

## **ATTACHMENT B**

2019 National Volunteer Week  
Solano County Board of Supervisors  
April 9, 2019 Meeting | 19-261

### **Boards & Commissions**

There are a variety of boards and commissions in which members of the public volunteer their service by providing their expertise and unique perspectives that assist the County in serving the public. This year, 209 members served on 32 boards and committees, including:

- Agricultural Advisory Committee
- Airport Land Use Commission
- Alcohol & Drug Advisory Board
- Area Agency on Aging Serving Napa-Solano
- Arts Council
- California Medical Facility Advisory Board
- Cordelia Fire Protection District
- Dixon Fire Protection District
- Dixon Resource Conservation District
- Equal Employment Opportunity Committee
- Fair Board of Directors
- Historical Records Commission
- Library Advisory Council
- Local Child Care Planning Council
- Mental Health Advisory Board
- Montezuma Fire Protection District
- Nut Tree Airport Advisory Committee
- Park & Recreation Commission
- Senior Coalition of Solano County
- Silveyville Cemetery District
- Solano Commission for Women and Girls
- Solano County Library Foundation
- Solano Partnership Against Violence
- Solano Resource Conservation District
- Solano Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
- Solid Waste Independent Hearing Panel
- Suisun Fire Protection District
- Suisun Resource Conservation District
- Tri-City and County Citizens Advisory Committee
- Vacaville Fire Protection District
- Vacaville-Elmira Cemetery District
- Workforce Development Board

### **County Administrator's Office**

Eighty volunteers worked a combined 210 hours to support the Solano County exhibit at the 2018 California State Fair and the Solano County Fair. Volunteers greeted visitors, talked about the County, including agriculture, tourism, arts and entertainment. They also handed out tens of thousands of free Jelly Belly samples to children, adults and families. Because of their efforts, Solano County won the Gold Award and the Best use of Agricultural Products in an exhibit.

### **Center for Volunteers and Nonprofit Leadership – Day of Service Events**

The Solano County Volunteer program hosted six day of service events in Solano County in 2018, including the Earth Day cleanup event, consisting of 735 volunteers giving a combined 2,940 hours of service to helping cleanup parts of Solano County. Additionally, 2,308 volunteers participated in the national Coastal Cleanup Day in Solano County, giving 6,924 hours of time to help cleanup coastlines along 64 sites throughout Solano County, including portions of Lake Berryessa.

### **District Attorney**

Eighteen volunteers assisted the District Attorney's office with 4,651 hours of volunteer service in 2018. Whether as a post-bar or pre-bar intern, an attorney or investigative assistant, a volunteer to the support staff, or even one of the canine volunteers, these individuals augment the ability of the District Attorney's Office to provide services, such as legal research, responding to motions, assisting in misdemeanor and juvenile cases and helping discovery. All the volunteers provided at least 5 hours of service, fourteen provided more than 100 hours, eleven provided more than 300 hours and two individuals provided more than 500 hours.

### **General Services – Nut Tree Airport**

Forty-seven volunteers working with the General Services Airport division worked a combined 1,095 hours, including the Nut Tree Advisory Committee, Young Eagle Flights for Kids and Legends of Flight pancake breakfast. Volunteers worked an average of 25 hours.

### **General Services – Historical Records Collection and Preservation**

Seven volunteers worked 21 hours in support of the County's Historical Records Collection and its mission to preserve and assist the public in accessing historic records.

### **Health and Social Services – Behavioral and Mental Health Services**

Behavioral and Mental Health Services had nine volunteers serve a combined 1,036 hours supporting programs that serve under-represented populations, including women and children. Volunteers also helped recruit, interview and assist in training In Home Support Services (IHSS) caregivers, including making recommendations on how to improve the program.

### **Library and Literacy Services**

Combined, the Solano County Library and Literacy Services programs benefits the most from community volunteers – more than any other department, program or service. With an army of 423 volunteers, the Solano County Library and Literacy Services provided 31,188 hours of service in 2018. The Literacy Program is in its 25<sup>th</sup> year of helping adults improve reading, writing and English speaking skills in on-on-one or small group situations.

#### Other volunteer opportunities that benefit the eight libraries include:

- Art Class Coordinator: Host a series of art workshops at the library, teaching art techniques and strategies
- Bilingual Internet Docent: Help Spanish-speaking users navigate the Internet and online library resources
- Craft Assistant: Assist with some craft preparations for children's story times
- Events Helper: Provide support during community outreach events, such as free flu shots, back-to-school events, farmers markets and Earth Day events, educating attendees on the benefits of the Library services
- Grand People and Books: Volunteers of all ages share books and their love of reading with children visiting in the library

- Homework Help Coordinator: Help recruit young adults and adults to help tutor elementary and middle age students after school with their homework. Help facilitate pairing between tutors and students
- Library Buddy: "Bring the Library" to the homebound by delivering books and other library materials thus returning them to the library as needed
- PAWS: Children are invited to read their favorite book to a furry four-pawed friend, a registered therapy dog. The reader receives a free book. Volunteer does the record keeping and coordinates the attendees
- Storytime at the Mall: Volunteers assist with reading, singing and informing children and parents about Library Services at the Fairfield Solano Town Centre Mall.
- Lawyers in the Library: Local Lawyers offer free legal advice and referral. Lawyer consultations last up to 20 minutes. There is no "attorney client" relationship. Program is held in Vacaville and Vallejo Libraries
- Friends of the Library: They are a nonprofit organization that promotes reading and learning through sponsorship of quality library services and events. They raise money through their book sales to help sponsor many of the children's programs and family events throughout the year
- Library Foundation: The mission of the Solano County Library Foundation is to support the programs of the Solano County Library and literacy and lifelong learning needs of the community it serves
- Gadget Clinic volunteers help users navigate their gadgets giving technical help and answering questions about cell phones, tablets, computers, lap tops, Nooks, and Kindles
- Chess Club volunteers welcome everyone from beginners to seasoned players. Welcome beginners to seasoned players
- Writers Club volunteers lead a group of writers who encourage each other and give them advice on how to get started and get published
- Knit/Crochet/Quilt Club volunteers lead a group of crafters of varying experience

### **Probation and Juvenile Hall Services**

Twenty-five volunteers served a collective 1,877 hours to support Probation and Juvenile Hall services, including religious and church services, mentoring, asset building, assistance with school, career planning and more. Volunteers help support the departments goal of providing programs and services that help offenders change behavior and become productive members of the community.

### **Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender**

Two volunteers provided 450 hours to the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender's Office in 2018, supporting attorneys with clients and casework.

### **Resource Management – Parks and Recreation**

The Solano County Parks and Recreation Division benefited from the work of 270 volunteers who contributed 8,269 hours of volunteer service between March 2018 and February 2019. The Solano County Parks Volunteer program included many volunteer efforts and events at Lake Solano Park, Sandy Beach and Lynch Canyon Open Space, coordinated through the efforts of the County's contracted Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator from the Solano Land Trust.

Many of the volunteers are trained docents and led monthly hikes: birds-of-prey (raptors) at Lynch Canyon, and creek birds and wildlife along the shores of Putah Creek at Lake Solano Park, and canoe tours that provide a unique way to see Lake Solano. Lake Solano volunteers built exhibits at the Lake Solano Nature Center. Lynch Canyon volunteers toiled away at fixing trails that had washed out, become overgrown with vegetation, or otherwise needing renovation.

These efforts both make the trails look more attractive and improve the public's safety on the well-traveled trails.

### **Resource Management – Integrated Waste Management**

The Department of Resource Management recruited 22 volunteers from Travis Air Force Base and the Solano community to aid the public at the County's Prescription Drug Take Back events in 2018. A total of 112 hours was spent helping the public properly get rid of their old, expired and un-wanted prescriptions in a safe and environmentally friendly way.

### **Sheriff – Coroner's Office / Office of Emergency Services**

The Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services (OES) volunteers are specifically trained or experienced volunteers who support the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) during activations, exercises and training programs, including search and rescue, the dive team and auxiliary communication services. Eighty-four volunteers gave 12,995 hours assisting OES staff in 2018, including thousands of hours in mutual support for the Butte County Camp Fire.

### **Sheriff – Coroner's Office / Animal Care Services**

The Sheriff's Office, Animal Care Services division is responsible for all the stray, injured and owner surrendered animals for the seven cities and unincorporated Solano County. Sixteen volunteers gave a combined 1,543 hours of community service in 2018 by helping shelter employees with the care and wellbeing of animals, including feeding, walking, socializing and assisting before, during and after adoption events.

### **Sheriff – Coroner's Office / Sheriff's Active Volunteer Experience (S.A.V.E.)**

This dynamic group of volunteers is utilized throughout the Sheriff's Office to assist staff with a wide variety of jobs and assignments, including Patrol Division (Citizen Patrol), Investigations Bureau, Administrative Services, Property and ID, Records and Warrants, Office of Professional Responsibility, Animal Services and the office of the Public Information Officer. Seventeen volunteers gave a combined 2,372 hours in 2018 to the S.A.V.E. program.

### **Veterans Services Office**

Seventeen volunteers gave a combined 3,415 hours in 2018 to help members of the Solano veteran's community gain access to the programs and services to which they are entitled because of their service to this country.

### **UC Cooperative Extension – 4H Youth Development and Master Gardener Programs**

The UC Cooperative Extension's volunteers service to the community as part of its 4-H Youth Development Program and Master Gardener programs. Volunteers serve in a variety of capacities, ranging project leaders, community club leaders, resource leaders and serving on the 4-H Leadership Council. Altogether, the 158 4-H volunteers have more than 1,047 combined years of volunteer service to the community. Although their exact number of hours was not tracked, it is estimated to be in the hundreds of thousands.

The 124 Master Gardener volunteers provided 7,380 hours of volunteer service, including research-based home gardening information to the public via workshops, events, school gardens, newsletters, blogs and hands-on demonstrations.