

## November 2018 E-Newsletter



## Support Clean Water Today

## Get Out the Vote!

There's a lot at stake in the 2018 midterm elections, and the results could have profound impacts on our communities, our health, our water and our future. So please **VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6TH** and make sure to prioritize clean water and the environment this election. Democracy is not for spectators. Stand up, speak out, and cast your ballot!

Art & Ocean  
November 8th

Please join us on Thursday, November 8th for our third Art & Ocean event at [Shops@Waterline!](#) Ocean-inspired works of art created by local artists [Kevin Gleason](#), [Kelly Clause](#) and [Emilie Lee](#) will be displayed and available for sale, with the artists donating proceeds from each piece sold to support Channelkeeper's mission to protect and restore the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds. There will also be live music, raffle prizes, and good company with like-minded ocean lovers! Please click [here](#) to RSVP.



## Help Us #ResurrectTheRiver

The City of Ventura continues to fight our efforts to ensure there is enough water in the Ventura River for fish and recreation, and we need your help! Click [here](#) to take action now.



The City of Ventura pumps hundreds of millions of gallons of water from the Ventura River every year, often completely drying up parts of the river. The City pumps roughly twice as much water from the river than all other pumpers in the river basin combined. The City's unmitigated pumping at Foster Park is destroying endangered species habitat, degrading downstream water quality and ruining recreational opportunities for the thousands of people who visit the river each year. Until now, City leaders have evaded public scrutiny of their mismanagement of the river, and Channelkeeper aims to shed light on the City's destructive practices to pressure the City to engage in a process to develop more responsible management of the river's resources. Click [here](#) to learn more about our efforts to stop the City from pumping the Ventura River dry, and **please lend your voice to the cause by clicking [here](#)** to send an email to Ventura City Council so they know the community cares about what they are doing to the Ventura River!



### Santa Barbara City Council Votes - Again - to Ban Plastic Straws

On October 9, 2018, the Santa Barbara City Council voted 6-1 to ban plastic straws and stirrers and require that plastic to-go utensils be provided only upon request. The ordinance, which includes a medical exemption in consideration of the Americans with Disabilities Act, will enter into effect on July 1, 2019. We are thrilled that the City of Santa Barbara is taking this action to help stem the tide of plastic pollution! Now we're working on Goleta and Santa Barbara County, so please stay tuned for ways you can help the whole South Coast move away from single-use plastics.



### Rein the Rain with Rain Barrels!

As we head into the rainy season, don't miss the opportunity to capture some of that free, clean water in a rain barrel to save for future outdoor watering needs. Through our Rein the Rain Project, Channelkeeper is partnering with local vintners and brewers to convert oak barrels previously used to age wine and beer 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 partners who have donated barrels - Figueroa Mountain Brewery, Beckmen Winery, Buttonwood Winery, Melville Winery, and Imagine Wines. [Email](#) us to get your rain barrel today!

### Stream Team November 3rd & 4th

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 on Saturday, November 3rd at 9 am. Goleta Stream Team will meet on Sunday, November 4th at 10 am. For more information, visit our [website](#), or [email](#) us or call 805.563.3377 ext. 3.



### Support Channelkeeper While You Do Your Holiday Shopping!

Did you know that you can support Channelkeeper while doing your holiday shopping at no additional cost to you? Start early and make an even bigger contribution - from October 29 to November 2,



AmazonSmile will donate 5% (ten times the usual amount) to Santa Barbara Channelkeeper when you shop through [this link](#). Haven't signed up for Amazon Smile yet? No worries, just click [here](#) and choose Channelkeeper as your beneficiary of choice! Channelkeeper [t-shirts and tote bags](#), 2018 [Tidelines calendars](#), botanical beeswax [Honey-pot candleholders](#), and [Channelkeeper Memberships](#) also make great holiday gifts.



### Buy Axxess Books and Support Channelkeeper

[Santa Barbara Axxess](#) features exclusive discounts at more than 550 local merchants, including unbeatable savings on restaurants, wine tasting, home, fitness and more! Buy your Axxess books from Channelkeeper and Axxess will donate \$13 of your \$40 purchase price back to us! Swing by our office

at 714 Bond Avenue, contact us by [email](#), or call 805.563.3377 ext. 2 to get yours 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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