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##### **Read About Harmful Plastics**

[Read about the impacts of plastics](#) on our environment.

Then [Contact your Senator](#) to support AB 1998 to ban single use plastic bags in California.

#### Act

##### **Get Free Belly Up Tickets**

The Belly Up is helping us reach our goal to grow by 700 new members this year. [Join now for \\$25](#) and get two tickets to any non-sold out show at the Belly Up. Now that's a soul-soothing deal.

#### Give

##### **Help Us Raise \$5,000**

Jack Johnson wants to double your \$2,500 donation to help us protect your inland and coastal waters. He'll match your \$2,500 gift to make a total donation of \$5,000 to San Diego Coastkeeper. And you'll receive 10 San Diego Coastkeeper memberships, 10 tickets to his October 9 concert, a catered lunch from Good on Ya, beers from Alaskan Brewing and a day on the Coastkeeper boat. Contact [Megan Baehrens](#) now to reserve this package and help Coastkeeper keep your ocean beautiful.

#### In the News

##### **Coastkeeper Participates in Jr. Lifeguard Environmental Awareness Day**



Coastkeeper participates in the second annual San Diego Jr. Lifeguards Environmental Awareness Day to teach aspiring young lifeguards about the importance of water quality and pollution prevention. During the environmental day activities kids rotate to various learning stations such as a watershed model, water quality demonstration, electronic waste and recycling relay, and environmental awareness Jeopardy to learn hands-on ways to prevent pollution and keep our coast healthy. We are proud to partner with [Think](#)

[Blue, City of San Diego](#); I Love A Clean San Diego; City Environmental Services; City Water Department and [San Diego Jr. Lifeguards](#) to provide unique hands-on environmental education activities to help our youth become stewards for the coastal environment.

##### **It's Down to the Wire: Help Ban the Bag in California**



Photo: Matthew Meier Photography

AB 1998 is now at its last stop in Senate Rules Committee before heading to the State Senate Floor. Please [email your senator TODAY](#) to tell them that you support this bill to stop single-use plastic bags in California. Thanks to all of those elected officials and businesses that have already voiced their support for the bill. We are still looking for more supporters to show the plastics industry that they won't win this battle. If you'd like to speak out regarding your support of AB 1998, please email [San Diego Coastkeeper](#) for more info.

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## Location Announced for Next Big Meeting on Marine Protected Areas



Photo credit Dana Murray

Extra! Extra! We have a location for the next major meeting on [marine protected areas](#)! According to the recently updated [California Fish and Game Commission calendar](#), it appears that the BIG October 20-21 Commission meeting is going to be at the [Four Points by Sheraton](#) right here in San Diego! As to which day the Marine Life Protection Act discussion will be on the agenda... well that remains one of life's greatest mysteries. But as soon as we know, you will know too! For now, please keep

your calendars marked to come out to the meeting in support of landmark efforts to establish marine protected areas in Southern California! For more info on getting involved, contact [Meagan](#).

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### Water Quality Monitoring Volunteer Appreciation

When: Thursday, August 19, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Point Loma, [San Diego Coastkeeper Office](#)



Returning Water Quality Monitoring volunteers, please join us for our invite-only Volunteer Appreciation party to celebrate your efforts helping San Diego Coastkeeper fight for clean, healthy water. During this free event honoring you, Water Quality Monitoring volunteers will enjoy food and drinks, win raffle prizes, view our new Water Quality Monitoring wiki web page and see the results of the survey. Put the date on your calendar, and we'll be in touch directly with more details.

## August Water Quality Monitoring

When: Saturday, August 21, 9 a.m. (unless you arranged to meet a Watershed Captain in the field)  
Where: Point Loma, [San Diego Coastkeeper Office](#)



To volunteer for the August Water Quality Monitoring or to sign up for the September 11 Water Quality Monitoring new volunteer training, contact [Dylan Edwards](#), 619-758-7743 x131.

In July, Water Quality Monitoring teams did a great job collecting and analyzing 26 samples from eight watersheds. We encourage our return volunteers to view our new [Water Quality Monitoring training presentation](#) and to complete [this survey](#) to

let us know how you would like the data that you collect and analyze displayed on our website.

## August 21 Beach Cleanup - Pacific Beach

When: Saturday, August 21, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Where: [Pacific Beach](#) at the end of Pacific Beach Drive, on the beach. Street parking only.



Photo Credit John Bryant

[San Diego Coastkeeper cleanups](#) are a great way to start your Saturday, so grab a friend and come to the end of Pacific Beach Drive on August 21. The cleanup starts at 9 a.m. and ends by 11 a.m. and will include a reusable bag giveaway for all volunteers (thank you, [Envirosax](#)). Don't forget to bring your bucket and reusable work gloves to reduce waste while we remove harmful trash from our beautiful beaches.

## Save the Date and Volunteer for Coastal Cleanup Day

When: September 25, 9 a.m. - noon  
Where: More than 80 coastal and inland sites in San Diego County



Volunteers across the county are gathering forces to attend [Coastal Cleanup Day](#) on September 25. San Diego Coastkeeper and our friends at [I Love A Clean San Diego](#), are looking for volunteers to help at sites that attract a lot of attendees. We are also looking for small businesses to donate raffle prizes to reward our volunteers and site captains. Do you want to become more involved? Email [San Diego Coastkeeper](#) and we'll find you the perfect job.

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## Upcoming Events

### **A San Diego Transportation Town Hall**

When: Thursday, August 19, 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Where: San Diego State University Aztec Center - Council Chambers



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Move San Diego, Transportation for America, CALPIRG, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy & Associated Students of SDSU Present: A San Diego Transportation Town Hall. This discussion will cover how the next federal bill can rebuild San Diego's economy, improve public health and create a 21st-century transportation network. We will look at how the next \$500 billion Federal Transportation Bill will affect our local transportation, create jobs and impact economic growth. And we'll explore how improving our built-environment with more walkable and transit-oriented communities will impact our tax dollars and our quality of life. For more information, [download the PDF](#) or contact Nathan Batchelder at [NBatchelder@movesandiego.org](mailto:NBatchelder@movesandiego.org) or 619-702-4266.

### **San Diego Coastkeeper Day at the Beach**

When: Saturday, August 28, noon - 4 p.m.

Where: The end of Law Street in Pacific Beach. Look for the Coastkeeper tent.



Carlsbad Beach photo uploaded by [Kathy Dodd](#)

Enjoy the beautiful resources that you help San Diego Coastkeeper protect! Join our members, volunteers, staff and friends for a free, sun and fun filled afternoon on the beach. Grab a friend and gather your family and bring your towel, beach ball, surfboard, boogie board, Frisbee or sandcastle building supplies and celebrate our ocean and beaches.

### **Signs of the Tide: Could an oil disaster happen here?**

When: Thursday, August 26, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: California Center for Sustainable Energy



Image via Wikimedia Commons

The tragedy in the Gulf of Mexico reminds us how vulnerable our marine ecosystems are. In addition to the direct loss of life, this disaster has likely released over 35,000 barrels a day of oil since the accident, put many people out work and oiled almost 5,000 birds, turtles and mammals. What if it happened in San Diego? At the [Signs of the Tide](#) forum, we'll examine how a spill could happen here, how it would impact the region and steps we can take to prevent such a disaster in the long run. Local KPBS Reporter/Producer [Ed Joyce](#) will moderate a

panel, including a representative from the [Office of Oil Spill Prevention and Response](#),

[Southern California Coastal Water Research Project](#) Executive Director Dr. Steve Weisberg, and Debbie Cook, former Mayor of Huntington Beach and Advisory Board Member of [Association for the Study of Peak Oil and Gas](#). The free event includes expert presentations, small group discussions and light snacks and refreshments. Contact [Dylan Edwards](#) for more information.

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