

2014: Quantifiable

There is truth in numbers. They show the power of our impact—the results of our work to improve fishable, swimmable and drinkable waters. Dive in, and count your way through the successes in our 2014 annual report.



20 YEARS



Our legal challenge of San Diego County Water Authority's water supply plan could reduce greenhouse gas and increase recycling for the next 20 years.

24 HOURS FASTER



When Governor Brown signed SB1395 into law, he empowered San Diego County's Department of Environmental Health to use a new testing technology that produces beach water quality results in two to four hours: a whole day earlier than currently possible. We introduced this idea to local elected officials and ushered it to state approval because we know human health depends on safe swimmable waters.

1/3 RECYCLED



Our legal agreement with the City of San Diego requires wastewater recycling that will create a clean, local supply and replace 1/3 of the water currently used by the City of San Diego.

3 STATE ISSUES



The number of statewide issues we influenced through our work with California Coastkeeper Alliance on groundwater, rapid beach water quality tests and a plastic bag ban.

ALERT LEVEL 2



Coastkeeper's pressure caused the City of San Diego to require water conservation to help address the longest and most severe drought on record.

70 MILES



of cleaner beaches and healthier water, thanks to our volunteers and the **10,500** pounds of trash we removed together.



2 COUNTRIES

united in environmental education during our World Water Monitoring Day with 127 children from Mexico and the United States.

3,300 DATA POINTS



are now understandable. Our interactive water quality map turns 3,300 data points into a meaningful message for San Diegans and policy makers.

1ST TIME



Our research with the San Diego Bay Bight team will tell us for the first time what type of trash comes to the bay and where it starts its journey.

6,002 STUDENTS



at 130 elementary and middle schools have access to free environmental science lessons, training and materials thanks to Project SWELL.

5 ASSESSMENTS



We launched our bioassessment program this year and conducted five assessments. That's to say, volunteers underwent intensive training to search out bugs under rocks and collect data so we can learn how pollutants harm stream-based ecosystems.

