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October E-Newsletter 2017



Complete our "Get to Know You" Survey!

Channelkeeper wants to get to know you! Please fill out our short survey **by October 12th** - it'll take less than 10 minutes AND you'll be entered into a drawing to **win a \$100 gift card** to the vendor of your choice! Winner will be notified via email on October 16th. Click [here](#) to fill out the survey. Thanks!

Gov. Brown Signs Bill to Cap Legacy Oil Wells!

Senate Bill (SB) 44, the Coastal Oil Well Cleanup and Remediation Act, authored by our own State Senator Hannah Beth Jackson, has been signed by Governor Brown! This legislation will provide \$14 million over the next seven years for the state to investigate and cap leaking legacy oil wells off the California coast. Channelkeeper served as an expert witness for the bill in Sacramento and rallied scores of citizens to submit letters of support, so thanks to all of you who helped make it happen! Channelkeeper will continue to engage with the State Lands Commission and serve as a lead advocate to ensure that leaking legacy wells are properly abandoned.





New Rainwater and Recycling Legislation Advances California Water Security

On October 6th, Governor Brown signed into law two key bills championed by [California Coastkeeper Alliance \(CCKA\)](#), paving the way for California communities to tap two climate-smart local water sources: rainwater and drinkable recycled water. Senate Bill 231, authored by Senator Robert Hertzberg (D-Van Nuys), will make it easier for cities, counties and local water agencies to finance projects to capture and use rain that falls on roads and roofs during winter months. Often referred to as stormwater, this water has historically been flushed out to sea, along with all the chemicals and trash it picks up along the way. By capturing and cleaning rainwater for later use, cities can reduce flood risk and pollution while boosting water reliability. Assembly Bill 574, authored by Assemblymember Bill Quirk (D-Hayward), will expand access to drought-proof recycled water. The law will create a five-year plan to make California the first state in the nation with statewide standards for drinkable recycled water. Many communities are already recycling water for drinking, but they must blend it with groundwater before serving it to consumers. By enabling utilities to deliver highly purified recycled water directly to customers, AB 574 will reduce the need for expensive new infrastructure. Many thanks to our partners at CCKA for their tireless work to get these critical bills enacted!

Say Cheers with Fig Mtn Brew's New Channelkeeper Beer

What is the number one ingredient in good beer? Clean, pure water! That's why [Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co.](#) has crafted "Channelkeeper," a piña colada-inspired wheat pale ale (5.0% ABV) to benefit



Channelkeeper! So grab some friends and head over to Fig in the Funk Zone and drink a pint (or two!) of Channelkeeper while this delicious, limited edition brew lasts and support Channelkeeper's work for clean water at the same time!

2ND Annual AQUATHON Made a Splash!

On September 30th, ocean lovers of all ages came together to dive in and enjoy the water we work so hard to protect. As part of the



[Waterkeeper Alliance/Toyota SPLASH Event Series](#),

Channelkeeper's second annual

[AQUATHON](#) brought scores of swimmers, SUPers and surfers out to Leadbetter Beach for some friendly competition and a salty good time. Guided by experts from [Paddle Sports Center](#) and our friends at [Reef & Run](#), AQUATHON participants had the chance to swim 500m or 1K courses or stand-up paddle a 1.5K course to win prizes of gorgeous Turkish towels donated by [Riviera Towel Company](#). [Surf Happens](#) led a surf camp just for groms and every kid took home a trophy. On shore, folks enjoyed games and ocean-themed activities, live music, Hawaiian shave ice, and an awesome raffle. Many thanks to our sponsors - [Toyota](#), [HG Data](#), [Paul Mitchell](#) and [McVeigh Massage](#), our underwriters and partners, and all who dove in to support our clean water mission!

[Santa Barbara Harbor & Seafood Festival](#)
October 14th



When it comes to fresh seafood, you can't get it any fresher than right off the boat. On Saturday, October 14th from 10 am-5 pm, the annual [Santa Barbara Harbor & Seafood Festival](#) will

lure seafood lovers of all ages to Santa Barbara's thriving Harbor for one of our community's most beloved and flavorful events. Stop by and say hello to Channelkeeper at our booth on the pier!

[MPA Watch Volunteer Training Workshop](#)
October 19th

Do you enjoy long walks on the beach and helping to promote ocean conservation? Channelkeeper is looking for dedicated volunteers to help us record and track human activities in and adjacent to Santa Barbara's Marine



Protected Areas (MPAs) through our MPA Watch program. The data we collect provides important information to understand how people are using MPAs and helps inform MPA management. Becoming an MPA Watch volunteer is easy and fun. Our next volunteer training workshop is on Thursday, October 19 at 6:30pm at UCSB in Bren Hall Room 4016. Snacks and drinks will be provided! If you want to attend or learn more about MPA Watch, please [email](#) or call us at 805.563.3377 ext. 4. Every MPA Watch volunteer will receive a free Channelkeeper t-shirt, and volunteers that complete 10 surveys will receive an additional exciting treat!

Wine on the Waterfront to Benefit SBCK October 24th

Please join us at Chuck's Waterfront Grill in the Santa Barbara Harbor on Saturday, October 24th from 2-5 pm for "Wine on the Waterfront," a delectable wine, beer and food tasting event to benefit

Channelkeeper. There will be live music and tastings from Brander Wines, Jaffurs Wine Cellars, Topa Topa Brewing Co., Island Brewing Co., Figueroa Mountain Brewing Co., The Real McCoy Rum, Cutler's Artisan Spirits, and more! Entry is \$30 per person (\$15 for Mahalo members); for reservations and more info, call (805) 564-1200.



Stream Team November 4th & 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. Ventura Stream Team will meet at 10 am on Saturday, November 4th. Goleta Stream Team will meet at 10 am on Sunday, November 5th. For more information, visit our [website](#), [email us](#) or call 805.563.3377 ext. 5.

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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