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### In the News

#### **Coastkeeper Launches *Beach Cleanup in a Box* Program**



San Diego Coastkeeper launched a Beach Cleanup in a Box Program as part of our Marine Debris Campaign, which complements our existing [Beach Cleanup Program](#). This Program is sponsored by the [Ford Motor Company Fund](#), and was created to provide the tools so that any resident or community organization in San Diego can hold their own beach cleanup. The program

includes a [Do-It-Yourself Manual](#), which comes with everything needed to host a cleanup.

In addition, Coastkeeper launched a new [Corporate Cleanup Program](#) for companies who want to involve their employees in community service in San Diego. For a small sponsorship, a business can have Coastkeeper host a private cleanup for all of their employees. If you are interested in hosting a cleanup through this program please contact [Monica Dillard](#).

#### **Make Your Voice Heard at Regional Water Board Hearing**

When: Wednesday, February 11, 2009, 9:00am

## San Diego's Action List

### Step #1

#### **Join the Conversation!**

Follow Coastkeeper on [Twitter](#), our user name is SD\_Coastkeeper.

### Step #2

#### **Become a Member of Coastkeeper Today!**

[Join San Diego Coastkeeper](#) today and support Coastkeeper's efforts to protect San Diego's waters.

### Step #3

#### **San Diego Science Festival Science Expo**

Attend the [San Diego Science Festival Science Expo](#) on April 5 from 10:30am – 6:00pm and stop by Coastkeeper's table to learn about the chemistry of water and the role we play in pollution prevention.

#### **San Diego o Coastkeeper is a member of:**



**Where:** Water Quality Control Board  
Regional Board Meeting Room  
9174 Sky Park Court  
San Diego, CA

Join us at the February Regional Water Board [meeting](#) to weigh in or just come see our attorneys in action. Coastkeeper will be advocating for a protective settlement for sewage violations at the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility in Escondido and the rescission of a conditional approval for the Carlsbad Desalination Plant.



### **Sign Up to Receive Water Saving Tips**

The [San Diego County Water Authority](#) and local water agencies offer rebates on water-saving devices and appliances. For tips, rebate information, and to sign up for email updates on water and conservation issues visit [www.20gallonchallenge.com](http://www.20gallonchallenge.com).

The San Diego region faces significant [water supply challenges](#) created by drought and regulatory restrictions on water deliveries from Northern California. You can help our region [save water](#) and reduce urban runoff by reducing your outdoor water use immediately. Steps to eliminate water waste include:

- Water only as needed during winter months; landscapes in many areas can be watered once a week or even less during the season's short, cool days.
- Turn off irrigation systems when rainstorms come, and leave them off for a week or more following major storms.
- Check for leaky irrigation pipes, risers or sprinkler heads and fix them right away.
- Clean driveways and sidewalks with a broom instead of a hose.
- Switching part or all of your landscape from turf and other thirsty plants to beautiful, water-wise plant choices.

**Thank you for your efforts to save water!**

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## **Volunteer Opportunities**

### **Imperial Beach Salt Pond and Cove Cleanup**

**When:** Saturday, February 7th, 9:00am-11am

**Where:** Meet at 13th and Cypress Avenue behind Auto Zone.



Join us to cleanup Emory Cove and Salt Pond. Cleanup is sponsored by the Port.

[Click here](#) for map and directions.

## Carlsbad Beach and Street Cleanup

When: Saturday, February 14th, 9:00am-11am

Where: South Carlsbad State Beach (Ponto Jetty). Meet at the state beach parking lot south of the jetty and lagoon.



[Click here](#) for map and directions.

## Water Monitoring Training and Training Event

When: Saturday, February 21 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, please email [Preston Lam](#). Due to limited space and high volunteer interest, we are asking that volunteers register to participate by Wednesday, February 18.

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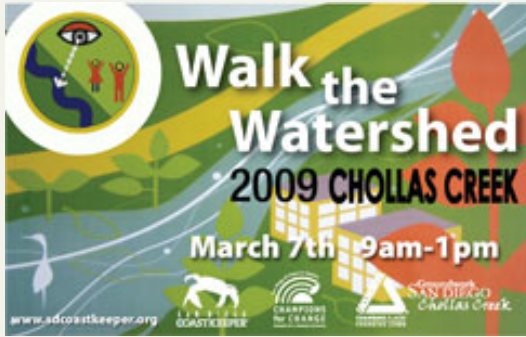
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## Upcoming Events

### 2009 Walk the Watershed, Chollas Creek

**When:** Saturday March 7, 2009  
Walk 9:00am – 1:00pm. Festival 11:00am – 1:00pm.

**Where:** Walk begins at the four acre open space parcel adjacent to Millennial Technology School and ends at Market Creek Plaza.



[San Diego Coastkeeper](#) and [Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek](#) is proud to present the **2nd Annual Walk the Watershed** - an outdoor, fun, interactive, and free event that will introduce community members to one of San Diego's most unique watersheds.

During this short walk, participants will take a scenic route following Chollas Creek

upstream through rare Cactus Wren habitat and the restoration and community enhancement projects of local organizations. At the end of the tour, food and educational outreach will be provided with African Dance, recycling, composting workshops and much more. For more information on Walk the Watershed contact [Sarah Blakeslee](#) (619) 758 – 7743, ext. 115.

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