



San Diego Coastkeeper Email Alert

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In the News

Coastkeeper Director Celebrates 10th Anniversary



For the past decade, San Diego Coastkeeper Executive Director Bruce Reznik has been leading the charge for clean, healthy waterways in San Diego. San Diego County Supervisors declared August 12, 2009 as "Bruce Reznik Day" and Supervisor Greg Cox presented Bruce a Proclamation from the Board of Supervisors for his service to the San Diego community and his dedication leading Baykeeper/Coastkeeper for the last 10 years. Join us as we thank

Bruce for his hard work and amazing accomplishments!

Coastal Commission Denies Sewage Waiver



Photo: Matthew Meier Photography/Lighthawk

In an unexpected ruling, the California Coastal Commission on Thursday voted 8-1 to deny the City of San Diego's exemption from secondary treatment standards at its Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Facility. Coastkeeper and Surfrider had previously reached a cooperative agreement where the groups agreed not to oppose the waiver in exchange for the City undertaking the regional assessment of its sewage system to identify opportunities to decrease or even eliminate ocean discharge from the facility

by maximizing water reclamation and reuse (*see story below*). It is uncertain what next steps will be taken, but the City has indicated they expect to continue the recently

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Register for Coastal Cleanup Day!

[Registration](#) is now open for the 25th annual California Coastal Cleanup Day.

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, watersheds 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:



launched assessment.

City Reassesses Water Recycling and Reclamation Infrastructure



Photo: City of San Diego Public Utilities Department

On August 11th, the City of San Diego launched a \$2 million study that will reassess its sewage treatment and collection infrastructure. This study will pinpoint opportunities to maximize recycling and reclamation of wastewater for both potable and non-potable uses. The reassessment, which was formally approved by the City of San Diego in January, is estimated to take 18 months to complete and will examine the possibility of building new reclamation facilities.

Court Defers to Agency in Lawsuit Over Carlsbad Desal Plant



Photo: Matthew Meier Photography/Lighthawk

San Diego Superior Court Judge Judith Hayes has dismissed Coastkeeper and Surfrider's petition challenging the State Lands Commission's approval of the Carlsbad Desalination Plant (CDP). The court's ruling did make clear, the two environmental groups contended, that the CDP will require new permits from the City of Carlsbad and the State Lands Commission in the event of the closure of the co-located Encina Power Station.

Coastkeeper and Surfrider are still deciding our next steps, which could include reconsideration or an appeal of the decision. An appeal of the Regional Water Board's May 2009 approval of the CDP is currently pending before the State Water Board.

Donate Your Airline Miles for a Great Cause



In Ocean Gala tradition, Coastkeeper will be hosting an exciting live auction with many wonderful packages, including amazing travel packages. **You can help support Coastkeeper** by donating airline miles to help with two roundtrip tickets in the continental United States. Your donation would help go to a great cause! If you are interested in donating your miles, please contact Ocean Gala Coordinator [Karlee](#)

[Simek](#).

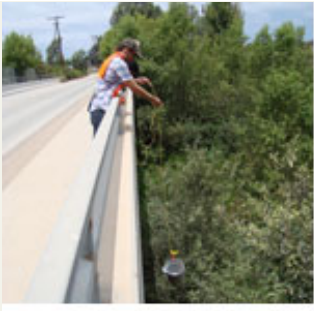
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Volunteer Opportunities

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 for our monthly water monitoring events, email [Preston Lam](#).

Pacific Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, August 22, 2009 from 9:00am - 11:00am

Where: Pacific Beach Drive. Meet at the end of PB Drive on the beach.



Join us for a beach and street cleanup at Pacific Beach. [Click here](#) for map. Street parking only.

Become a Coastkeeper Core Volunteer



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 educating the community about waterway pollution prevention, speaking at events, 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 to get involved.

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Upcoming Events

Register for California Coastal Cleanup Day

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

Where: 78 inland and coastal sites in San Diego County



[Registration](#) is now open for the 25th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. Urge your friends, family, and coworkers to join you for the [largest volunteer event](#) in California. Your time will make a tremendous difference and fight back against litter before it ends up in the ocean!

14th Annual Ocean Gala Celebrates Our Watersheds

When: October 24, 2009 from 7:00pm – 11:00pm

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



Join us for the 14th annual [Ocean Gala](#) as we celebrate the heritage of our region's waterways. We will recognize outstanding community and business leaders, volunteers and youth throughout the San Diego community with the Coastal Champion

Award, an honor for their longstanding commitment to environmental stewardship. Check out www.oceangala.org for more information.

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