



San Diego Coastkeeper Email Alert

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In the News

Thank You Coastal Cleanup Day Volunteers



Photo: Matthew Meier Photography

ocean. [Click here](#) to learn more about monthly beach cleanups.

Coastkeeper would like to thank all of the dedicated volunteers who helped contribute to our largest [California Coastal Cleanup Day](#) ever. A record 10,000+ volunteers participated at 80 coastal and inland sites in San Diego County and Playas de Tijuana. The good news is with 2,200 more volunteers, we collected about 60,000 pounds less trash than last year's event. Thanks to our efforts, more San Diegans are making the connection between littering, storm drains, and debris on our beaches and

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San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Meet our Point Loma Neighbors

Attend this Friday's [Spirits at Liberty Station](#) event and enjoy meeting new friends, tasting wine and food and learning more about the local businesses. Proceeds from the event support the Liberty School.

Step #2

Attend Fiesta Del Rios Sunday

Celebrate the cultures and natural resources of the Tijuana River Estuary. Stop by Coastkeeper's table at [Fiesta Del Rios](#).

Step #3

Become a Member of Coastkeeper Today!

Join [San Diego Coastkeeper](#) today and support Coastkeeper's efforts to protect San Diego's bays, beaches, watersheds and ocean.



San Diego based [Cali Bamboo](#) donated \$14,000 to Coastkeeper's [Watershed Monitoring Program](#) to enhance the health of San Diego's beaches, bays, watersheds, and oceans and to provide valuable public health benefits to residents and visitors. A member of [1% for the Planet](#), Cali Bamboo is an

example of how individuals, businesses and communities can incorporate beauty and style without negatively impacting the environment.

California's Ocean Needs Your Support!

When: Wednesday, October 21. Public comment at 1:00pm - 4:00pm and 7:00pm - 10:00pm
Where: Long Beach Hilton
 701 W. Ocean Blvd.
 Long Beach, CA 90831



The [Blue Ribbon Task Force](#) charged with developing recommendations for a cohesive network of Marine Protected Areas in Southern California, is holding their final meeting from October 20-22 to approve a map. **We need a strong** turnout to support the most conservation-oriented map, known as "[Proposal 3](#)", which offers the greatest promise for profoundly increasing the number, size and diversity of ocean wildlife in conservation priority areas. **Please join us**

for public comment on October 21: contact [Jason Everitt](#) for [carpool](#) information and to [RSVP](#). If you cannot join us, another way to show your support is to send a [public comment letter](#) supporting marine protected areas in southern California. Take a few seconds to truly make a difference!

Water Authority Reinstates Water Conservation Rebates for Residents



The San Diego County Water Authority reinstated the [water conservation rebate program](#) for residents and businesses until May 31, 2010 or until funding runs out. Check [online](#) regularly for the latest information on qualifying devices, products and rebate amounts.

City of SD to Hold Water Forum on October 5

When: Monday, October 5 at 3:00pm
Where: San Diego City Hall
 202 "C" Street
 San Diego, CA 92101

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The San Diego City Council will hold a forum to discuss developing a comprehensive water strategy for the region, including whether San Diego should go to a tiered rate pricing structure for water. Panelists will include representatives from the City's Water Department, County Water Authority and Irvine Ranch Water District, which has effectively used tiered pricing to promote conservation. We encourage Coastkeeper supporters to attend this important workshop, which will hopefully be an important step in making San Diego a more sustainable city.

New Port Commissioner from Chula Vista

Former Chula Vista Mayor [Steve Padilla](#) was appointed [Port Commissioner](#) on Tuesday. Padilla was supported by the environmental community, including Coastkeeper, Environmental Health Coalition and the League of Conservation Voters. In addition to his expected role in guiding the development of Chula Vista's bayfront, he is expected to further green the [Port District](#), which manages San Diego Bay and surrounding waterfront land. The term expires in 2011.

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Volunteer Opportunities

October Water Monitoring

When: Saturday, October 17 at 8:45am

Where: Point Loma (San Diego Coastkeeper Offices)



San Diego Coastkeeper is looking for members of the community interested in helping us gather data to improve and protect San Diego's waters. If you are interested in collecting [water quality samples](#) and taking basic water chemistry measurements on a regular basis for our monthly water monitoring events, email [Preston Lam](#). Due to limited space and high volunteer interest, we are asking that volunteers register to participate by Wednesday, October 14.

Torrey Pines State Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, October 10 from 9:00am - 11:00am

Where: Beach cleanup at Torrey Pines. Meet at the lifeguard tower by the entrance to the South parking Lot across from the restrooms.



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Join us for a beach and street cleanup at Pacific Beach.

[Click here](#) directions for map.

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Upcoming Events

Renowned Author Derrick Jensen to Speak in San Diego

When: Thursday, October 1 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Where: University of San Diego
Mother Rosalie Hill Hall-Auditorium



Coastkeeper invites you to listen and speak with author [Derrick Jensen](#) as he addresses environmental destruction from a systemic perspective. Jensen is a dynamic and engaging speaker who has been hailed as the philosopher poet of the environmental movement. He explores the root causes of our culture's role in ecological devastation and why we continue to let this happen, even when we are fully aware of the negative impacts of our actions.

Raise Awareness for Water Conservation

When: Sunday, October 4 from 9:30am - 4:00pm

Where: Mission Bay, De Anza Cove



Participate in this weekend's [Walk4Water](#) 5km walk and raise awareness for water conservation in San Diego and the world.

We currently import nearly 90% of San Diego's water from rapidly depleting resources. Come help support water conservation in San Diego and around the globe, and stop by Coastkeeper's table to [learn what we are doing](#) to protect our local water supply.

Attend San Diego Green Expo for a Greener Planet

When: Sunday, October 18 starting at 10:00am

Where: San Diego Embarcadero, Marina Park North



The [Green Expo](#) is an all day free event that will connect the public with information, education and contacts to help save money, natural resources and the planet. Stop by Coastkeeper's outreach tent and say "hi" to you're green neighbors.

Purchase Tickets Now to Ocean Gala Benefit

When: Saturday, October 24 starting at 6:30pm

Where: The US Grant
326 Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101



Join us for the 14th annual [Ocean Gala](#) as we celebrate the heritage of our region's waterways. Enjoy fine dining, live music and exciting live and silent auctions. [Purchase](#) tickets now!

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