



San Diego Coastkeeper Email Alert

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In the News

Coastkeeper Welcomes Watershed Monitoring Program Manager



This week [Clay Clifton](#) joined Coastkeeper's staff as our new [Watershed Monitoring Program](#) Manager. Clay's program supports Coastkeeper campaigns by collecting samples and providing water quality data used to track the health of streams and rivers in the county's watersheds. Previously, Clay directed the Ocean Recreational Water Program for the County of San Diego, Department of Environmental Health, where he was responsible for monitoring and public notification of contamination events at 52 miles of public beaches. And he can catch a mean wave!

Executive Director Honored at Casino Night for the Coast

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Become our Friend

On Facebook, of course. Get daily updates of fun videos, beautiful photography and interesting factoids. You also get an insider's glimpse into Coastkeeper's staff, including the ["Old MacDonald" punishment](#).

Step #2

Protect Your Waterways

Check our list of [10 easy things you can do to protect your waterways](#). Challenge yourself to incorporate all 10 ideas into your life, and pass it on to your friends.

Step #3

Love South La Jolla

Show your love for San Diego's iconic coastal areas at south La Jolla and Swami's. Please use [our online form](#) to write a letter urging California's Fish and Game Commission to save both south La Jolla and Swami's. Decisions we make today will have ripple effects for generations.



Last night, at Casino Night for the Coast, the [California Coastal Coalition](#) honored Coastkeeper Executive Director Bruce Reznik as a Champion of the Coast for his stewardship of regional coastal resources. Bruce shared the honor with several elected officials including Hon. Pam Slater-Price, Chair, San Diego Board of Supervisors; Hon. Donna Frye, San Diego City Council

Member; Hon. Ann Kulchin, Carlsbad City Council Member; Hon. Joe Kellejian, Solana Beach City Council Member; and Hon. James Bond, Encinitas City Council Member. The evening also included entertainment, a silent auction and casino gaming.

Friends Celebrate Coastkeeper's Work on Underwater Parks



Photo Credit [Guided By Imagination Photography](#)

More than 50 friends joined Coastkeeper last week to celebrate our work to implement a network of underwater parks off the San Diego coast. World-renowned marine ecologist Paul Dayton, of the [Scripps Institution of Oceanography](#), spoke about the importance of our efforts to promote marine protected areas that will safeguard threatened marine habitat and wildlife. At the Scripps Seaside Forum, a striking new LEED-certified conference and event center, guests also enjoyed photographer [Matthew](#)

[Meier's](#) images of the wildlife and landscapes that Coastkeeper fights to save. [Quivira Winery](#) donated biodynamic wine and [Stone Brewing Company](#) contributed locally brewed beer. Visit San Diego Coastkeeper online to learn more about our [marine conservation initiative](#) and the dire importance of making underwater parks reality in San Diego County.

Save the Date for Coastkeeper's Signs of the Tide



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We are launching a new quarterly public forum called Signs of the Tide: Understanding San Diego's Water. Open to Coastkeeper members, volunteers, Board of Directors and the public, these evening events include a world-cafe-style discussion covering timely and important issues related to San Diego's water. The first one, scheduled for April 1 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at a location to be determined, will cover science education in schools and the importance of environmental science programs like [Project SWELL](#) to ensure we properly prepare our children for a 21st-century economy. The evening will feature three prominent speakers and small group discussion sessions among the participants. Please save the date.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Oceanside Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where: Oceanside Pier



If you have taken a stroll on the beach lately, you probably noticed lots of trash on the sand from our recent winter storms. Join Coastkeeper at the Oceanside Pier to cleanup all the bits of Styrofoam, plastic bottle caps, and cigarette butts that pollute our beaches. Then venture over to the [Oceanside Green Fair](#) for music, fun, and tips on living green! See our [events calendar](#) for more details.

March Water Quality Monitoring

When: Saturday, March 13 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 May 15. Once you are trained, you can come [every month](#), which means we want returning volunteers for March 13 too!

Walk the Watershed

When: Saturday, March 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Begins at [Monroe Clark Middle School](#)



We're celebrating watersheds on March 20 in Swan Canyon in City Heights-and you're invited to the party. Our 3rd annual Walk the Watershed brings together students and community members for a restoration and education event aimed at increasing awareness about how residents can restore and protect natural habitats in their neighborhoods. The day includes a nature walk with educational stations followed by a party including food and music. Visit Coastkeeper online for all the details about [Walk the Watershed](#).

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Upcoming Events

High Tech Fair

When: Tuesday, March 9 from 5:30 p.m.- 7:30 p.m.

Where: [Del Mar Fairgrounds](#), Wyland Hall



Are you a 7th - 12th grade student or parent that is curious about science and how things work? Come to this year's [San Diego High Tech](#) Fair Student Parent Night and learn about exciting science and technology applications. Stop by Coastkeeper's booth and learn how we test bacteria levels and chemical contaminants to monitor the health of our local waterways. The event is free, but you must [register](#) in advance. See you there.

Coastkeeper to Present at WateReuse Conference

When: Sunday, March 7 - Tuesday, March 9

Where: Paradise Point Resort & Spa



Executive Director Bruce Reznik will represent Coastkeeper during the Tuesday, March 9 luncheon at the [WateReuse California Annual Conference](#). The conference is designed for individuals, organizations and agencies that are interested in water recycling and desalination projects in California. Tuesday's discussion will focus on differing perspectives on water. For more information, visit the [conference website](#) or [download the brochure](#).

Oceanside Green Week

When: March 8 - 13

Where: Oceanside

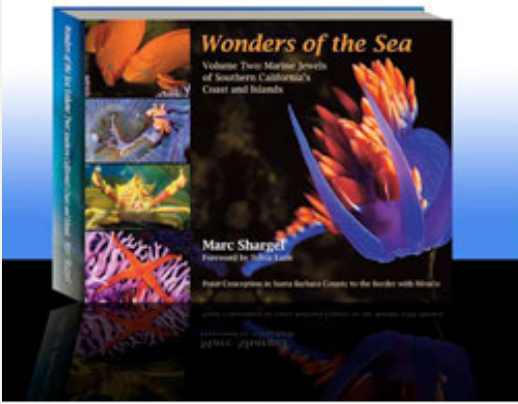


Want to celebrate being green? The City of Oceanside is hosting a number of fun events during the week of March 8 including a Green Fair, film screenings, an e-waste recycling event and activities for kids. Check out the [Green Week website](#) to find a complete schedule of activities, and join Coastkeeper at the [Tapped screening](#) on the March 9 and our [monthly cleanup on March 13](#).

Explore MPAs Through Marc Shargel Photography

When: Monday, March 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: [Birch Aquarium at Scripps](#)



Discover the beauty of Southern California's underwater world and learn about the importance of marine protected areas. Marc Shargel, an award-winning wildlife photographer and author, will present his new book, [*Wonders of the Sea Volume Two: Marine Jewels of Southern California's Coast and Islands*](#). The book showcases areas of environmental importance currently being considered for designation as marine protected areas under the California Marine Life Protection Act. [Click here](#) to RSVP online or call 858-534-5771.

The Energy that San Diego Drinks

When: Tuesday, March 16 from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: [California Center for Sustainable Energy](#)



Enjoy this free community event where a panel of experts will discuss "[The Energy That San Diego Drinks](#)" - how water use is linked to energy use in our region, what can be done to reduce usage of these vital resources as well as sustainable alternatives for meeting future demand. Rob Davis, public health and environment reporter for Voice of San Diego, will moderate the panel. A donation to cover costs is encouraged. Please [RSVP by March 14](#).

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