



# San Diego Coastkeeper Email Alert

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## In the News

### Coastkeeper Staff Take Ocean Issues to State Capitol

Last Tuesday, three representatives from [San Diego Coastkeeper](#) discussed ocean issues with the Sacramento offices of seven of our San Diego elected officials. In total, more than 30 ocean conservation advocates from a number of environmental nonprofits attended 50 meetings to education leaders at the state level. We pushed for the proper placement and implementation of marine protected areas, the reduction of marine debris through regulation of plastics and the reduction of sewage spills by proper management of restaurant grease. After a long day of education and advocacy, we enjoyed sustainable seafood and wine at a reception honoring California's ocean champions in the state capitol.

### Coastkeeper Members Rock Science Education, Fundraising

It's been a busy and fun April for Coastkeeper members. On April 1, Coastkeeper members gathered for [Signs of the Tide: Understanding San Diego's Water](#). [Voice of San Diego](#) Education Reporter Emily Alpert moderated a panel presentation from [San Diego Unified School District Board](#) President Richard Barrera, [San Diego Science Alliance](#) Executive Director Nancy Taylor and [Scripps's Institution of Oceanography](#) Graduate Researcher Cameron Coates. Sharing insights on the state of science education in San Diego public schools, the panel then led a discussion regarding what we can do as a community to improve the situation. Mark your calendars for the next Signs of the Tide on Thursday, June 3 when we'll get in-depth about marine debris in San Diego.

Then last Thursday, we hung out downtown at [Bare Back Grill](#) with long-time friends and brand new ones. Thirty-two new members joined San Diego Coastkeeper and raised more \$1,000. Thanks to Bare Back Grill for donating 10 percent of the night's proceeds; awesome musicians from Lucky to be Here, [The Mainland](#), [Tyler Weinrich](#), and [Stealing Love Jones](#);

## San Diego's Action List

### Step #1

#### Support Clean Energy

[Send a letter](#) to the State Water Board and ask them to protect marine life by supporting clean energy and eliminating once-through cooling.

### Step #2

#### Donate to Save Your Ocean

Help protect San Diego's ocean by donating to [San Diego Coastkeeper](#).

### Step #3

#### Choose Low Impact Development

Planning to work on your home this summer? Learn about [low impact development](#) and incorporate the techniques into your building plans.

#### San Diego Coastkeeper is a member of:



and [Primo Beer](#) for the excellent beer special! Extra special thanks to Ashley, Eric, Graham, Kyle, Mike, Shannon, Shawn, & Wayland for putting together this amazing event! It was a great night with a bunch of new Coastkeeper faces. See you next time!

### Coastkeeper Seeks Lab Manager, Outreach Intern

We're seeking a new member of the [Coastkeeper team](#) to oversee and manage field monitoring, laboratory operations, water quality analyses, interpretations and program communications. The candidate should have at least one year of professional laboratory experience including working with water quality data management and conducting quality assurance and quality controls tests. It's a part time staff position (30 hours/ week) with evenings and some weekends required. Salary is commensurate with experience. [Download the complete job description](#) and apply to [coastkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:coastkeeper@gmail.com) by May 1, 2010.

We are also looking for a dedicated and organized intern to help manage our beach cleanups, outreach events and volunteer coordination. If you think you have what it takes, [check out the description](#) and send an application to [Sarah Blakeslee](#) by May 3.

### John Paul McNeill Joins San Diego Coastkeeper's Board of Directors

John Paul (JP) McNeill, co-founder of [PowerHouse Service](#), joined Coastkeeper's [Board of Directors](#) this month. JP brings with him considerable knowledge in the green financial sector and will be an asset to our growing mission. JP's experience working with public agencies, nonprofits, consumers and the private sector has enabled him to develop comprehensive PACE solutions for state and local governments and position PowerHouse Service as a leading provider of PACE loan programs. Prior to co-founding PowerHouse Service, he spearheaded business development for SunEdison, North America's largest solar energy service provider. Welcome aboard, JP!

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## Volunteer Opportunities

### April Water Quality Monitoring

When: Saturday, April 17, 8:45 a.m.

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



We've changed our volunteer water quality monitoring program. This month's monitoring event on Saturday will focus on returning volunteers only. However, if you are interested in water monitoring with us, our next new volunteer training is scheduled for May 15. Contact [sarah@sdcoastkeeper.org](mailto:sarah@sdcoastkeeper.org) to RSVP because space is limited. Once you are trained, please volunteer with us [every month](#).

### EarthFair 2010

When: Sunday, April 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: [Balboa Park](#)



[EarthFair](#) in Balboa Park is billed as the largest free annual environmental fair in the world. It features more than 350 exhibitors, special theme areas, a food pavilion, a special kids' area, three entertainment venues, the Children's Earth Parade, the eARTh Gallery art show and the Cleaner Car Concourse. EarthFair 2010 celebrates the 20th anniversary of San Diego's event and the 40th anniversary of the first Earth Day. Organizers expect around 70,000 visitors - we need your help to reach them. We are organizing three waves of volunteers: shift 1 from 9 a.m. - noon; shift 2 from noon - 3 p.m.; and shift 3 from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Contact [Sarah Blakeslee](#) to let her know when you can help.

## Creek to Bay Cleanup

When: Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. - noon

Where: [Tourmaline Beach](#)



Join San Diego Coastkeeper at our [Creek to Bay](#) cleanup site at Tourmaline Beach on Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to noon. We are hosting one of nearly 68 sites; [signup online](#) for a site near you. Last year we had more than 4,000 volunteers collect 170,000 pounds of trash! Coastkeeper encourages you to reduce your impact by reusing an old bag, bringing a bucket and using gardening gloves. Together we all make a difference!

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## Upcoming Events

### Let's Talk Trash...Waste, Tires & Sediment Too!

When: Saturday, April 17, 11 a.m. - noon

Where: [Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve](#)



Do you ever wonder what kind of trash gets washed into the Tijuana River Valley after it rains? Trash, tires, and sediment have been an ongoing environmental concern in the lower Tijuana River Valley for many years. Please join the Tijuana Estuary to learn the nature of the trash, tires and sediment; where they are located; and some of the steps being taken to address the problem. The presentation is free and open to the public. Find all the details in [this flyer](#).



# Working for Our Future: Why the Environment Matters

When: Tuesday, April 20, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Where: [San Diego Electrical Training Center](#) 4675 Viewridge Ave., 92123



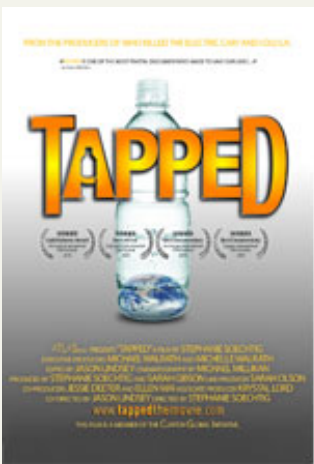
"Working for Our Future: Why the Environment Matters" is San Diego's first labor leader environmental education event, and it's on Tuesday, April 20. Hear from the keynote speaker Jerome Ringo, president of the National Apollo Alliance, and learn how labor leaders and environmental allies in the region can work together. It's intended to be the first of many conversations that lead to a broader and stronger labor-environmental partnership in San Diego, especially as we work to combat climate change and ensure the green economy is creating middle-class

jobs for San Diegans. To attend, RSVP to [Micah Mitrosky](#) or call 858-569-8900 ext. 110.

# Come Watch Tapped With Us

When: Wednesday, April 21, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: [Price Center West Theater](#)

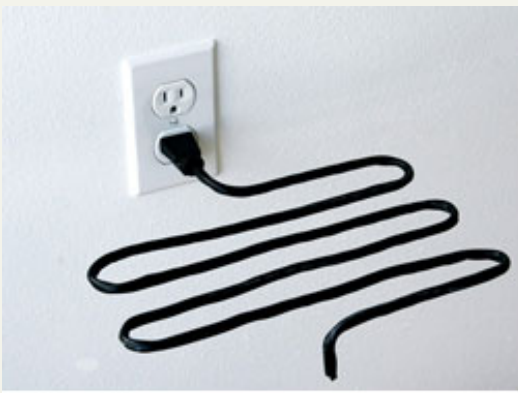


Join us for a panel presentation about San Diego's water supply including a screening of the movie [Tapped](#). The evening includes a raffle, appetizers and a fun opportunity to learn about the bottled water industry. It's free. See you there.

# Future of the Electric Car in Southern California

When: Thursday, April 22, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: [School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UCSD in Robinson Building Complex, Room 3201](#)



What do you drive? Check out the spring [Environmental Policy and Business Forum](#) at the School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UCSD for a discussion of policy and practical implications of the future of the electric car in Southern California. The cost is \$15 for non-students and includes a reception with hors d'oeuvres. For more details and directions, please visit the [school's website](#).

# Cuyamaca Conservation Garden: Spring Garden Festival



When: Thursday, April 22, 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: [Cuyamaca College Campus](#)



Experience "Conservation in Bloom" at the [17th Annual Spring Garden Festival](#), a family-friendly community celebration including educational programs, exhibitors and demonstrations that highlight conservation of resources and culture. Cuyamaca College's Ornamental Horticulture Department, the Water Conservation Garden and the Heritage of the Americas Museum bring San Diego this annual event, and admission and parking are free.

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