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In the News

Coastkeeper Members Making a Difference

Over the past month, Coastkeeper has sent out our first two *Call to Action Campaign* emails urging our supporters to contact decision-makers and ask them to continue funding for the Marine Life Protection Act and to appoint Diane Takvorian as Port Commissioner. Your response played a pivotal role in protecting $4.8M in funding to establish marine protected areas throughout California. While we fell short in our efforts to get Diane appointed to the Port Commission (*see below*), members of the San Diego City Council did mention that emails that came from Coastkeeper supporters played a role in their decisions. Thank you for your continued support and willingness to actively get involved in local issues impacting our community. Please keep an eye out for future *Call to Action Campaigns* and respond if you are able - *your voice makes a difference*!

Diane Takvorian Denied Port Seal

Despite hundreds of San Diegans coming together to support Environmental Health Coalition Executive Director Diane Takvorian for Port Commissioner, the San Diego City Council appointed attorney Lee Burdick to the post by a 5-3 vote on June 8 instead. Diane has been a tireless advocate for social and environmental justice for almost 30 years and would have brought an important community voice to the Port, which manages San Diego Bay and surrounding waterfront land in trust for the people of San Diego. Coastkeeper would like to thank Council members Donna Frye, Todd Gloria and Sherri Lightner for their support of Diane; Coastkeeper members who responded to our *Call to Action Campaign* and contacted their representatives with their support of Diane; and community members who packed the Council chambers. While we are disappointed that Diane did not receive the appointment, we are hopeful that Ms. Burdick will be a strong voice for environmental protection and

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San Diego's Action List

Step #1

Become a Member of Coastkeeper Today!

Check out our new membership levels and join San Diego Coastkeeper today to support Coastkeeper's efforts to protect our local waterways.

Step #2

Conserve Water at Home!

The San Diego County Water Authority reinstated the water conservation rebate program through June 30th.

Step #3

Save the Date!

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

San Diego Coastkeeper is a member of:

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A Statewide Voice for Our Waters

community representation on the Port.

Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Pacific Beach Cleanup

When: Saturday, June 27 from 9:00am - 11:00am

Where: Pacific Beach, Crystal Pier. Meet by the north side of the pier on the grass north of Garnet Ave., street parking only.

Join us for a beach and street cleanup in Pacific Beach at Crystal Pier.

Click here for map.

Fourth of July Weekend Pollution Prevention Outreach in Mission Bay

When: Friday, July 3 - Sunday, July 5. Shifts are 4 hours long and begin at 8:30am until 3:30pm
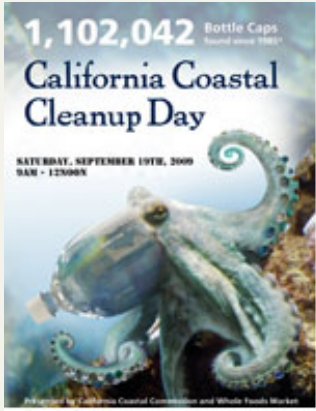Where: Mission Bay, De Anza Cove
San Diego, CA

Join Coastkeeper along with Think Blue San Diego for the July 4th holiday weekend to collect environmental and pollution prevention data at DeAnza Cove in Mission Bay. Come outside, get some exercise, and help us raise awareness for pollution prevention over the holiday weekend. Contact Sarah Blakeslee for more information and to register as a volunteer.

"Morning After Mess" Cleanup in Ocean Beach

When: Monday, July 6 from 8:00am - 11:00am

Where: Ocean Beach Pier. Meet in the grassy area south of the lifeguard station.

Photo: Bill Hickman, Surfrider Foundation

Join San Diego Coastkeeper as we host a beach cleanup site for the annual Surfrider Foundation, San Diego Chapter's annual morning after 4th of July holiday weekend beach cleanup.

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Upcoming Events

The Ocean Needs Your Help!

What: Marine Life Protection Act South Coast Summer Open House

When: Monday, June 29 from 5:30pm-8:30pm   Tuesday, June 30 from 5:30pm-8:30pm

Where: Hilton Garden Inn   Marina Village Conference Ctr.
           6450 Carlsbad Blvd.   1936 Quivira Way
           Carlsbad, CA 92011   San Diego, CA 92109

Photo: Michael King

Make your voice heard at the Marine Life Protection Act South Coast Summer Open Houses to protect Southern California's coastal and marine resources. The Open Houses will provide an opportunity for the pubic to review and comment on "Round 2" draft proposals developed for the south coast study region. The public is invited to attend this informal meeting and provide input on particular areas of interest, ask questions, and learn about the next steps in the process. Parking is free and you can come and go as you like. We hope to see you

there!

25th Anniversary California Coastal Cleanup Day

When: Saturday, September 19, 2009

Where: Several Coastal and Inland sites throughout San Diego County

Mark Your Calendars for the largest cleanup event in San Diego County and celebrate the 25th anniversary of [California Coastal Cleanup Day](#). Stay tuned for more details and site locations. Registration for this event will begin in August.

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