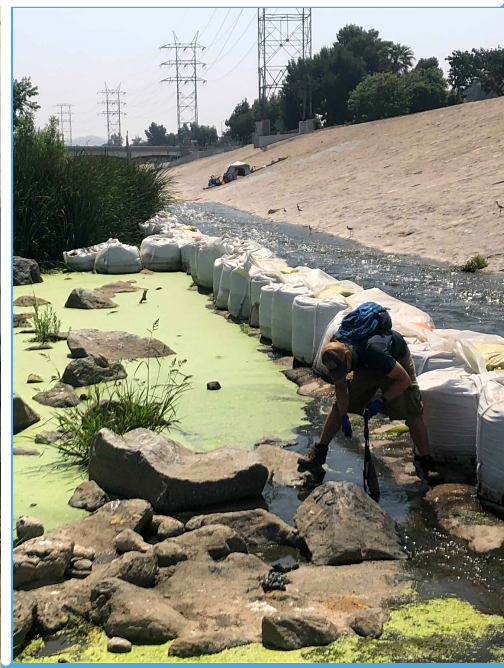




# FRIENDS OF THE LA RIVER

## Glendale Narrows Riverwalk and Haskell Creek Saturday June 19, 2021

Our third weekend of CleanUp has been our biggest yet! Over 200 volunteers joined us at our two sites, along with self-guided volunteers who cleaned their local neighborhoods. That means this week we surpassed an important milestone - over 10,000 lbs of trash have been removed from the LA River and its watershed since our kickoff weekend! Special thanks to Takeda for their sponsor support and participation this week at Glendale Narrows Riverwalk. At Haskell Creek we were grateful for the support from San Fernando Valley Audubon Society and the Resource Conservation District of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, who remind us that cleanup is as much about our experience as it is about improving wildlife habitat. Heartfelt thank you to all sponsors and volunteers for providing the momentum behind the River Movement.







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Volunteers from Takeda posing at Glendale Narrows (L), Team Takeda cleaning up important river habitat (R).

## BY THE NUMBERS

- 214 total volunteers, (564 vols over three weeks)
- 473 bags of trash, (1,333 total over three weeks)
- Weird items: bike wheel, railroad spike, and someone's missing margarita mix...
- Wildlife on-site: Black-Crowned Night Heron, Great Blue Heron, Crab, Black-necked stilts, red-winged blackbirds and common yellow throats.
- +10,000 lbs of trash removed from the LA River (cumulative)

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## Special Thanks to REI



CleanUp 2021 would not be possible without the generous support from REI. Their team remained in close contact with FoLAR throughout the pandemic and stepped up in a big way when we asked them to help bring back CleanUp, providing financial support and donating 3,000 neck gaiters to ensure everyone onsite can mask up. They are true partners supporting FoLAR's mission for a better River.



REI's LA Market Coordinator of SoCal Local Experiences [Jean Lim Flores](#) visited this weekend with her family. She had this to share about our partnership:

*REI's partnership with FoLAR has been evolving steadily for over a decade now. We're committed to the same values and purpose driven work that FoLAR has been doing on the Los Angeles River since that first day that we walked through the River Center doors for our first meeting with Lewis MacAdams himself. He cast the vision; and we were on board from the start and will continue to engage generations of members in the revitalization efforts on the river for many years to come.*



Volunteers of all walks of life joined us this past weekend - including mail carriers and nurses who understand a healthy LA River makes a healthy community.

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**CleanUp powers FoLAR's work year round!**  
With sponsor support we work to:

- Restore 110 acres of river wildlife preserve with invasive species removal.
- Protect urban riparian habitat for 1,200 species of wildlife.
- Generate 600 public comments to public agencies on impactful environmental policy.
- Advocate for 51 miles of river that serves our need for climate resiliency.
- Connect 3000 Title I students a year to nature in an outdoor or virtual classroom experience on the banks of the LA River.



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