



March 2017 E-Newsletter

Did You Know?



Yesterday President Trump signed an executive order directing EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt to begin rolling back the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule issued in 2015, which gave the federal government authority to limit pollution in smaller streams and rivers that flow into larger bodies of water. Click [here](#) to read the response from our friends at [Waterkeeper Alliance](#).

We're Social!



Channelkeeper Student Art Show March 2nd

Channelkeeper is proud to host our 14th annual ocean-inspired Student Art Show, "What the Channel Means to Me." Join us this Thursday, March 2nd (1st Thursday) from 5-8 pm for the opening exhibit, public reception and awards ceremony at the Jodi House Gallery at 625 Chapala Street in Santa Barbara. The goal of the show, which is open to high school students from Carpinteria to Goleta, is to inspire local youth to create art that celebrates the natural beauty and biodiversity of the Santa Barbara Channel, and for their art to inspire others in our community. At 6:30 pm, we will announce the winners and State Senator Hannah Beth Jackson will present them with awards and cash prizes made possible by our show sponsors, [Trillium Enterprises](#) and the [Montecito Rotary Club Foundation](#).

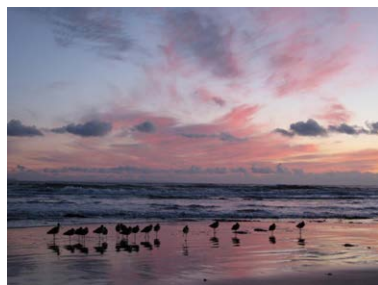


BeachCOMBERS Training March 25th RSVP by March 1st!

The US Fish and Wildlife USFWS invites you to attend a BeachCOMBERS training for new and existing volunteers. This



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training will be held on Saturday, March 25th from 9am-5pm at the USFWS Ventura Field Office at 2493 Portola Rd # B, Ventura.

The BeachCOMBERS program is a collaborative effort between scientific institutions, agencies, and citizen scientists to conduct surveys on local beaches once per month to obtain baseline information on deposition of beachcast birds and mammals. The South Coast Chapter covers beaches between Santa Barbara and Los Angeles Counties. The training will cover BeachCOMBER protocols and bird and marine mammal identification. More information on the program can be found [here](#). Volunteering for BeachCOMBERS involves a commitment to conduct a survey on a local beach once per month. Space is limited! Please fill out [this survey](#) by March 1st if you're interested in attending. We will follow up with more information shortly after. Feel free to forward this announcement to folks who may be interested.

Rein the Rain with Rain Barrels



Capture some of that free, clean rainwater that's been falling of late in a rain barrel and store it for your future outdoor watering needs. Through our Rein the Rain Project, Channelkeeper is partnering with local vintners and brewers to secure oak barrels previously used to age wine and beer and convert them into rain barrels to help our community conserve water. We have several beautiful, repurposed oak rain barrels available for sale for \$100, which

includes a DIY kit to connect the barrel to your rectangular roof downspout. Rain barrels not only promote water conservation but also reduce stormwater runoff, our number one source of water pollution. Many thanks to our barrel donors, [Figueroa Mountain Brewery](#), [Beckmen Winery](#), [Buttonwood Winery](#), and [Imagine Wines](#), and to [SoCalGas](#) for supporting the project. [Email](#) us to get your rain barrel today!

Stream Team March 5th

Stream Team is Channelkeeper's volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Every month, volunteers join Channelkeeper staff to test



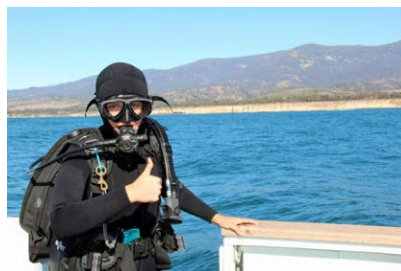
for common water quality parameters at numerous stream sites across the South Coast. Come join us to help protect our local waterways. Goleta Stream Team will meet at 10 am on Sunday, March 5th. For more information, visit our [website](#), [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 5.

Save the Date! 17th Annual Blue Water Ball! Saturday, April 22nd



Save the date! Channelkeeper's 17th annual Blue Water Ball fundraising gala is set for Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd at 5:30 pm in the beautiful rotunda at Deckers' LEED-certified headquarters. This fun event will feature a gourmet dinner, fine local wines, an awesome auction, dancing, and an inspiring keynote address by [Sara Aminzadeh](#) of [California Coastkeeper Alliance](#). To reserve your seats today or become a sponsor, auction donor or volunteer, [email](#) or call Morgan at 805.563.3377 x2. We look forward to seeing you there! For more information click [here](#).

Become a Channelkeeper 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](#).