



December 2015 E-Newsletter

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Did You Know?

Give the Gift of Clean Water



Embrace the spirit of giving by getting your friends and family an annual membership to Santa Barbara Channelkeeper or making a donation in their names. Every dollar invested in Channelkeeper is a direct investment in clean water and healthy communities along the Santa Barbara Channel today and for future generations.

Members receive a gift announcement and sticker, our newsletters, updates and action alerts, and invitations to special events and unique volunteer opportunities. All new donors contributing \$50 or more will also receive a Channelkeeper t-shirt. Sign up or give the gift of clean water to a loved one today by clicking [here](#), calling 805.563.3377 ext. 2 or [emailing](#) us.

In addition, corporate matching gifts are a great way to increase your impact. Check with your employer to see if they will match your contribution to Channelkeeper. Or, if your workplace or business is a member of [1% for the Planet](#), know that Channelkeeper is proud to be an approved recipient. Please talk to your 1% for the Planet administrator about directing part or all of your company's 1% donation to Channelkeeper.

Thank you and happy holidays!

Support Channelkeeper While You Do Your Holiday Shopping!



Support Channelkeeper while you do your holiday shopping! Channelkeeper t-shirts and tote bags, 2016 [Tidelines calendars](#), [SB Axxess books](#), or botanical beeswax [Honeypot® candleholders](#) make great gifts while also benefiting Channelkeeper. And if you shop on Amazon, start at [this link](#) and 0.5% of your purchase will go to Channelkeeper. Click [here](#) to start shopping today!

Help Channelkeeper Document King Tides

El Niño rains are coming - get ready!

Make sure to prepare your home for wet weather by clearing debris from gutters, repairing leaks before it rains, and picking up sand bags from [SB County](#). Better yet, get ready to capture rainwater for later re-use by installing rain barrels and cisterns, swales and rain gardens. Click [here](#) to learn about the benefits and how-to's of rainwater capture. Despite predictions for heavy rains in the coming months, we don't expect this El Niño to end California's historic drought, so please continue to conserve and use water wisely in and around your home.



Download the Waterkeeper Swim Guide app for real-time water quality data at local beaches

Visit Website



King Tides will be hitting our shores again soon and Channelkeeper needs your help! To document the potential impacts of rising sea levels, Channelkeeper and other groups throughout California are calling on citizens to take photos during particularly

high winter tides - known as "king tides" - of areas known to flood and erode, and areas where high water levels can be gauged against sea walls, jetties, bridge supports or dikes. This project, known as the [California King Tides Initiative](#), is helping to identify and catalog coastal areas vulnerable to tidal inundation, and to promote awareness of the specific potential impacts of sea level rise on our region in an effort to support climate change mitigation and adaptation policies.

Channelkeeper will be documenting the impacts of each king tide event on the ground and by boat, but we need your help too! We hope to get shore-based photos of each beach for at least one day during each of the king tide events. The next king tides are expected **December 22-24** and **January 21-22**. This [table](#) depicts the times and locations we need covered (green checkmarks indicate that those shifts have already been assigned). Photos at other beaches with infrastructure (seawalls, houses, buildings, pipes, etc.) are also appreciated. So get out your camera and [email](#) us if you are available to help document impacts during these times. Please [email](#) your photos to us and include your name and the date, time and location (latitude and longitude appreciated but not required) the photos were taken. If you have any questions, please [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 x 5.

Stream Team December 5th & 6th



Stream Team is Channelkeeper's volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Every month, volunteers join Channelkeeper staff to test for common water quality parameters at numerous sites in the Ventura River and Goleta Valley watersheds. Come join us to help protect our local waterways. Stream Team in

Ventura will meet at 9am on Saturday, December 5th, and Goleta Stream Team will meet at 10am on Sunday, December 6th. For more information, visit our [website](#), [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 5.

Channelkeeper to Sail in the Parade of Lights This Sunday, December 6th

Join in the festivities at the Santa Barbara Harbor for the 30th Annual Parade of Lights this Sunday! Channelkeeper's boat, the *R/V Channelkeeper*, will be participating in the boat parade again this year.



The theme for this year's parade is "A Red, White & Blue Holiday." Parade activities will begin at 3 pm with Santa's Village on the City Pier in the Santa Barbara Harbor, with snow, elves and Santa himself! The boat parade begins at 5:30 pm. Judging will take place at Stearns Wharf and boats will be awarded prizes in five categories. Best viewing locations include Stearns Wharf and the breakwater. The evening will wrap up with a short fireworks display around 7 pm.

Reusable Bag Giveaway December 16th

Reusable bags aren't just for the grocery store. During the busy holiday season, one thing you can do to help the environment is to use reusable bags whenever you shop. As a reminder to holiday shoppers, Channelkeeper is teaming up with our long-time reusable bag campaign partner, the Community Environmental Council, to give away free reusable bags on Wednesday, December 16th from 2-4 pm at Santa Cruz Market in Goleta. Stop by our table for a free reusable bag and learn about the environmental impacts of disposable bags, or just join us by saying NO to paper AND plastic this holiday season - and every day!



Channelkeeper at Leadbetter Classic December 19th

Channelkeeper is excited to be tabling at the Lakey Peterson Leadbetter Classic on Saturday, December 19th. Stop by our table to say hi, get a free Channelkeeper sticker and enter a drawing to win a cool prize at this fun community gathering and surf competition for groms hosted by the [Surf Happens Foundation](#).



