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In the News

Coastkeeper's Board of Directors Adds Members



Photo Credit Sean Masterson

San Diego Coastkeeper is pleased to announce the addition of three new members to its [board of directors](#): Susie Armstrong, senior vice president of engineering at [Qualcomm Incorporated](#); Nicole Capretz, campaign director for [Environmental Health Coalition](#); and Megan Lim, development director at the [San Diego Public Library Foundation](#). As Coastkeeper grows to tackle the region's water issues, it's important the board of directors represents a wide variety of community interests.

We're excited to have these talented individuals join us in our crusade to protect the region's inland and coastal waters, and we welcome them to the board. [Visit our website](#) to learn more about our new board of director members.

Coastkeeper Welcomes Summer Legal Interns

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Help Us Reach 700

We want to be as strong as ever in our work to protect inland and coastal waters in San Diego. And we are only as strong as the voices we represent. Help us reach our goal to grow by 700 new members this year. [Join now.](#)

Step #2

Turn On Your TV!

On Friday, June 11, turn your TV to Lifetime Television for its "Remarkable Women" show to catch a profile on Casi Callaway, a remarkable Waterkeeper.

Step #3

Vote for Cox Conserves Hero

Three youth and three adults make the final cut for San Diego's environmental heroes. [Your vote](#) help decides the winner.

San Diego Coastkeeper is a member of:





From law schools across the country, [six legal interns](#) began full-time summer work with Coastkeeper's Environmental Law & Policy Clinic at the end of May. Founded in 2001, the clinic program has trained more than 100 interns through year-round sessions. This summer's group has impressive credentials, selected from more than 230 candidates. The clinic program provides interns with exposure to San Diego's most critical water quality issues and key decision-makers and includes supervision and training by the region's

environmental leaders. Interns this summer will provide more than 2,000 hours of pro-bono legal services to advance Coastkeeper's work in areas of pollution prevention, habitat restoration and sustainability.

Coastkeeper Wins San Diego Women's Foundation Grant



The San Diego Women's Foundation dislikes trash in our ocean as much as Coastkeeper does. This month, the foundation selected Coastkeeper as one of its 2010 Community Partners and awarded us a \$35,000 grant for our marine debris program. This program coordinates more than 16,000 volunteers to remove about 180,000 pounds of trash from inland and coastal areas annually. With the foundation's generous funding, we'll be able to continue coordinating volunteers to remove litter from San Diego beaches while

also educating participants on the harmful impacts of the trash. Thank you to the San Diego Women's Foundation for selecting Coastkeeper as a grant recipient.

Help Protect the San Luis Rey River from a Dump



Photo Credit Natural Resources Defense Council

Our friends at National Resources Defense Council need your help to [protect the San Luis Rey River](#) in north San Diego from a proposed garbage dump. This critical drinking water source faces the risk of being polluted by toxic chemicals that could leach from the proposed 300-acre Gregory Canyon landfill. Environmental and community groups, local agencies, elected officials and Native Americans all have expressed serious concerns about the dump's potential impact on drinking water.

We need to make sure the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers takes a hard look at this flawed project, and considers a broad range of alternatives to managing San Diego County's waste - such as increasing waste diversion and recycling - that would not involve placing a garbage dump on the banks of a river. The bottom line is that garbage and water just don't mix. [Send this online letter now and make your voice heard.](#)

Ocean Beach Planning Board Opposes City's Stormwater Maintenance Program



Last week, the Ocean Beach Planning Board unanimously voted to oppose the City of San Diego's Master Stormwater Maintenance Program Environmental Impact Report. The board opposes the City's stormwater maintenance program because of water quality and wildlife impacts that it would have on Ocean Beach. Coastkeeper and other local environmental groups applaud the Ocean Beach Planning Board's opposition to the program, which may have substantial negative impacts to water

quality and wildlife and will cut the public out of the annual decision-making process for the next 20 years. Coastkeeper has joined forces with San Diego Audubon Society, San Diego Canyonlands, the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club, Friends of Rose Canyon, California Native Plant Society - San Diego Chapter, and Coastal Environmental Rights Foundation to appeal the Planning Commission's decision to certify the Environmental Impact Report. The San Diego City Council will hold a hearing in the near future to hear our concerns. Stay tuned for more information about the appeal and how you can help us protect water quality.

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Volunteer Opportunities

June Water Quality Training

When: Thursday, June 10 from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Point Loma (San Diego Coastkeeper Office)



Hello all Coastkeeper Water Quality Monitoring volunteers! Happy summertime to you all. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the longer daylight and warmer water temperatures. As part of our requirements to ensure we produce acceptable quality data, we need all returning volunteers (no newbies please) to receive training in the new sampling procedures. If you did not attend the new procedure training in May (or if you just want a refresher), we need you to attend this training in order to participate in [Water Quality Monitoring on](#)

[June 12](#). Please RSVP to [Sarah Blakeslee](#) so we can get a head count. Water Quality Monitoring is core, and Water Quality Monitoring volunteers are the core! Many thanks for all you do.

June Water Quality Monitoring

When: Saturday, June 12 at 8:45 a.m.

Where: Point Loma (San Diego Coastkeeper Office)



Do you love the inland waters in your neighborhood? If so, consider joining our citizen water quality monitoring team. San Diego Coastkeeper will be conducting its monthly Water Quality Monitoring on June 12. Previously trained volunteers should RSVP to [Sarah Blakeslee](#). Not trained as a Water Quality Monitoring volunteer? We will be training new volunteers July 17. Please contact Sarah Blakeslee at sarah@sdcoastkeeper.org to sign up for the training.

Buccaneer Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, June 12, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where: [Buccaneer Beach in Oceanside](#)



Did you know that Buccaneer Beach in Oceanside has been one of the top three "dirtiest beaches" for trash in the county for the past two years? Come lend a hand against marine debris on June 12 from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Remember to bring your own reusable bucket and gloves. We can all take action against trash in the ocean!

Crystal Pier Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, June 26, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where: [Crystal Pier in Pacific Beach](#)



Help us say goodbye to June gloom with a beach cleanup in Pacific Beach. Grab your bucket or reusable bag, bring some friends and get outside for an early morning walk along the beach and boardwalk to help us remove cigarette butts, plastic bags, empty cans and other trash that collects there. Remember, some estimates show that as much as 80 percent of marine debris comes from sources on land. Let's reverse that trend.

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Upcoming Events

11th Annual Enviro Fair at San Diego County Fair

When: Saturday, June 19

Where: [Del Mar Fairgrounds](#)



Head to the San Diego County Fair for its [11th Annual Enviro Fair](#), to learn more about the importance of recycling, sustainable living, pollution prevention, conservation, energy efficiency for the home and environmentally friendly products. Meet exhibitors with environmentally friendly products; bring kids to the "Kids Zone" where they can create things out of recycled materials; view recycled art at the Art Show of the Grandstands; listen to and

meet speakers at the Flower Show Stage from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. And don't forget to squeeze in a few rides, too!

Save the Date: 26th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day

When: Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. - noon

Where: At 80 sites across San Diego County



Photo Credit Matthew Meier Photography

Planning is already underway for the 26th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day! Each September, San Diego Coastkeeper and I Love A Clean San Diego partner to coordinate the largest volunteer event in San Diego County. Last year, over 10,200 volunteers collected 170,000 pounds of trash from more than 80 inland and coastal sites, stopping the flow of pollution before it reaches the ocean and harms marine life.

Visit www.cleanupday.org for more information, and contact [Alicia Glassco](#) at 619-758-7743 ext 125 if you or your company

is interested in sponsoring and/or becoming more involved.

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