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In the News

Help Ensure Responsible Desalination at Water Board Hearing



The San Diego Regional Water Board will be considering the adequacy of Poseidon Resources' marine life mitigation plan for its Carlsbad Desalination Project at the agency's [April 8 hearing](#), after the Board found the initial mitigation plan incomplete at its February hearing. Take action now by [signing the petition](#) today to the Regional Board Members and the Executive Officer, urging them to fully

study the marine life impacts of the proposed desalination plant as required by law.

Coastkeeper is working to secure San Diego's water future by urging administrative agencies to conduct a legally adequate and thorough review of the proposed CDP to ensure all environmental impacts are properly mitigated, as we also advocate for increased conservation and water reclamation for the region.

County Restores Coastal Monitoring Program

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Be a Water Super Saver!

In honor of Earth Month Coastkeeper would like to challenge you to save hundreds of gallons of water each week. [Start today!](#)

Step #2

Become a Member of Coastkeeper Today!

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

Step #3

Attend April 4 Science Festival Expo!

Attend the [San Diego Science Festival Science Expo](#) on April 4 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.

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Coastkeeper applauds the County Board of Supervisors for its unanimous decision last week to reinstate beach water quality monitoring to protect public health throughout San Diego County, though we remain disappointed the program had been eliminated for a period. The monitoring program, required by legislation and previously funded entirely by the state water board, had been cut due to California's budget crisis. The \$150,000 approved by the Supervisors is approximately half of the program's previous budget, and will scale down the number of sites that will be monitored and target high priority areas. While not as robust a monitoring strategy

for our region as we would like to see, the approved program represents a positive step in difficult economic times.

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[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

April Water Monitoring and Training

When: Saturday, April 18 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, April 16.

Ocean Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 11 from 9:00am – 11:00am

Where: Sunset Cliffs in Ocean Beach. Meet on the end of Ladera Street.



Join us for a beach cleanup at Ocean Beach.

[Click here](#) for map.

7th Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 25 from 9:00am – 12noon

Where: Ocean Beach Pier. Meet on the grassy area north of the pier.



Join San Diego Coastkeeper for a beach and street cleanup in Ocean Beach. Visit www.creektobay.org to register for this cleanup and for directions. Creek to Bay is coordinated by [I Love A Clean San Diego](#).

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Upcoming Events

Visit Coastkeeper at the San Diego Science Festival Expo

When: Saturday, April 4 from 10:00am – 6:00pm

Where: Balboa Park
San Diego



Join [Coastkeeper](#) at the [San Diego Science Festival Science Expo](#) and learn the chemistry of water and about the role we play in pollution prevention. There will be more than 500 free, hands-on activities.

EarthFair 2009 Almost Here

When: Sunday, April 19 from 10:00am – 5:00pm

Where: Balboa Park
San Diego



Celebrate Earth Day's 40th anniversary at [EarthFair in Balboa Park](#). It's the largest free annual

environmental fair in the world. This year, it will feature more than 200 exhibitors, special themed areas, a Food Pavilion, a special Kids' Activity Area,

five entertainment venues, the Children's Earth Parade and Alternative Fuel Vehicle Parade and Show. Don't forget to stop by Coastkeeper's booth!

Become a Clean Water Ambassador

When: Thursday, April 23 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Where: NTC Naval Command Center (2640 Historic Decatur Road)

Become a Clean Water Ambassador! **Clean Water Ambassador Trainings** serve to educate, engage and empower Coastkeeper's members, partners, supporters, and volunteers by providing a forum that highlights the organization's work, and the critical environmental issues facing the San Diego region. On April 23rd experts will be speaking on San Diego's Water Supply issues, focusing on water conservation. Among our guest panelists are: **Linda Pratt**, Chief Program Manager for the City of San Diego's Environmental Services Department and **Dr. Lisa Shaffer**, the Executive Director of the UC San Diego campus-wide Sustainability Solutions Institute and an adjunct professor in the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UCSD and Coastkeeper's very own **Karen Franz**, Watershed Program Director.

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