

January 2019 E-Newsletter



Support Clean Water Today



Happy New Year from the Santa Barbara Channelkeeper crew! We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to all the generous, water-loving volunteers and donors who contributed their valuable time, money, and energy to support our work last year. Thanks to that support, we scored some [major victories](#) in 2018, and we have an [ambitious agenda](#) for clean water in 2019, but we need your support to make it happen! Please help ensure that Channelkeeper is well-equipped to defend your interest in clean water this year by making a tax-deductible [contribution](#) today. Thank you and best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2019!



Image courtesy of CEC

Ablitt's (14 W. Gutierrez St.), the CEC office (26 W. Anapamu St., 2nd Floor), or the Channelkeeper office (714 Bond Ave). Click [here](#) to download a printable PDF of which film plastics you can and cannot recycle.

Recycle Film Plastic!

Looking for a way to recycle those pesky plastic shopping bags, bubble wrap, and Amazon shipping "air pillows" from your holiday gifts? [We've got you covered!](#) Channelkeeper is joining [Community Environmental Council \(CEC\)](#) in the effort spearheaded by [Ablitt's Fine Cleaners](#) to keep film plastic out of the waste stream. Ablitt's uses a machine to bale the plastic and then sends it to manufacturers that turn it into pellets to be repurposed for other uses like decking and other household materials. Community members can drop off film plastics during business hours at

Help #ResurrectTheRiver

Channelkeeper has been providing [updates](#) on our work to stop the City of Ventura from pumping the Ventura River dry. We have been asking community members to [email the Ventura City Council](#) to urge them to manage this community resource responsibly and to engage in a productive dialogue which results in measures that balance the needs of the river with the City's water supply needs. And your voices are being heard! We continue to encourage people to [send emails](#) to the Ventura City Council - click [here](#) to send one now and show your support for a living, flowing Ventura River.





Rein the Rain with Rain Barrels!

Rain is in the forecast, so don't miss the opportunity to capture some of that free, clean water and save it for future outdoor watering needs by getting one (or more!) of our beautiful, repurposed oak rain barrels today! Rain barrels not only promote water conservation but

also reduce stormwater runoff, our number one source of water pollution. Through our Rein the Rain project, Channelkeeper has partnered with local brewers and vintners, including [Figueroa Mountain Brewery](#), [Melville Winery](#), [Beckmen Winery](#), [Buttonwood Winery](#), and [Imagine Wines](#), who have donated barrels previously used to age beer and wine, to help us spread these water-saving tools across our community. We still have a few available - for \$100, you get a rain barrel and a simple DIY kit to connect the barrel to your rectangular roof downspout. [Email](#) us to get a rain barrel today and get ready to rein the rain!

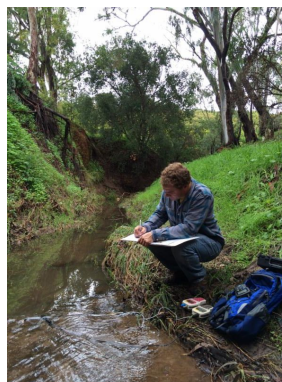
King Tides are Returning to Santa Barbara

[King Tides](#) will be hitting our shores again on January 20-21, providing a glimpse of how rising sea levels caused by climate change could impact our shoreline. To help document the potential impacts of rising sea levels, Channelkeeper and other groups throughout California coordinate efforts to support the [California King Tides Project](#). King tides are naturally occurring and predictable, but they are particularly high compared to tides throughout the rest of the year, providing an opportunity to see how infrastructure and ecosystems may be impacted as sea level rises. Check out our [photo album](#) and [interactive Google map](#) to see how our local beaches could be impacted. You can also head out to the coast on the mornings of January 20-21 to witness and photograph these high tides yourself. [Email](#) us your photos and share on social media using #kingtides.

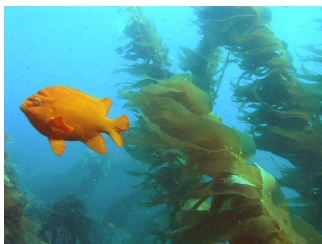


Goleta Stream Team Sunday, January 6th

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 stream sites across the South Coast. Come join us to help monitor and protect our local waterways. Goleta Stream Team will meet on Sunday, January 6th at 10 am. Please RSVP via [email](#). For more information, visit our [website](#), or [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 3.



Underwater Parks Day Festival Saturday, January 19th



January 29th is Underwater Parks Day - a day dedicated to educating the public about [Marine Protected Areas \(MPAs\)](#) and California's landmark initiative to establish a network of MPAs along its entire coast. Please join us in celebrating our local MPAs at the [Sea Center's Underwater Parks Day Festival](#) on Saturday, January 19th from 10 am to 3 pm (admission is free!). With hands-on activities and marine science investigations, this is a fun event for kids and adults alike. Stop by Channelkeeper's table to learn more about MPAs and how you can help monitor and promote them!

MPA Watch Volunteer Training Workshop Thursday, January 24th



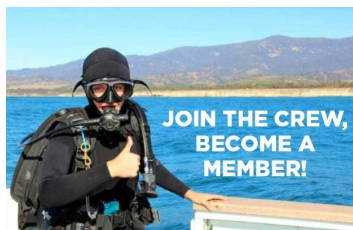
Channelkeeper is looking for dedicated volunteers to help us record and track human activities in and adjacent to Santa Barbara's Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) through our MPA Watch program. The data we collect provides important information to understand how people are using MPAs and also helps inform MPA

management. Becoming an MPA Watch volunteer is easy and fun. Our next volunteer training workshop will take place on Thursday, January 24th at 6:30 pm in Bren Hall Room 4016 at UCSB. 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!

50 Years After the Santa Barbara Oil Spill Sunday, January 27th



Please join us on Sunday, January 27th at 3 pm at the Arlington Theater for a free community event to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1969 Santa Barbara Oil Spill. This event is being organized by [EDC](#), [CEC](#), [Get Oil Out \(GOO!\)](#), and [UCSB Environmental Studies Department](#) and will look back upon the first 50 years of the modern environmental movement, assess progress to date, and call for renewed engagement and civic action. There will be special guest speakers including Annie Leonard, music by Zach Gill, Glen Phillips, No Simple Highway, SoulMajestic, and booths featuring local nonprofits like Channelkeeper who are working to protect our coast from oil spills (from 2-3 pm). Click [here](#) to reserve your ticket today!



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.1, [emailing](#) us, or clicking [here](#).

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