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In the News

Attend MLPA Regional Stakeholder Meeting and Make Your Voice Heard

When: Tuesday, January 13 from 9:30am – 5:30pm
Wednesday, January 14 from 8:00am – 3:30pm

Where: Holiday Inn-On the Bay
1355 North Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92101



The [Marine Life Protection Act](#) encourages public participation in the design of the network of [MPAs](#). Get Involved in the MPA Process and attend the first 2009 meeting of the [MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group](#) in [San Diego](#) to learn what is going on and make your voice heard. This will likely be the only workshop in San Diego before a recommendation is sent to the

Fish & Game Commission later this year.

Public comments specific to the MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group will be taken at approximately 12:30pm both days. Speaker cards are requested and may be found at the entrance to the meeting room.

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Green Factoid

With the rainy season upon us we must remember not to over water our garden or lawn. Excess water carries yard wastes, dirt, pesticides and other toxins into gutters, down storm drains and into the ocean. If you have a sprinkler system adjust it according to the weather and if rain is in the forecast hold off on watering and let nature take its course. [Click here](#) for more pollution prevention tips.

Step #2

Join San Diego Coastkeeper Today!

Become a [member](#) and support Coastkeeper's work to protect California's ocean legacy.

Step #3

Take Action to Protect California's Ocean Legacy!

Attend the upcoming [MLPA South Coast Regional Stakeholder Group](#) meeting January 13 & 14 to learn what is going on and make your voice heard.

EPA & Water Board Hold January Hearing on San Diego Sewage Treatment Waiver

When: January 21 at 9:00am

Where: San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board
9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100
San Diego, CA

The US EPA and the Regional Water Board are holding a [hearing](#) to determine whether to grant San Diego another 5-year exemption from secondary sewage treatment standards at its Point Loma Wastewater Treatment facility. Discharging 180 million gallons of sewage to the ocean every day, San Diego is currently the largest sewage agency in the country with a waiver from secondary standards. Coastkeeper is working with the City in hopes of developing a long-term plan for San Diego's sewage collection and treatment system. Please join us on January 21 to voice your opinion about San Diego's sewage treatment. A final agency decision is expected in March.



Photo: Jessie Altstatt, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

Celebrate Underwater Parks Day on January 17

Celebrate [Underwater Parks Day](#) and raise awareness for [Marine Protected Areas](#) (MPAs) and preserving fragile and important ocean ecosystems for future enjoyment. San Diego Coastkeeper is leading the charge for the creation of a cohesive network of MPAs in Southern California to ensure protection of these our precious marine resources. Join Coastkeeper at the [Birch Aquarium, La Jolla](#) from 11:00-3:00pm on Saturday, January 17 to learn more about the MLPA process and Coastkeeper's efforts to protect California's ocean legacy.

Join the [Birch Aquarium, La Jolla](#), [Sea Life Aquarium, Carlsbad](#), [Aquarium of the Pacific, Long Beach](#), [Cabrillo Marine Aquarium, San Pedro](#), [Ocean Institute, Dana Point](#), and [Birch Aquarium, La Jolla](#) to celebrate ocean conservation.

The day will include lectures, presentations, interactive activities, and handouts about California's [Marine Life Protection Act](#) and its goal of preserving and improving California coastal marine resources.

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Moonlight Beach Cleanup in Encinitas

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

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is a member of:



A Statewide Voice for Our Waters

Where: Moonlight Beach, Encinitas. Meet next to restrooms.

Join us for a beach and street cleanup!

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

Ocean Beach Pier Beach and Street Cleanup

When: Saturday, January 24 from 9:00-11:00am

Where: Ocean Beach Pier, San Diego. Meet north of the pier in the grassy area south of the lifeguard station.



Photo: Sundar Karthikeyan

San Diego Coastkeeper cleanups are sponsored by [Ford Motor Company Fund](#), Operation Goodwill San Diego. Join us to kick-off our partnership at a beach and street cleanup!

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

January 2009 Water Monitoring Training

When: Saturday, January 24 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 [Lillian Luong](#). Due to limited space and high volunteer interest, we are asking that volunteers register to participate by Wednesday, January 21.

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Upcoming Events

Sea Rocket Bistro Hosts Fundraiser for Coastkeeper

When: Wednesday, January 21 from 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Sea Rocket Bistro
3382 30th Street
San Diego, CA 92104



Help support San Diego Coastkeeper by joining us at a fundraiser hosted by [Sea Rocket Bistro](#) in North Park which specializes in sustainable seafood. Sea Rocket is a farm-to-table restaurant that focuses on local foods in order to provide a more physical connection between their guests and the food they eat.

Your \$20 ticket price will provide support to Coastkeeper and will get you delicious local and sustainable food from the Bistro. Drinks not included.

Coastkeeper to Host First Clean Water Ambassador Training

When: Thursday, January 29 at 6:30pm

Where: Kona Kai Marina, conference room
1551 Shelter Island Dr.
San Diego, CA 92106

San Diego Coastkeeper is hosting the first quarterly Clean Water Ambassador Training to inform the public about local water issues, volunteer opportunities and what you can do to make a difference in your community. Join Coastkeeper Executive Director Bruce Reznik as he discusses Coastkeeper's 2009 efforts and the work of the international [Waterkeeper Alliance](#).

For more information on becoming a Clean Water Ambassador, contact [Sarah Blakeslee](#).

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