



San Diego Coastkeeper Email Alert

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Step #1

Adjust your sprinklers

With the rainy season upon us, we must remember to adjust our sprinkler system according to the weather. Excess water carries yard wastes, dirt, pesticides and other toxins into gutters, down storm drains and into the ocean. If rain is in the forecast, hold on watering and let nature take its course. Find more [pollution prevention tips](#) online.

Step #2

Join Coastkeeper Today

Become a [member](#) and support Coastkeeper's work to protect California's ocean legacy.

Step #3

Carry a Reusable Bag Everywhere

Reusable shopping bags can carry more than groceries - take them clothes shopping, use them as lunch sacks, bring them to the hardware store. The average person uses more than 500 plastic bags in a year. Imagine how many single-use bags that one reusable bag will replace!

In the News

Protect Marine Life by Eliminating Once-Through Cooling



California's coastal and bay-side power plants use an outdated cooling technology known as "once-through cooling." This process kills billions of marine species each year including fish, larvae, plankton, sea lions and turtles. Readily available and more efficient alternatives to once-through cooling already exist at numerous inland power plants in California.

It has been over 35 years since the Clean Water Act first outlined requirements for power plant cooling technology and yet California still does not have regulations to address this issue. The California State Water Board is currently poised to adopt a policy to phase out the use of once-through

cooling. [Send a message](#) to the State Water Board urging them to adopt and implement a strong policy to eliminate once-through cooling at all power plants in California.

Coastkeeper Welcomes Staff Attorney, Scientist



Coastkeeper has expanded our Environmental Law & Policy Clinic with the addition of [Jen Kovecses](#) as staff scientist. Jen will focus on the scientific and technical aspects of water policy and enforcement issues. She comes to Coastkeeper with over eight years of scientific research, monitoring, and water-related management work, most recently from our sister organization San Francisco Baykeeper.

We also recently welcomed [Jill Witkowski](#) as our new staff attorney. Jill brings experience from New York, Florida, and Louisiana, most recently as



Deputy Director of the Tulane Environmental Law Clinic and Professor of Practice at Tulane Law School. At Tulane, Jill represented individuals and community groups in environmental citizen suits under the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and Louisiana state law.

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We're Hiring an Office Manager, Marine Debris Intern

Coastkeeper is searching for an [office manager](#) with rock star database management skills (e-tapestry preferred) and superpower organizational and administrative leadership. Please read the [full description](#) for all the details and apply by Monday, Feb. 1. We are also seeking a [marine debris intern](#) to help with outreach events and organize volunteers. Application deadline is Monday, Jan. 18 for the [intern position](#).

Buy a Stamp to Help Fish and Game Wardens



To help raise funds for Fish and Game Wardens' critical work on behalf of California's natural resources, the [Department of Fish and Game](#) has unveiled the [2010 California Game Warden Stamp](#). All proceeds from this \$5 decal will be used to provide important tools for wardens statewide. Wardens are responsible for protecting more than 1,000 native fish and wildlife species, 6,300 native plant species and 360 threatened or endangered species. Buy a stamp and help protect California's wildlife populations. [Learn more online](#).

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Volunteer Opportunities

Tijuana Estuary Cleanup

When: Saturday, Jan. 23, from 9 - 11 a.m.

Where: Borderfield State Park, Tijuana Estuary. Meet at the entrance to the park.



Photo credit David Maung Photography

Join San Diego Coastkeeper for a cleanup at Borderfield State Park. Our partners from the [Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve](#) will guide you to the cleanup location from the park entrance, which is located at the west end of Dairy Mart Road after it turns into Monument Road. [Click here for map](#) Cleanup runs from 9 - 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23. Be sure to bring a valid ID and sneakers!

January Water Monitoring

When: Saturday, Jan. 16 at 8:45 a.m.

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, please email [Sarah Blakeslee](#). Due to high volunteer interest, space is limited so please RSVP in advance.

Port Cleanup in Chula Vista

When: Sunday, Jan. 31, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Where: Marina View Park in Chula Vista



San Diego Coastkeeper joins with the Port of San Diego and [NCSY](#) to host a cleanup in Chula Vista on Sunday, Jan. 31. The majority of volunteers will be from NCSY, an organization devoted to connecting, inspiring and empowering Jewish teens. And we are welcoming all volunteers to lend a hand in the area around Marina View Park, from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.. [Click here](#) for flyer and directions.

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Upcoming Events

Underwater Parks Day

When: Saturday, Jan. 16, times vary

Where: [Legoland Sea Life Aquarium](#) at One LEGOLAND Drive, Carlsbad, 92008



[Birch Aquarium](#) at 2300 Expedition Way, La Jolla, 92037

This Saturday, Jan. 16, join Coastkeeper at both [SEA LIFE](#) and [Birch Aquariums](#) for the second annual Underwater Parks Day! Underwater Parks Day aims to educate the community and raise awareness of soon-to-be designated "underwater parks" or [marine protected areas](#). Marine protected areas are a critical tool in replenishing the fish populations and restoring the health of our

coastal waters. Each aquarium will have a mini Conservation Expo with hands-on exhibits so families can get involved in caring for our ocean locally (don't forget your [coupon to SEA LIFE](#)).

Dick Dale Concert at Belly Up

When: Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 8 p.m.

Where: [Belly Up](#) Solana Beach



Coastkeeper will be promoting [Marine Protected Areas](#) at the Belly Up on Jan. 20 with [Dick Dale](#), surf guitar legend and inventor of surf music in the 50s. He was given the title "King of the Surf Guitar" by his fellow surfers with whom he surfed with from sun up to sun down. [Purchase a membership](#) to Coastkeeper before Jan. 19 and enter to win 2 tickets to the Dick Dale show!

Green the Capitol Initiative

When: Friday, Jan. 22, from 10 a.m. to noon

Where: University of California, San Diego [RIMAC Annex Dugout Conference Room](#)



Join Congresswoman Susan Davis and the folks with "Green Capitol Initiative" for "Building a Sustainable Future" Forum on Friday, Jan. 22. The event will feature a diverse array of panel speakers who will provide insight into what federal and local government, education, and non-profit members are doing to cut costs, foster clean technological growth, and integrate sustainability initiatives into our everyday lives. Click here for the [save the date](#) and [directions](#).

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