



San Diego Coastkeeper Email Alert

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In the News

Morning After Mess Shows Need to Support AB 1998 to Ban Bags



The 7th Annual Morning After Mess Cleanup was a huge success, with over 750 volunteers collecting 2,300 pounds of trash and 8,000 cigarette butts from San Diego's beaches. San Diego Coastkeeper hosted the Ocean Beach site, where our team brought in thousands of marshmallows and over 200 plastic bags. Since marine wildlife is harmed on a regular basis by ingesting plastic bags, we are working hard to pass AB 1998, which would ban plastic bags in the state of California! Please write to your senator to show your support for this bill or contact

alicia@sdcoastkeeper.org if you would like to contribute to this campaign.

Special thanks to [Hodad's](#) for feeding the hungry coordinators delicious burgers and onion rings after the cleanup.

San Diego Coastkeeper Welcomes New Volunteer & Outreach Coordinator

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Volunteer

Protecting San Diego's beaches takes an entire county. We offer a lot of ways for you to volunteer to keep San Diego beautiful. From being in the field to conquering office work, we have a role just for you. Contact [Dylan Edwards](#) to find your perfect volunteer position.

Step #2

Help Us Grow by 700

Members are important to us. Help us grow by 700 new members this year and spread the joy of safeguarding our precious inland and coastal waters. It's easy to [join online](#).

Step #3

Pick up Three

Our Morning After Mess volunteers helped to remove more than 200 plastic bags from Ocean Beach alone. When you're at the beach, help lessen trash left behind by cleaning up after yourself and then picking up three more items of trash. If we all [Pick Up 3](#), imagine the difference we will see.



Last week, Dylan Edwards joined San Diego Coastkeeper as the volunteer and outreach coordinator. Along with his engaging energy and passion for San Diego's natural spaces, he brings experience working with environmental nonprofits and uniting the community in environmental stewardship. Before Coastkeeper, Dylan worked with Ocean Discovery Institute coordinating its Wetland Avengers program, a volunteer-based environmental restoration program in the urban canyons of City Heights. He is a

graduate from San Diego State University and is currently pursuing his master of arts from Prescott College. Welcome to Coastkeeper, Dylan.

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San Diego Coastkeeper Seeks Bids for an IT Company



We are seeking an experienced IT outsourcing company that provides exceptional customer service and ensures best practice. As San Diego Coastkeeper continues to grow, we require service that allows staff to focus on our mission rather than IT problems. Knowledge of the latest technology and specializing in being proactive not reactive is a top priority. We'd love for our IT company to align with our mission, vision and values.

If this sounds like your company or one you can recommend, please download our [request for qualifications](#) to submit your bid.

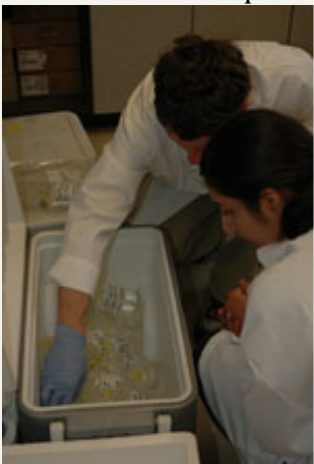
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Volunteer Opportunities

Lake San Marcos Water Quality Monitoring

When: Tuesday, July 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Where: Lake San Marcos, at the corner of La Plaza Drive and El Chico Lane near the sidewalk path that leads to the lake from La Plaza Drive



Tim Middleton

We're looking for volunteers to assist Lake San Marcos residents with monitoring water quality conditions in Lake San Marcos. Separate from San Diego Coastkeeper's Water Quality Monitoring program, this event will be run by Scott Norris of San Diego County. We would love to have San Diego Coastkeeper volunteers who live or work near Lake San Marcos participate in the training on Tuesday, July 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake San Marcos (and you can participate in regular July monitoring, too). The data collected will be used to develop a plan to reduce pollution in Lake San Marcos and restore water quality in the lake. To RSVP for the training, please e-mail Scott Norris at Scott.Norris@sdcounty.ca.gov

July Water Quality Monitoring

When: Saturday, July 17 at 8:00 a.m.

Where: Point Loma (San Diego Coastkeeper Office)



The Water Quality Monitoring volunteer training is full on Saturday, July 17. If you're interested in joining this elite group of volunteers, please sign up for our next training on September 11, starting at 8 am. Returning volunteers, please RSVP if you haven't already. To RSVP or learn more about our Water Quality Monitoring program, contact [Dylan Edwards](#) by email or phone at 619-758-7743 x131.

South Mission Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, July 24, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where: [Mission Beach Jetty](#)



Summer is the busiest time for our beaches and the cleanups too. Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 24, when Coastkeeper volunteers will join our friends at Surfrider for a beach cleanup at the South Mission Bay Jetty. We will be there from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m., and then you can enjoy the clean beach afterwards! PLEASE bring your own bucket and work gloves to reduce waste.

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Upcoming Events

Public Workshops: Community Input on Convention Center Expansion

When: Wednesday, July 14, 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Saturday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to Noon

Where: July 14 at [Embarcadero Planning Center](#) (formerly Coral Reef Restaurant)
July 17 at [San Diego Convention Center Room 29](#)



The public is invited to attend either of two workshops scheduled in July to learn about ongoing planning efforts on the proposed expansion of the San Diego Convention Center. The purpose of the workshops is to gather additional public feedback on urban design, parks, view corridors, waterfront enhancements, public access, eco-friendly design, sustainable practices and other elements. The workshops are part of an ongoing effort to provide public input as efforts to expand the current facility

proceed.

The public is encouraged to provide input, which will be incorporated into the information provided to the architectural design teams competing to win the design contract for the expansion. The additional feedback will supplement public comment gathered by the Mayor's Citizen Task Force on the San Diego Convention Center Project, including input received at the 11 public hearings held in 2009 by the Task Force.

Beach Blanket Bingo (Members Get in Free)

When: Thursday, July 15, 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Where: [Bare Back Bar and Grill in Pacific Beach](#)



Come play bingo and win fun prizes; enjoy cheap but tasty Alaskan beer and food specials; groove to live music from Julian Napolitan and members of Fish Out Of Water; chat up our friends at Tri Club San Diego and help us raise funds to protect your ocean. Coastkeeper members get in free with an [RSVP](#), and friends are encouraged to join at door for \$15, which makes you a member. [Download the flier](#) to share with your friends.

We can't think of a more enjoyable way to reach our goal of raising 700 new members by 2011. Won't you please invite your friends and help us reach our goal?

Flower Hill Summer Festival (a benefit for Coastkeeper)

When: Sunday, July 11, 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Where: [Flower Hill Promenade](#)



Join us on Sunday, July 11 from 11 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at Flower Hill Promenade in Del Mar for the "Flower Hill Summer Festival," a community event that celebrates summer. A day that's sure to please the entire family, it features an incredible showcase of beach and surf art from local artists, live "beach rock" music performances, fun activities for kids and a fabulous summer fashion show from the shops of Flower Hill. Coastkeeper will be onsite with entertaining activities to teach children about the problem of trash in the ocean and the need for marine conservation to protect sea critters and their underwater home. And, it's all for a fantastic cause-- proceeds from this event will benefit San Diego Coastkeeper, including a portion of the sales from art sold and a donation from the shops of Flower Hill.

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