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In the News

Coastkeeper Launches Call to Action Campaign

We are happy to report that Coastkeeper has launched a Call to Action Campaign to allow our members and friends to support important issues to help protect San Diego's local environment. You may have received our first Call to Action email to support Diane Takvorian for Port Commissioner (see below) in May. We will periodically send out calls for support so you can actively get involved in local issues impacting our community. Thank you for your continued support!

Support Diane Takvorian for Port Commission



On Monday, June 8, the San Diego City Council will appoint a new Port Commissioner. City Councilmember's Donna Frye and Todd Gloria have nominated [Diane Takvorian](#) for [Port Commissioner](#). Ms. Takvorian has been a tireless advocate for social and environmental justice for almost 30 years as a community activist and in her role as Executive Director of Environmental Health Coalition. We need your support **NOW** to get one of San Diego's leading environmental voices appointed to the Port. Take a few minutes to [contact members of the San Diego City Council](#) **TODAY** to let them know you want Diane Takvorian appointed to Port of San Diego Board of Commissioners, and join us Monday for the

San Diego's Action List

Step #1

**Become a Member of
Coastkeeper Today!**

[Join San Diego Coastkeeper](#)
today and support
Coastkeeper's efforts to protect
San Diego's water resources.

Step #2

Mark Your Calendars!

Saturday, September 19th,
2009 from 9am-noon for this
year's 25th Anniversary of
[California Coastal Cleanup
Day](#).

Step #3

Save the Date!

Join us on Saturday, October
24 for the 14th Annual Ocean
Gala at the U.S. Grant Hotel in
downtown San Diego. Stay
tuned for more information.

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hearing.

When: Monday, June 8 at 2:00pm
Where: San Diego City Hall
202 C Street, 12th Floor
San Diego, CA

Water Authority Reinstates Water Conservation Rebates for Residents



The San Diego County Water Authority reinstated the [water conservation rebate program](#) until June 30th or when funding runs out. Water-saving residential devices that qualify for rebates include high-efficiency clothes washers, high-efficiency toilets, weather-based irrigation controllers and rotating sprinkler nozzles.

Ruling on Litigation Against State Lands Commission Expected this Summer



Photo: Matthew Meier/Lighthawk

On May 28th, Coastkeeper and Surfrider presented oral arguments as part of litigation against the State Lands Commission for its approval of a lease amendment for the Carlsbad Desalination Project. A final ruling is expected sometime in July or early August. Coastkeeper also has litigation pending against the Regional Board for its approval of permit for the desalination plant.

Heal the Bay Releases 19th Annual Beach Report Card



Heal the Bay's [Beach Report Card](#) provides water quality information to beachgoers and people who swim, surf or dive in California coastal waters. The report has A-to-F letter grades to 502 beaches along the California coast, based on levels of weekly bacterial pollution reported from April 2008 through March 2009. In San Diego County, 91% of beaches monitored received an 'A' grade in dry weather, with 16 sites on HTB's 'honor role'. The news in wet weather was not nearly as good, with only 47% of area beaches scoring an 'A', while 40% received a 'D' or 'F' grade (as compared with 24% in 08). Due to significant budget cuts, there has also been a downward trend in the number of beaches monitored year-round – from 65 in 2007 to 55 in 2008 down to 32 last year. Coastkeeper's Executive Director Bruce Reznik joined officials from Heal the Bay and Wildcoast on May 20 to officially release the report in San Diego.

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June Water Monitoring and Training

When: Saturday, June 20 at 8:45am

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, email [Preston Lam](#). Due to limited space and high volunteer interest, we are asking that volunteers register to participate by Wednesday, June 17.

Oceanside Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, June 13 from 9:00am – 11:00am

Where: Buccaneer Beach, Oceanside, CA. Meet in the parking lot near the lifeguard tower.



Join us for a beach and street cleanup in Oceanside.

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Celebrate World Oceans Day This Sunday

When: Sunday, June 7
Beach, Kayak and Dive Cleanup from 9:00am – 11:00am
Birch Aquarium from 11:00am – 3:00pm

Where: La Jolla Shores, Kellogg Park and Birch Aquarium



Photo: Meleah Ashford

Celebrate [World Oceans Day in La Jolla](#) with [San Diego Coastkeeper](#), [Birch Aquarium](#), [San Diego Oceans Foundation](#) and [Think Blue San Diego](#) on Sunday, June 7 for a morning beach, kayak, and dive clean up. Have fun learning about the special creatures found in our local marine waters, and make a difference in your community and our global ocean with a few short hours. The celebration continues in the afternoon at Birch Aquarium with a host of other activities planned.

Sea Rocket Bistro Screenings of A Sea Change

When: Sunday, June 7 and Monday, June 8 at 7:00pm

Where: Sea Rocket Bistro
3382 30th Street
San Diego, CA 92104



To celebrate World Oceans Day, [Sea Rocket](#) will be hosting several viewings of the environmental film [A Sea Change](#), the first documentary about ocean acidification. Enjoy sustainable seafood and learn more about this important issue that has scientists, environmentalists and seafood lovers concerned about ocean health.

Cottonwood Creek Environmental Film Festival in Encinitas

When: Friday, June 5 - Sunday, June 7, various times throughout the weekend

Where: Encinitas, CA



The Encinitas Environmental Weekend kicks off June 5th for the 2nd Annual [Cottonwood Creek Environmental Film Festival](#). Celebrate our environment with filmmakers, the Encinitas Environmental Commission, the Encinitas City Council and local community members and learn about important environmental concerns in the community and the world and solutions to foreseen environmental issues.

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