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In the News

Support Diane Takvorian for Port Commission



San Diego City Councilmembers Donna Frye and Todd Gloria have nominated [Diane Takvorian](#) for [Port Commissioner](#). Ms. Takvorian has been a tireless advocate for social and environmental justice for almost 30 years as a community activist and in her role as Executive Director of Environmental Health Coalition. We need your support **NOW** to get one of San Diego's leading environmental voices appointed to the Port. Take a few minutes to [contact members of the San Diego City Council](#) **TODAY** to let them know you want Diane Takvorian appointed to Port of San Diego Board of Commissioners.

Make Voice Heard: Attend MLPA Regional Stakeholder Meeting in Santa Ana

When: Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00pm

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Become a Member of Coastkeeper Today!

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

Step #2

Did You Know That Car Washing is a Pollution Problem?

Metals and automotive fluids that are washed off with soapy water travel down the gutter, collecting more pollutants, then enter our storm drains and end in our waterways, bays and oceans. [Learn more](#) about washing your car and protecting our waterways.

Step #3

Save the Date!

Join us on Saturday, October 24 for the 14th Annual Ocean Gala at the U.S. Grant Hotel in downtown San Diego. Stay tuned for more information.

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Where: Double Tree Hotel
201 East MacArthur Boulevard
Santa Ana, CA 92707



Photo: Jessie Altstatt, Santa Barbara Channelkeeper

Attend the May 19 Regional Stakeholder Group [meeting](#) in Santa Ana and help determine the location of marine protected areas on the South Coast of California. The RSG members have requested this special public comment hearing because your voice and support are crucial at this point in the process. After this work group session, the draft marine protected area arrays will be put into six proposals. If you are not able to attend the Santa Ana meeting, you can write a support letter to preserve what is fragile and precious today for tomorrow.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact [Meagan Wylie](#).

Regional Board Voted to Give Final Approval to Proposed Carlsbad Desal Plant



Photo: Matthew Meier Photography/Lighthawk

After three hearings, hundreds of pages of last minute revisions to documents, and admonitions from other state agencies, the Regional Board voted on Wednesday to give [final approval](#) of the *Flow, Entrainment and Impingement Minimization Plan* for Poseidon Resources proposed Carlsbad Desalination Project. San Diego Coastkeeper and Surfrider Foundation have already filed lawsuits against the Regional Board's conditional approval of

the plan last year. Last week's Regional Board approval can be appealed to State Water Board in the next 30 days.

Judge to Hear Environmental Groups Arguments against State Lands Commission

On May 22, the judge will hear oral arguments in Coastkeeper and Surfrider's lawsuit against the State Lands Commission for its approval of the Carlsbad Desalination Project. The suit alleges inappropriate review and mitigation under the California Environmental Quality Act. Coastkeeper currently has litigation pending against the Regional Water Board for its approval of the project as well.

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[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

June Water Monitoring and Training

When: Saturday, June 20 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, June 17.

Mission Bay Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, May 23 from 9:00am – 11:00am

Where: Fiesta Island Mission Bay cleanup. Take a right after you turn onto Fiesta Island Road and meet in the dirt parking area right after you turn.



Join us for a Memorial Day Holiday Weekend beach and cleanup at Fiesta Island in Mission Bay.

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Celebrate World Oceans Day

When: Sunday, June 7

Beach, Kayak and Dive Cleanup from 9:00am – 11:00am

Birch Aquarium from 11:00am – 3:00pm

Where: La Jolla Shores, Kellogg Park and Birch Aquarium



Photo: Meleah Ashford

Celebrate [World Oceans Day in La Jolla](#) with [San Diego Coastkeeper](#), [Birch Aquarium](#), [San Diego Oceans Foundation](#) and [Think Blue San Diego](#) on Sunday, June 7 for a morning beach, kayak, and dive clean up. Have fun learning about the special creatures found in our local marine waters, and make a difference in your community and our global ocean with a few short hours. The celebration continues in the afternoon at Birch Aquarium with a host of other activities planned.

Memorial Day Holiday Weekend Outreach in Mission Bay

When: Saturday, May 23 - Monday, May 25. Shifts are 4 hours long and begin at 8:30am until 3:30pm.

Where: Mission Bay



Join Coastkeeper along with Think Blue on Memorial Day weekend to collect environmental and pollution prevention data at DeAnza Cove in Mission Bay. If you have a few hours of time that weekend, come outside, get some exercise and help us raise awareness for pollution prevention in Mission Bay. Contact [Sara Blakeslee](#) if you are interesting in volunteering and for more information.

Join Coastkeeper's Director for Breakfast Dialogue on Water Conservation

When: Thursday, May 28 from 7:30am to 9:15 am

Where: Holiday Inn Embarcadero
1355 North Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA

Attend the Citizens Coordinate for [Century 3](#) Breakfast Dialogue on the City of San Diego's mandatory [water conservation program](#). The focus of the presentation is the City's pending program, pros and cons, and a discussion of possible alternatives. Panelist include Coastkeeper's Executive Director, Bruce Reznik, Darryl Miller, Past President of the Irvine Ranch Water District and Alex Ruiz, Deputy Director with the City's Water Department. Mike Uhrhammer, Communications Director for the Padre Dam MUD will serve as moderator.

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