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### In the News

## **Last Chance to Voice Support Locally for MPAs in San Diego**

**When:** August 3, 2009 at 9:30am  
[Public testimony](#) begins at 3:30  
 (time subject to change).

August 4, 2009 at 8:00am  
[Public testimony](#) TBD.

**Where:** Holiday Inn  
 850 Palomar Airport Road  
 Carlsbad, CA 92008

Hilton Garden Inn  
 6450 Carlsbad Blvd.  
 Carlsbad, CA 92011



The last San Diego area meeting of groups working to implement the [Marine Life Protection Act](#) is taking place in **Carlsbad** next week. This South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group meeting is the last opportunity San Diegans have to testify on this important initiative without having to travel outside of San Diego County for meetings of the Blue Ribbon Task Force and California Department of Fish & Game. **A large turnout is needed** to help ensure that

a robust network of marine protect areas is created that will allow marine ecosystems to recover and fisheries to be restored to health. Please demonstrate your support for marine conservation and a comprehensive network of marine reserves off our coastline by attending one of the [Carlsbad meetings](#). Depending on the response we receive, Coastkeeper may coordinate carpools or a bus from San Diego to Carlsbad. Contact [Meagan Wylie](#) if you plan to attend.

## San Diego's Action List

### Step #1

#### **Voice Support for Ocean Protection!**

Attend the August 3rd and 4th [MLPA RSG Meetings](#) in Carlsbad to support marine protected areas in Southern California.

### Step #2

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

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

### Step #3

#### **Save the Date!**

San Diego Coastkeeper's 14th [Annual Ocean Gala](#) will be held on October 24th at The US Grant in downtown San Diego.

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



## Ralphs Donation Supports Coastkeeper's Efforts in the Community



Photo: Kendra Doyel, Ralphs Group VP and Bruce Reznik, Coastkeeper Executive Director

Coastkeeper received a \$23,000 donation from [Ralphs](#) during the Grand Opening Celebration for Ralphs' newest Fresh Fare supermarket in La Jolla. This donation resulted from a drive at Ralphs checkouts throughout the county. Thanks to Ralphs' commitment to clean water and the local community, Coastkeeper will continue to protect the beaches, waterways, and oceans in La Jolla and throughout San Diego County.

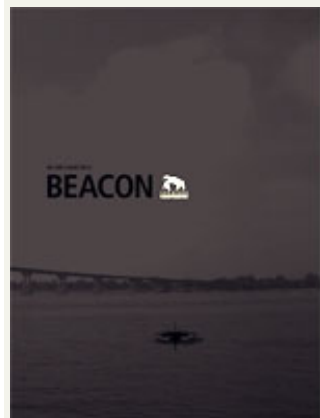
## Coastkeeper Gives Desalination Presentation to State Senators



Photo: Briefing panelists Adam Scow, Food & Water Watch, Gabriel Solmer, and California Coastkeeper Alliance's Angela Haren respond to Senate Staffers.

On July 23, Coastkeeper's Legal Director, Gabriel Solmer, provided a desalination briefing to a group of 15 California Senate offices at the Capitol. As California reacts to the ongoing water crisis, many public water districts and private companies are pursuing ocean water desalination as a way to enhance California's water supply. The briefing educated Senators on the history, benefits and drawbacks of these projects, as well as water supply alternatives.

## San Diego Coastkeeper Annual Report



In 2008, Coastkeeper was able to educate more than 40,000 students with Project SWELL education curricula, engage over 12,500 volunteers to help remove over 180,000 pounds of debris from area beaches and inland waterways, and monitor the health of ten of the region's eleven watersheds. In addition, we were successful advocating for the City of San Diego to test the use of highly-treated wastewater policies for decades to come. [Click here](#) to read more about our accomplishments in 2008 and the challenges that will face the region in coming years.

## Nominate Environmental Stewards for Coastal Champion Award



Photo: Kevin Roche Photography

Applications for the [2009 Coastal Champion Awards](#) will be accepted until **5:00pm Friday, July 31, 2009**. The Award is given annually to dedicated community and business leaders and volunteers. This year, we are adding a Youth category to honor our youngest environmental stewards. [Click here](#) for more information and the criteria for the Coastal Champion Awards or contact [Megan Baehrens](#) (619) 758-7743, ext. 103.

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## [Volunteer Opportunities](#)

### [Carlsbad Beach Cleanup](#)

When: Saturday, August 8, 2009 from 9:00am - 11:00am

Where: Tamarack Beach. Meet on the sand at the end of Tamarack Avenue.



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

[Click here](#) for map.

### [August Water Monitoring](#)

When: Saturday, August 15, 2009 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, email [Preston Lam](#). Due to limited space and high volunteer interest, we are asking that volunteers register to participate by Wednesday, August 12.

## [Coastkeeper Core Volunteer Opportunities](#)





San Diego Coastkeeper is currently seeking volunteers interested in making a six month commitment helping us with community outreach events. [Volunteer](#) core activities will include speaking at events, educating the community about waterway pollution prevention, and assisting with beach cleanups. Any prior knowledge and experience is valuable, but not a requirement, as all volunteer core interns will be trained. Contact [Sarah Blakeslee](#) for more information how to get involved with the environmental community.

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## Upcoming Events

### 25th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day

When: September 19, 2009 from 9:00am to 12:00pm

Where: San Diego County



Join [San Diego Coastkeeper](#) and [I Love A Clean San Diego](#) for the 25th Anniversary of the [California Coastal Cleanup Day](#), and take part in San Diego's largest annual volunteer event. Last year, over 7,500 volunteers removed 160,000 pounds of debris from 150 miles of coastal and urban areas. Registration for the event will begin in August. We look forward to your participation!

### 14th Annual Ocean Gala Celebrates Our Region's Watersheds

When: October 24, 2009

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



Join San Diego Coastkeeper in celebrating the heritage of our region's watersheds at the [14th Annual Ocean Gala](#) at [The US Grant](#) in downtown San Diego.

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