

### San Diego Coastkeeper Friday, January 22, 2010

## Saturday's Beach Cleanup Location Changed Due to Hazardous Conditions

Cleanup on January 23 now scheduled at Ocean Beach Pier





Photo credit San Diego Surfrider

This Saturday's cleanup at Borderfield State Park in the Tijuana Estuary has been cancelled due to area flooding and potential health hazards. San Diego Coastkeeper moved the cleanup location to the Ocean Beach Pier from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. this Saturday, January 23.

Earlier this week, some <u>San Diego Surfrider</u> friends went near the site to check the sewage overflow that occurs in the Tijuana River during large storms. The photos included are from their scouting mission. We are saddened to see images like these coming from our own backyard - polluted storm water, including valuable and recyclable resources such as plastic soda bottles, gallon jugs and aluminum cans, rushing into our sensitive ecosystems.

Normally, we don't cancel our cleanups because of the rain and the conditions it creates. But this site is unique, and we want to make sure our faithful volunteers do not come into contact with any of the contaminants often found in Tijuana River storm water. We definitely plan to have a "rain check" on this cleanup with our friends in the Tijuana River Estuarine Research Reserve and California State Parks.

Keep checking our <u>website</u> for announcements on future cleanup dates, including a reschedule for the Tijuana Estuary location. Meanwhile, we'll see you this Saturday in Ocean Beach, and here is our <u>schedule of planned cleanups for 2010</u>, including directions to the Ocean Beach Pier.

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# San Diego's **Action List**

### Step #1

# Want to plan your own cleanup?

Sponsor a cleanup or do a Beach Cleanup in a Box!

#### Step #2

#### **Become a Member!**

Support Coastkeeper's marine debris campaign by <u>becoming</u> a member.

#### Step #3

#### Reduce, Reuse, then Recycle

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