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July E-Newsletter 2017



Welcome to a new section of our monthly enewsletter, which we will use to keep you informed about the Trump administration's latest efforts to weaken critical environmental protections, what Channelkeeper and our partners are doing to address them, and how you can help.

On February 24, 2017, President Trump issued an Executive Order (Exec. Order No. 13777, "Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda") which requires the US EPA and other federal agencies to establish Regulatory Reform Task Forces to evaluate existing regulations and make recommendations regarding those that should be repealed, replaced or modified to make them less "burdensome" on the American people. Santa Barbara Channelkeeper joined Waterkeeper Alliance and 120 other Waterkeeper organizations in submitting [comments](#) to EPA last month in vehement opposition to the withdrawal, modification or revocation of any EPA regulation that results from Executive Order 13777. Channelkeeper and Waterkeepers across the nation rely on EPA regulations to protect our waterways and communities from pollution, and President Trump's Executive Order is a direct threat to our right to clean water. Click [here](#) to learn more.

On April 28th, President Trump signed another Executive Order, "Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy," which mandates a "review" of any National Marine Sanctuary designated or expanded within the past ten years. This includes our beloved Channel Islands Sanctuary (because of minor boundary adjustments made in recent years), as well as

California's three other Sanctuaries - Monterey Bay, Cordell Bank and Greater Farallones. This now-pending interagency evaluation is expected to prioritize any potential for offshore oil and gas or frozen methane hydrates and subsea minerals that could be exploited if protection is removed. A **30-day public comment period is currently open**; click [here](#) to learn more and to **voice your support for our Sanctuaries**.

Peace Out, Plastics!

Join us TONIGHT, June 29th from 6-9PM, at the Impact Hub for an evening with eco-adventurer and anti-plastics advocate [Alison Teal](#) and [5 Gyres](#)



Executive Director Rachel Lincoln Sarnoff, who will discuss Alison's travels and ongoing efforts to reduce plastic waste. **Tickets are \$15** and include live music and refreshments. The event, one of many [Better World Series](#) community gatherings, will showcase the work of a number of business and nonprofits (including SBCK!) working on plastics reduction through innovation and education. Hope to see you there!

Santa Barbara Adventure Company Explores Our MPAs!

As a small, local business that is based on ecotourism, being able to bring people to explore Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) is a huge selling point for [Santa Barbara Adventure Company](#). MPAs are not only valuable for protecting and restoring our beautiful coastal ecosystems, they also have clear recreational and economic benefits. Watch the video below and to learn more about how you can explore and support our local MPAs, click [here](#).





Beach Report Card Gives Mixed Reviews for South Coast Beaches

According to [Heal the Bay's 2016-2017 Beach Report Card](#), water quality at Santa Barbara and Ventura county beaches this past year was good to excellent during dry weather and, in Santa Barbara, extremely poor during wet weather. Santa Barbara's winter dry weather water quality was good, with 93% of monitored beaches receiving A or B grades. Water quality at Santa Barbara

beaches during wet weather significantly decreased, with 80% of the monitored locations receiving a C-F grade. Grades for the summer dry months were not available due to lab errors.

Twelve beaches scored lower than a "B" during wet weather - Refugio State Beach (F), El Capitan State Beach (F), Goleta Beach (F), Hope Ranch (C), Arroyo Burro (F), Leadbetter Beach (F), East Beach at Mission Creek (F) and at Sycamore Creek (F), Butterfly Beach (C), Hammond's Beach (D), Summerland Beach (D) and Carpinteria State Beach (D). Beach water quality at Ventura County beaches was excellent this past year, with 100% of monitored beaches receiving an A grade during dry summer weather and 94% receiving an A grade for dry winter weather. In wet weather, 80% of monitored locations in Ventura County received A or B grades.

Take the Pledge: Go Plastic Free this July

Refuse single-use plastic and be part of the solution to plastic pollution! Join [Save the Mermaids](#) for the Plastic Free July challenge and commit to refusing ALL single-use plastic. Click [here](#) to sign up and learn more!



Win Jack Johnson Tickets!

Jack Johnson isn't just one of Santa Barbara's favorite artists, he is also an environmental champion who has given us an awesome opportunity to raise



\$5,000 - if we can raise \$2,500, he will match it! Jack even gave us a couple of tickets to tempt you, so if you [donate](#) \$50 to Channelkeeper, you'll receive one entry in a drawing to win two tickets to his sold out July 18th show at the Santa Barbara Bowl. Donate \$100 and you'll receive THREE entries in the drawing! Whatever you give, Jack will match it, doubling the impact of your donation. Donations must be received by July 10th to be entered in the drawing for the tickets. Winner will be notified on July 11th.

And, when you go to the show, be sure to stop by the Channelkeeper booth, where we can help you win a chance to watch the concert from the stage itself - Best Seats in the House!



Stream Team July 9th

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 stream sites across the South Coast. Come join us to help protect our local waterways. Ventura Stream Team will not be

meeting this month. Goleta Stream Team will meet at 10 am on Sunday, July 9th. For more information, visit our website, email us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 5.

Wine & Waves July 19th

Enjoy the summer beauty of downtown Santa Barbara after the 4th of July crowds leave and before the Fiesta revelers arrive - and support Channelkeeper at the same time! Join us on the patio of the Margerum Tasting Room (at 813 Anacapa Street) for good company, delightful bites, lively music and a special tasting of Margerum's celebrated wines on Wednesday, July 19th from 5-7 pm. Reservations are required; cost is \$25 per person and includes a tasting flight of three wines. Margerum will also donate 15% of all case sales (12 bottles or more) to Channelkeeper. Purchase tickets online [here](#) or [email](#) or call us at 805.563.3377 ext. 2 to reserve your spot today! Cheers!





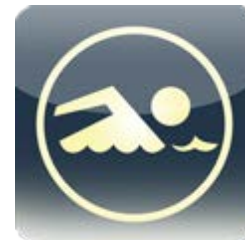
Art & Ocean July 27

Join Channelkeeper at [The Waterline](#) in the Funk Zone from 5pm - 9pm for an evening of wine, beer, art and ocean! Come check out the ocean-inspired art for sale by local artists Jeremy Harper

and Chris Potter (who will each donate a percentage of art sales that night to Channelkeeper.) Drink wine from [Fox Wine Co.](#), beer from [Topa Topa Brewing Co.](#), and listen to live music from Traverse Adler, followed by a raffle where you will have the chance to win some sweet prizes from the [Guided Table!](#) We hope to see you there for an evening to celebrate and support Channelkeeper's work for clean water for our community. RSVP [here](#).

Surf & Swim Safely - Use Swim Guide!

With the summer beach season upon us, stay in the know about water quality conditions at local beaches and throughout the nation with the free [Waterkeeper Swim Guide App!](#) This app provides up-to-date information about water quality conditions at more than 400 California beaches, coves, rivers, parks, piers and creeks. Swim Guide also helps users get directions to nearby beaches, view photos, learn what beaches are good for children and more. Users can also report pollution immediately to the nearest local Waterkeeper. [Download the app](#) today and surf and swim safely this summer!



Become a member!

Your support for Channelkeeper's efforts is needed now more than ever. [Become a member](#) of the Channelkeeper crew today with your [tax-deductible donation](#). You'll be investing in clean water and healthy communities along the Santa Barbara Channel today and for future generations. With your

membership, you will receive our regular newsletters, news updates and action alerts, invitations to special Channelkeeper events and fun volunteer opportunities, and a free Channelkeeper sticker. All new donors contributing \$50 or more can also receive a Channelkeeper t-shirt, and for donations of \$250 or more, bi-annual issues of [Waterkeeper](#) magazine. Sign up today by calling 805.563.3377 ext. 2, [emailing](#) us, or clicking [here](#).

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