



San Diego Coastkeeper Email Alert

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In the News

Coastkeeper Supports Lawsuit to Challenge Desalination Permit



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[Surfrider Foundation](#) filed a lawsuit last week against the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board challenging a permit allowing Poseidon Resources to withdraw 300 million gallons of seawater per day for the proposed Carlsbad ocean desalination plant. The complaint alleges that the proposed desalination facility must strictly comply with the California Water Code to minimize the intake and mortality of marine life.

As proposed, the desalination facility would kill countless marine organisms, with an illegal plan to replace these fish and other marine life through a restoration project somewhere else. Surfrider Foundation and San Diego Coastkeeper, as well as several State Attorney Generals and other environmental organizations, have worked with federal and state agencies for years to minimize marine life from the [cooling water intake systems](#) of coastal power plants - like the one used at the Encina Power Station in Carlsbad. Coastkeeper supports Surfrider's lawsuit to protect our marine life from harmful technology while we work together to pursue additional projects to help the region define a dependable water supply portfolio. [Become a Coastkeeper member](#) (memberships start at \$15) to join the fight to stop policies that destroy our ocean and start creating a sustainable water supply plan.

Help Protect South Bay From Damaging Power Plant Technologies

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Tell a Friend About Coastkeeper

We're on a mission to grow by 700 new members this year. The more members we have, the stronger our voice to protect your coastal waters. Tell your friends about Coastkeeper and ask them to [become a member](#).

Step #2

Quit Using One Single-Use Plastic

Start with just one. Perhaps you can commit to stop using [water bottled in plastic](#). If we all quit at least one single-use plastic habit, imagine the impact we'll have.

Step #3

Donate to Save Your Ocean

How much do you value your access to the ocean? Consider [donating](#) - if even just a portion of that value-to San Diego Coastkeeper so that we can keep your ocean clean and vibrant for you.



The State Water Quality Control Board will vote on May 4 on a final draft statewide policy to govern "once-through cooling" systems. These antiquated cooling systems used by power plants throughout California, including the South Bay Power Plant, kill over 79 billion fish and other marine life each year when the species are drawn into the plants with the rushing cooling water. Even though the Clean Water Act requires the plants to use the "best technology available" to minimize these significant impacts, California's draft policy sets two standards and lets plants elect to use the less-protective standard -without showing the more protective standard is infeasible. The draft policy also lets

California energy interests automatically extend a power plant's compliance deadline, without regard to the environmental impacts. Locally, this means that the policy could keep the South Bay Power Plant operating and killing fish and larvae in the South Bay for years to come instead of wrapping up operations by the end of 2010 - the result environmentalists, local politicians and Dynegy all want. [Send a message](#) to the State Water Control Board asking them to reject the policy as written and adopt a more protective policy.

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Darn Plastics! They Dominate Trash Removed During 2009 Cleanups



We've tallied the 2009 beach cleanup data! The results are astounding, and we couldn't have done it without the help of [Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services](#) and the [Surfrider Foundation](#), San Diego Chapter. We collect data at every beach cleanup so we can know the best ways to stop trash from accumulating on our coastline. Our increasing numbers of volunteers at our bi-monthly cleanups collected over 7,000 pounds of trash last year, including 12,000 pieces of Styrofoam,

7,000 plastic bottle caps and nearly 50,000 cigarette butts (ew!). Look for the data soon on our interactive maps online. Thanks again to Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services for supporting our monthly cleanups and providing the supplies we need to keep our coast clear! [Download the press release](#) for the 2010 beach cleanup schedule, and check out [this summary](#) showing trends using our beach cleanup data from 2007-2009.

We're Seeking Ocean-Loving Team Members



Want to use your skills to help protect San Diego's coastal waters? Apply to one of our three open positions:

- **Water Quality Lab Manager** - This part-time position oversees and manages field monitoring, laboratory operations, water quality analyses, interpretations and program communications. It requires at least one year of professional laboratory experience including working with water quality data management and conducting quality assurance and quality controls tests.

Evenings and some weekends required, and salary is commensurate with experience. Download the [complete job description](#) and apply to coastkeeper@gmail.com by Saturday, May 1.

- **Outreach and Marine Debris Internship** - We seek an energetic, dedicated and organized superstar to help us spread the word about Coastkeeper through our outreach and marine debris initiatives. It includes evening and weekend events such as beach cleanups, volunteer meetings and tabling opportunities, and pays a monthly stipend of \$1,000. Download the [complete description](#), and apply to [Alicia Glassco](#) by Monday, May 3.

- **Marketing Internship** - We are also looking for an efficient and creative individual to help the communications director with public relations, email marketing, event publicity and social media. This non-paid internship requires a minimum commitment of three months, and hours are flexible. Download the [complete job description](#) and apply to [Jamie Ortiz](#) by Friday, May 14.

Creek to Bay, La Jolla Country Day Volunteers Rock Cleanups



On Saturday, Coastkeeper hosted a site for the 8th Annual [Creek to Bay Cleanup](#). This huge event brings over 4,500 volunteers to over 60 sites throughout the county, and we are glad that our friends at [I Love A Clean San Diego](#) organized such a successful effort to keep our waterways clean! After Creek to Bay, Coastkeeper hosted a group of 44 students and families from [La Jolla Country Day School](#) and [Mission Bay Montessori Academy](#) for a cleanup on Sunday. These energetic volunteers removed 1,293 pieces of

plastic trash, 457 pieces of paper and 3 marshmallows from Crown Point in Mission Bay Park. Thanks to everyone who contributed to keeping our coast clean this weekend. We couldn't do it without you!

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Volunteer Opportunities

Del Mar Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, May 8, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where: [Del Mar Powerhouse Beach](#)

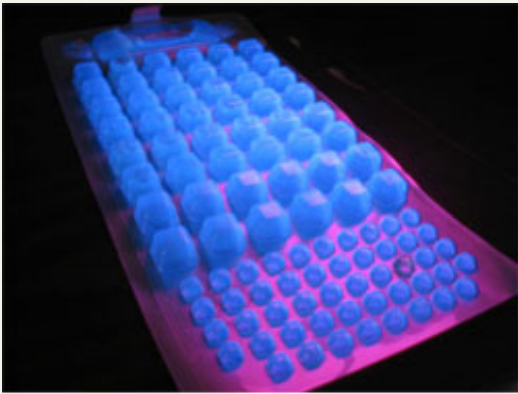


Celebrate Mother's Day a little early with San Diego Coastkeeper by bringing Mom to our next beach cleanup on May 8 at 15th Street/Powerhouse Park in Del Mar. Bring your own bucket or reusable bag and get a chance to win tickets to see [Nada Surf](#) at the [Belly Up](#).

May Water Quality Monitoring

When: Saturday, May 15 at 8:45 a.m.

Where: Point Loma (San Diego Coastkeeper Office)



We've changed our volunteer water quality monitoring program. This month's monitoring event on Saturday will include training for new volunteers. If you want to learn how to conduct water monitoring, contact sarah@sdcoastkeeper.org to RSVP because space is limited. Our next new volunteer training is scheduled for July 17. Once you are trained, you can come [every month](#), which means we want returning volunteers for May 15 too!

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Upcoming Events

3rd Annual Carlsbad Beach Fest

When: Saturday, May 1, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Where: [Frazee State Beach at Pine Avenue](#)



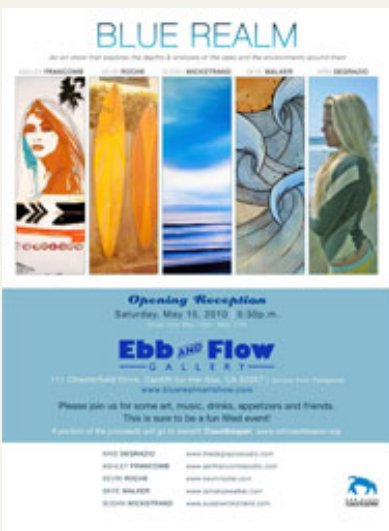
The 3rd annual [Carlsbad Beach Fest](#) includes live music, kids' activities, a beach volleyball clinic, sand sculpture displays and lifeguard rescue demonstrations. Organizers want the free event to encourage people to support coastal preservation efforts. The [California State Parks](#) and the recently formed [Friends of Cardiff and Carlsbad State Beaches](#) help bring this free and educational event to us.



Blue Realm Art Show

When: Saturday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.

Where: [Ebb and Flow Gallery](#)



[The Blue Realm Art Show](#) explores the depths and shallows of the sea and the environments around them - and proceeds from the show benefit Coastkeeper! It features five different artists with five different perspectives focusing on the natural beauty that you help us protect. The opening reception on Saturday, May 15 at 5:30 p.m. includes music and appetizers and artwork from [Kris Degrazio](#), [Ashley Francomb](#), [Kevin Roche](#), [Skye Walker](#) and [Susan Wickstrand](#). Come find the next addition to your art collection and help raise money to protect your ocean.

Save the Date: Signs of the Tide

When: Thursday, June 3, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: [Encinitas Library Community Room](#)



Trash kills. Marine debris affects over 267 marine species, killing over 100,000 marine mammals, birds and turtles and over one million sea birds each year. 80 percent of that trash starts on land. What is San Diego doing about it? Get a behind-the-scenes peek at what local decision-makers are doing to curb the problem and how you can help.

Local Weatherman Loren Nancarrow will moderate a panel including City of Encinitas Councilmember Teresa Barth, Scripps

Institution of Oceanography Scientist Miriam Goldstein, City of Santa Monica Environmental Analyst Josephine Miller, Regional Water Quality Control Board Assistant Executive Officer Jimmy Smith

The free event includes expert presentations and small group discussions. We'll provide light snacks and refreshments. You bring an appetite to learn.

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