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City of Corona Department of Water and Power Employees Clean Up Local Waterway

On Saturday November 1, 2008, Department of Water and Power employees worked together to remove trash from a flood control channel that empties into the Temescal Creek. Twenty employees removed two truckloads of trash, consisting primarily of plastic, wood debris, fast food containers and Styrofoam, from the channel that runs through the City of Corona's Corporation Yard complex.

Flood control channels move water runoff through the City in unlined dirt channels, carrying it out to the ocean. Often times these channels become collectors of debris as winter storms and excessive outdoor watering traps trash and other items in small passage ways. These unlined channels also serve to allow some of the flowing groundwater to seep into the water table.

When the refuse and debris clogs up the system, it can become very unsafe as the water tends to pollute very quickly. This can cause contamination in the water table and provide a breeding ground for organisms that may carry disease. The DWP will be assisting with keeping these areas within the City's property free of debris and refuse so that the runoff remains as clean as possible.

Corona Department of Water & Power General Manager, Jonathan Daly commented, "By removing debris from our own flood control channels we are protecting Temescal Creek and the Santa Ana River all the way to the ocean. DWP employees did a great job and next year will be even better."

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