

October 2019 E-Newsletter



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Progress on Restoring Flows in the Ventura River



Channelkeeper is pleased to announce that we just achieved a significant win in our long-fought battle to restore flows in the Ventura River. For many years, the City of Ventura has pumped so much water out of the Ventura River that its value as critical habitat for endangered steelhead and other aquatic life has all but dried up, so Channelkeeper has been leveraging the law to bring it back from the brink - and we're succeeding. Our legal and public pressure brought the City of Ventura to the negotiating table for the first time ever, and through a formal mediation process this summer that also included the State Water Resources Control Board and California Department of Fish and Wildlife and other parties that extract water from the river, we've secured binding commitments from the City to remove fish passage barriers in the river and to reduce or curtail its pumping from the river when flows fall below critical levels for an interim period until a longer term solution is developed.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife and State Water Board are currently completing scientific studies that will determine precisely how much flow is needed to protect steelhead. Channelkeeper will leverage the agencies' studies in our continued negotiations with the City to secure a permanent solution that ensures sufficient flows in the river to sustain healthy steelhead and other wildlife while also meeting the community's water needs in the future.

Click [here](#) to read the press release announcing our interim settlement with the City of Ventura.



California Fights Back Against Stormwater Pollution

This week, California Senate Bill (SB) 205 was signed into law, addressing the pervasive issue of industrial facilities that remain unregulated by California's clean water laws. [California Coastkeeper Alliance](#) and the bill's author, Sen. Hertzberg (D-LA), collaborated closely with the State and Regional Water Boards and the regulated industry to come up with an elegant solution to stormwater pollution.

California's industrial stormwater permit currently regulates approximately 10,000 industrial facilities, but there are thousands more industrial dischargers that have failed to comply. This means that when it rains, toxic stormwater pollution from unregulated facilities flows freely from oil refineries, landfills, manufacturing plants, auto yards, and scrap metal recyclers into our waterways. SB 205 will require applicable facilities to demonstrate enrollment with the industrial stormwater permit when applying for or renewing their business license, leveling the playing field for the regulated community to help secure swimmable, fishable, and drinkable California waters.

Paige's Big Swim for the Channel!

In the early hours of October 9th, 16 year-old Paige Kieding will dive into the Santa Barbara Channel at Anacapa Island to attempt a solo swim across the Channel to Silver Strand beach in Oxnard - a distance of about 12.4 miles. If she succeeds (and we know she will!), she will be the second youngest open water swimmer to complete this crossing. Paige came to Channelkeeper with the idea of promoting her swim as a fundraiser to support our work to protect and restore the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds. A lover of the ocean and passionate about ocean conservation, Paige felt Channelkeeper was the perfect fit for her fundraising campaign. You can donate and read more about her fundraiser [here](#). Thank you and go Paige, go!





Fall 2019 Newsletter

Channelkeeper's Fall 2019 Newsletter is now available online [here!](#) Read all about our latest successes in restoring flows in the Ventura River, tackling the plastic pollution crisis, monitoring Goleta Bay for the impacts of mud dumping, and more! [Email](#) us if you'd like to receive future editions in your mailbox. Happy reading!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Harbor & Seafood Festival
October 12

Goleta Stream Team
October 13



Santa Barbara
Harbor & Seafood Festival

When it comes to fresh seafood, you can't get it any fresher than right off the boat. On Saturday, October 13th from 10am-5pm, the 18th 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!



Stream Team is Channelkeeper's volunteer-based water quality monitoring program. Come join us to help monitor and protect our local waterways. Goleta Stream Team will meet on Sunday, October 13th at 10 am. Please RSVP via [email](#). For more information, visit our [website](#), [email](#) or call us at 805.563.3377 ext. 3.

**MPA Watch Volunteer
Training Workshop**
October 17



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. Join us for

**Santa Barbara Community
Cleanup**
October 19



Please join [Looking Good Santa Barbara](#), a program of the City of Santa Barbara Environmental Services Department, and other local groups for the Community Clean-up Day from 9am-12pm on Saturday, October 19th. Activities include litter and graffiti clean-up, shopping cart retrieval, and parks and beautification projects. Volunteers

a training workshop on **Thursday, October 17th 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 treat!

will meet at **9am at Parque de los Niños (550 Wentworth Ave.) or Eastside Park (198 N. Soledad St.)**. Email [Lorraine Cruz Carpenter](#) for more information.

Patagonia 2019 Salmon Run November 3



Join Channelkeeper on Sunday morning, November 3rd at Patagonia's annual [Salmon Run](#) along the lower Ventura River. This year's race will benefit our friends at [Los Padres Forest Watch](#) and their mission to protect wildlife, wilderness, and clean water throughout the Los Padres National Forest, the Carrizo Plain National Monument, and other public lands along California's central coast. The race will sell out quickly! Be sure to register early [online](#) to guarantee your spot. All are welcome to cheer on runners and check out the great raffle prizes!



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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