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In the News

Coastkeeper Welcomes New Marine Debris Coordinator



In June of 2009, Alicia Glassco joined San Diego Coastkeeper to manage the Marine Debris Campaign. She coordinates Coastkeeper's [Beach Cleanup Programs](#), including the Beach Cleanup in a Box and Corporate Cleanup Programs. She also co-coordinates the annual [California Coastal Cleanup Day](#), organizing over 7,000 volunteers at 30 coastal sites throughout San Diego County. Before coming to Coastkeeper, Alicia earned her Master's degree from the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management (UCSB), where she specialized in Coastal Marine and Water Resource Management.

Coalition Helps Prevent the Trashing of Our Beaches



A group of San Diego local environmental organizations, including San Diego Coastkeeper, and community groups have united as the [San Diego Clean Beach Coalition](#) to encourage the public to help prevent pollution on area beaches during July 4 and other major summer holidays. After July 4 last year, volunteers picked up over 4,000 pounds of trash and 28,000 cigarette butts from the sands of six beaches throughout San Diego County. See information below about the "Morning After Mess" beach cleanup. Help spread the word to dispose of trash properly in trashcans, trash bags and recycling receptacles when visiting the beach.

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!

Participate in this year's 25th Anniversary of [California Coastal Cleanup Day](#) on Saturday, September 19th.

Step #3

Help Conserve Water!

San Diego is in a Level 2 Drought Alert which includes mandatory water restrictions. [Click here](#) for information on mandatory conservation practices and Level 2 restrictions.

San Diego Coastkeeper is a member of:



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Volunteer Opportunities

July Water Monitoring

When: Saturday, July 18 at 8:45am

Where: Point Loma (San Diego Coastkeeper Offices)



Photo: Erick Burres

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, July 15.

Help Keep Our Beaches Clean this Fourth of July Weekend

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](#) on 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.

Upcoming Events

Environmentally Inspired Quilt Exhibit Raises Public Awareness

When: Saturday, July 18 at 7:00pm

Where: Point Loma, CA



Environmentally inspired [Seeing Green: Visions of a Changing Planet](#) quilt exhibit, curated by [Quilt Visions](#) in Point Loma, is a must-see exhibition. The quilts reflect the current state of our environment, water quality issues, the effect of urban sprawl, biodiversity and much more. [San Diego Coastkeeper](#) is working alongside Quilt Visions to maximize public awareness about these important topics.

Become a Clean Water Ambassador!

When: Thursday, July 23, from 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Where: Location TBA



[Clean Water Ambassador](#) trainings highlight the Coastkeeper's work, and the critical environmental issues facing the San Diego region. The next forum will focus on current State efforts to protect our ocean ecosystems with the establishment of [marine protected areas](#) along our coastline. Speakers include Coastkeeper marine conservation staff, marine ecologist Dr. Ed Parnell from Scripps Institute of Oceanography and Grassroots Consultant Elizabeth Lambe. Contact [Sarah Blakeslee](#)

for more information or to RSVP.

Save the Date: 14th Annual Ocean Gala

When: Saturday, October 24, 2009 at 7:00pm

Where: The US Grant



It is with great pleasure that we announce plans for San Diego Coastkeeper's 14th annual [Ocean Gala](#) to be held on October 24th at [The US Grant](#) in downtown San Diego. This year's Gala will highlight the vibrant heritage of San Diego's watersheds and the need to protect our precious natural resources today and for future generations to enjoy.

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