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We captured reactions of participants at our Signs of the Tide event that examined San Diego's oil spill susceptibility. [Watch this video showcasing what they had to say.](#)

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Ask Your Neighbors to Stop Overwatering

Have you noticed that your neighbor overwaters, but don't know what to do it about? Try asking them to stop. [Read about our staff attorney's experience](#) and get inspired.

Give

Give to Coastkeeper -- Get Belly Up Tickets

For a limited time, [new San Diego Coastkeeper members](#) at the \$25 level will receive a set of tickets to any non-sold out show at the Belly Up. Now that's a soulful deal.

In the News

Statewide Bag Ban Gets Sacked by Senate



The environmental community was stunned by the CA State Senate's 21-14 vote against AB 1998 during the final hours of the legislative session last week. The bill was intended to help shift the public to reusable bags by not allowing grocery stores, pharmacies or convenience stores to hand out single-use bags for free. This idea was supported by an overwhelming alliance of [environmental, business, and community groups](#).

The bill's active opposition came primarily from the [American Chemistry Council](#), a petrochemical industry and plastic lobbying group who reportedly [provided campaign contributions](#) to a number of California Senators voting against the bill.

San Diego Coastkeeper is very grateful to all our members who sent or wrote letters to their senators to ask them to vote for the bill. Senator Christine Kehoe (D), Chair of the Appropriations Committee reflected the wishes of her district by showing leadership when the bill was on the floor and in her committee. However, South Bay Senator Denise Ducheny (D) and North County Senator Mark Wyland (R) both voted against AB 1998, despite hundreds of requests from their constituents to support it. San Diego Coastkeeper also met with their offices repeatedly to educate them about the benefits of reducing single-use plastics.

[San Diego Coastkeeper](#) is still committed to addressing the causes of marine debris, and reducing sources including single-use plastics.

San Diego Coastkeeper Wins Grant from REI



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community outreach events. The grant will also help us bring [World Oceans Day](#) and [World Water Monitoring Day](#) events to the community. Thank you, REI, for investing in our cause and making San Diego a better place to enjoy outdoors.

We feel lucky that employees at the Encinitas REI store nominated San Diego Coastkeeper for a grant. REI (Recreational Equipment, Inc.) is a national outdoor retail co-op committed to connecting people with nature and promoting environmental stewardship and increasing access to outdoor recreation through education, volunteerism, gear donations and financial contributions. The company will support our Volunteer Core program (join now; our next one starts [October 6](#)), which trains a select group of volunteers to help us with meaningful campaign projects and

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is a member of:



Sponsorship Opportunity: Bipartisan Legislative Discussion of Water



Photo Credit Matthew Meier

As a sponsor of San Diego Coastkeeper's inaugural bipartisan legislative summit you will join co-chairs California Senator Christine Kehoe and California Assemblyman Nathan Fletcher to discuss [The State of Water in San Diego](#). On September 30, members of the State Senate, State Assembly, County Board of Supervisors and City Council will join some of the nation's top scientists, ecologists and legal experts to discuss the latest findings regarding our region's water supply and

watershed health. Confirmed sponsors include: CONNECT, Regency Centers Corporation, San Diego Gas & Electric, Briggs Law Corporation, Brown and Caldwell, Coast Law Group, Sudberry Properties, Weston Solutions and the San Diego County Regional Airport Authority. Sponsors gain exclusive access to a V.I.P. breakfast buffet with expert panelists and elected officials and seats at the invitation-only summit discussion of key water issues facing San Diego. [Other benefits](#) include: company name and logo on signage and event materials, photo opportunities with elected officials and an invitation to the press conference. For more information, contact Megan Baehrens at MeganB@SDCoastkeeper.org or (619) 758.7743 ext. 103.

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[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

Join the Next San Diego Coastkeeper Volunteer Core

When: Begins October 6

Where: [San Diego Coastkeeper](#)

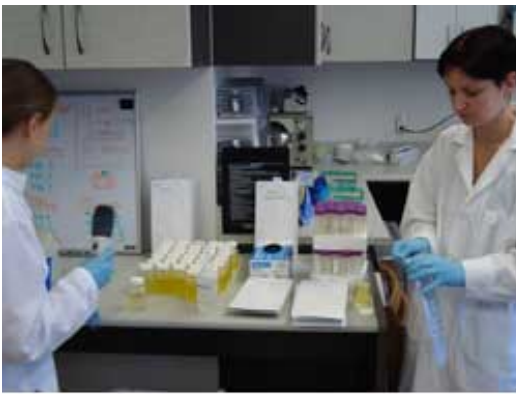


San Diego Coastkeeper is currently seeking volunteers interested in making a six-month commitment to helping us with meaningful campaign projects and community outreach events. We begin a weekly training on October 6, so sign up now to reserve your place. Volunteer Core activities will include educating the community about waterway pollution prevention, helping with projects for each of our campaigns, assisting with beach cleanups and having fun. Any prior knowledge and experience is valuable, but not a requirement, as all volunteer core interns will be trained. Contact [Dylan Edwards](#) for more information to get involved.

September Water Quality Monitoring and Training

When: Saturday, September 11, 8:30 a.m.

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



In August, 34 San Diego Coastkeeper volunteers collected and analyzed 29 samples from nine watersheds. Sample results will be posted to the [Water Quality Monitoring Website](#) in a couple of weeks.

We had fun at the Water Quality Monitoring volunteer appreciation party - thanks again to our excellent volunteers.

Our next Water Quality Monitoring event is this Saturday, September 11. New and return volunteers, please RSVP to [Dylan](#)

[Edwards](#) to participate in the event. Training for new volunteers starts at 8:30 a.m. at our office. Training spaces are limited, and you must have a confirmed space prior to the event. Return volunteers can pick up sampling kits at our office at 11 a.m., unless you are meeting a watershed captain in the field.

Get Behind the Scenes this CCD

When: September 25, 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Where: [Rose Creek, Coastal Cleanup Day Media Site](#)



Photo Credit Matthew Meier Photography

Your helping hands are needed for [Coastal Cleanup Day](#), at our 84 cleanup sites and at our media site! At the media site in Pacific Beach, you will have the opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the event and contribute to the cleanup in a totally different way. This site has the largest cleanup volunteer turnout and can always use more involved volunteers to help set up, distribute cleanup supplies and tear down. You will feel valiant when you see just how much trash we collect from Rose Creek in

just one morning! We are flexible if you can only come for part of the day; please contact the [Coastkeeper Cleanup Team](#) for more information and to sign up for the media site. If you want to lend a hand in your own neighborhood, then sign up for [Coastal Cleanup Day online](#) and help us surpass our goal of 10,000 volunteers once again this year.

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Upcoming Events

Ultimate Wave Tahiti Showcases Tropical Ocean Power

When: Ongoing for a limited time

Where: Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park



Photo: Reuben H. Fleet Science Center

San Diego Coastkeeper loves a good movie--especially in IMAX! Our friends at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center in Balboa Park are screening [THE ULTIMATE WAVE TAHITI](#), an extreme blend of surfing and ocean science starring nine-time world

surfing champion Kelly Slater. In the film, you'll be transported to one of the most picturesque places on Earth and get an up close look at some of nature's most intense ocean waves at Tahiti's famed surf site, Teahupo'o. Thanks to the Rueben H. Fleet Science Center for donating tickets to [Coastal Cleanup Day!](#)

I-5 Expansion Townhall Meeting

When: Monday, September 13, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Where: Encinitas Community Center



CalTrans has proposed to expand I-5 to as many as 18 lanes. The possible expansion could damage sensitive habitat and waste valuable financial resources on an unsustainable solution. Help our community prioritize mass transit and alternative commuting options like carpooling and bicycling by voicing your opinion at an open forum to discuss the project. [Download the attached PDF](#) for time and location.

California Center for Sustainable Energy Family Energy Day

When: Sunday, September 12, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: California Center for Sustainable Energy, 8690 Balboa Ave San Diego, CA 92123



As part of [Sustainable Energy Week](#), our good friends at the California Center for Sustainable Energy are hosting Family Energy Day. In one afternoon of free, interactive family fun activities, learn the simple steps you can take now to lower next

month's energy costs. Our outreach team will be on hand to teach about the often overlooked, but extremely important, connection between our water supply and energy use. Bring the kids and start them on the right path to environmental awareness!

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