



## **WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROGRAM RELAUNCHES**

Channelkeeper is pleased to resume our water quality monitoring program in the Goleta Valley watershed this July with support from the City of Goleta.

Through the water quality monitoring program, we will train interns to conduct monthly water quality sampling at 19 stream sites in the Goleta Valley watershed. Interns will test for dissolved oxygen, pH, conductivity, turbidity, nitrate, and fecal indicator bacteria, and incorporate the data in Channelkeeper's long-term data set, which spans 20 years.

In recent years, this data has been used by government agencies to inform important pollution prevention programs and water resource management decisions. Today, as the City of Goleta works towards implementing its Creek and Watershed Management Plan and considers future projects to improve creek health, having this data will prove useful to decision-making and future monitoring efforts.

We are pleased to welcome two water quality interns, Aaron Garcia and Madeline Hulle, to our team to conduct this work. Aaron is a recent UCSB graduate and Madeline is a current Environmental Studies student at UCSB.





## SHARE YOUR INPUT TO HELP MANAGE MARINE PROTECTED AREA NETWORK

The California Fish and Game Commission (CFGC) referred 20 petitions from non-profit organizations, scientists, and fishermen to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in February for review, evaluation, and recommendation. The petitions include over 80 specific requests to amend marine protected area regulations. Public feedback is being requested on how the agency should sort the petitions for next steps.

The petitions have been sorted into two categories. Petitions that are ready to be evaluated in the near term have been placed in Bin 1. Petitions that require additional policy guidance, information, and/or resources before they are evaluated have been placed in Bin 2.

Feedback on petition sorting may be sent directly to the CFGC to inform the discussions scheduled for the July 17 Marine Resources Committee meeting.

In order for written comments to be included in the meeting materials, the CFGC must receive them by July 5. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to submit written comments.

A promotional graphic for Plastic-Free July 2024. The top half features a light blue background with sun rays. On the left, the text "Small steps, big difference." is written in a bold, dark blue font. On the right, the "PLASTIC FREE JULY" logo is displayed, with "PLASTIC" in orange, "FREE" in blue, and "JULY" in orange, accompanied by a stylized orange and green leaf icon. Below the text, four diverse people are illustrated standing on a green and blue globe. From left to right: a man in a teal sweater holding a basket of produce, a man in a black t-shirt holding a yellow water bottle, a man in a black jacket and pink beanie holding a pink water bottle, and a woman in an orange jacket holding a green coffee cup. The bottom half of the graphic has an orange background. On the left is a circular logo with "PLASTICFREEJULY.ORG" at the top, "2024" in large orange numbers in the center, and "JOIN THE CHALLENGE" at the bottom. On the right, the text "Join millions of people worldwide choosing to refuse single-use plastic." is written in white, with "PlasticFreeJuly.org" below it in white.

### TAKE THE PLASTIC-FREE JULY CHALLENGE

Plastic-Free July is a global initiative that inspires each of us to create a future with cleaner communities and oceans by reducing our dependency on single-use plastics. The campaign challenges us to commit to one month of doing our best to avoid disposable plastic while providing information about plastic pollution and solutions. Since 2010, more than 100 million people in 190 countries have pledged to avoid single-use plastics during the month of July.

Please join Channelkeeper, the Community Environmental Council (CEC), and



partners around the world in the challenge to 'Choose to Refuse' single-use plastic this July. Post about your experiences on social media using the #PlasticFreeJuly hashtag and share your favorite plastic reduction ideas.

**The challenge is simple, and you can choose from different levels of participation.**

**Here are three options to consider:**

- Pick one disposable plastic item to avoid using for the month;
- Refuse the big 4: plastic bags, water bottles, takeaway coffee cups, and straws; or
- Commit to avoiding ALL single-use plastic.

**Click below to take the pledge!**

[Plastic Free July Info](#)



### **JULY 5TH CLEANUP COLLABORATION**

**JULY 5**

**9:00 am - 11:00 am**

Channelkeeper's Watershed Brigade is collaborating with the City of Santa Barbara's Waterfront Department to help clean up our waterfront beaches after the July 4th festivities.

After a celebratory kickoff to summer, we see trash on our beaches and waterfront area following the July 4th festivities. Without additional resources to pick it up, this extra pulse of trash will end up in the ocean and may harm wildlife. Channelkeeper is pleased to partner with the City of Santa Barbara Waterfront Department on July 5th for this community event.

Join us between 9 am to 11 am at one of three specified locations along the Santa Barbara Waterfront.

- East Beach 1: Beach entrance at the Cabrillo West Parking Lot
- East Beach 2: Beach entrance at the Palm Park Parking Lot
- Leadbetter Beach: Beach entrance at the Leadbetter Parking Lot

Participants who are 21 or over will receive a coupon for 2-for-1 beers at [Rincon Brewery](#).

[Sign Up!](#)



## CELEBRATE SWIMMABLE CALIFORNIA DAY July 25

Join us in celebrating clean, swimmable water! Swimmable CA Day is a day recognizing your right to waters that are safe for recreation.

Channelkeeper works to protect the Santa Barbara Channel and its watersheds and to ensure that they're clean and safe for everyone to enjoy. We monitor water quality along the South Coast and respond to pollution reports to help keep our community healthy.

In 2013, the California Legislature passed a resolution to officially commemorate July 25th as "Swimmable California Day," recognizing Californians' right to waters that are clean and safe for swimming.

We hope that you have an opportunity to get out and enjoy your favorite swimming spot this month!



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*natural market*



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#### **SUPPORT CHANNELKEEPER WHILE YOU SHOP**

Channelkeeper is thrilled to announce that we have been selected as a beneficiary of Lazy Acres' Envirotokens program! Thank you for voting for us!

Lazy Acres Envirotokens program rewards customers who make the sustainable choice to reuse bags and keep single-use items out of local landfills. When you shop at Lazy Acres and bring your own reusable bags, the store will give you a 10¢ Envirotoken per bag. You can then pay it forward to one of six local nonprofits doing important work in our area. The next time you shop at Lazy Acres, please consider supporting Channelkeeper with your Envirotokens!

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## SUPPORT CLEAN WATER

Want to make a difference for the environment and your community? Making a tax-deductible contribution to Santa Barbara Channelkeeper today is an investment in clean beaches, healthy watersheds, and a more sustainable future. Thank you for your support!

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