



Port of San Diego tenants are teaming up to help rid the waterfront near the [Chula Vista Nature Center](#) of debris that has accumulated over the years.

Beginning at 7 a.m. on Saturday, February 13, 2010, employees from [Pasha Automotive Services](#), [Northrop Grumman Shipbuilding/Continental Maritime](#), [R.E. Staite Engineering](#), [BAE Systems](#), [General Dynamics/NASSCO](#), the [Marine Group Boat Works](#) and other businesses will volunteer time and equipment to remove the debris.

The area surrounding the Chula Vista Nature Center is a protected habitat and it is difficult to access. Because of that, trash and debris from San Diego Bay that washes up on the shoreline is hard to remove. Some of the items that have accumulated include sections of a concrete pier, pier bumpers, pilings and dozens of tires.

About 50 Port tenant volunteers will comb the sensitive area for trash and debris. Only a small number of volunteers will be allowed since the area is off-limits to people.

Pasha Automotive Services will be shuttling volunteers by bus from the Chula Vista Nature Center parking lot beginning at 7 a.m. Equipment donated by Port tenants and other businesses includes forklifts, jackhammers, sledgehammers, tractors and bobcats. Since some of the debris is so large, it won't fit into traditional dumpsters or waste receptacles. Volunteers will break up the larger pieces with the equipment to allow it to be collected and hauled away.

To thank the cleanup volunteers, the [San Diego Port Tenants Association](#) is providing a lunch of clam chowder and tuna sandwiches from [Anthony's Fish Grotto](#).

This is the second cleanup of this sensitive portion of San Diego Bay. In 2001, volunteers from the same businesses involved in the upcoming cleanup helped remove several tons of debris. The cleanup is different from the annual [Operation Clean Sweep](#), which has hundreds of volunteers cleaning numerous areas of San Diego Bay and its tidelands.

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