say, the boy died in the tunnel. The couple considered the uniqueness of the area - butterflies and plants - a tribute to their son. And now, with Verco volunteering their time to clean up the area, they are holding us dear to their hearts for our efforts. There were definitely tears in their eyes as they were thanking us.



Thanks to all the VERCO team members who made this happen and to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Department who allowed the Verco team to adopt a refuge currently closed to the public.

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