



**20 YEARS**  
DEFENDING CLEAN WATER





# OUR LEGACY OF DEFENDING SWIMMABLE WATERS

Many of my fondest memories growing up in Orange County involve digging for large clams in the wet sand, pulling in large bonito and halibut from the piers and the wonderful smell of wood burning at the beach fire rings. I remember endless summer days bodysurfing at Huntington Beach and fishing in both the ocean and bays.

One thing I don't remember back then is worrying about getting sick from swimming in polluted water. However, as I grew up, I noticed more and more beach closures, especially after it rained. We no longer fished the bays because poor water quality made fish unsafe to eat and the clams and bonito disappeared.

*I founded Orange County Coastkeeper in 1999 because I wanted my sons to enjoy swimmable, drinkable and fishable waters in our community – just like I did growing up.*

For the past 20 years, Coastkeeper has served as our region's last line of defense protecting our waterways for generations to come. With your support, we've made a tremendous impact by:

## **SPEAKING UP**

We are consistently the only voice at the table advocating on behalf of the environment in regional policy decisions. Thanks to our advocacy, our region adopted higher standards for limiting pollution in our waterways and protecting marine habitats.

## **FIGHTING BACK**

We stop pollution at its source by holding local industries accountable for pollution violations. Thanks to our legal enforcement actions, more than 100 industrial facilities now capture and filter polluted stormwater before it flows into our waterways.

## **MOBILIZING OUR COMMUNITY**

Thousands of volunteers – young and old – join us to connect with our environment and learn how to protect it. We provided water warriors with the resources to remove trash from our beaches, defend our Marine Protected Areas, advocate for improved water quality and more.

As I look back on this legacy, I'm inspired by the many ways you've made this impact possible. Whether you supported Coastkeeper financially, volunteered your time or took action for an advocacy campaign – thank you.

If the last 20 years have taught me anything, it's that once you begin a battle, the fight is never over. There is no place in our region where polluted water should be acceptable.

Together, we will continue defending our swimmable, fishable, drinkable and sustainable waters so every generation can experience the joy of clean coastal waters.

All the best,

**Garry Brown**

Founding Director of Orange County Coastkeeper

## CELEBRATING OUR SWIMMABLE VICTORIES SINCE 1999

All people deserve access to clean water in our communities. For the last 20 years, Orange County Coastkeeper has worked to protect the region's water resources so they are swimmable, drinkable and fishable for present and future generations.

We work collaboratively with regional stakeholders – including policy makers, businesses and community members – to defend waterways across Orange County, the Inland Empire and Coachella Valley. We're improving local water quality with innovative and effective programs in education, advocacy, restoration, research, enforcement and conservation. Thank you for standing with us.



## BY THE NUMBERS: 20 YEARS OF WATER PROTECTION



**8 streams** gained protected status and earned funds for restoration projects, thanks to data we collected and published on local water quality



**40,000 students** connected with our environment through hands-on field trips at no cost to schools



**\$3.5+ million** contributed to environmental restoration projects through legal enforcement



**1,280 sq meters** of planted eelgrass, which have now grown to almost an entire acre of eelgrass beds, improving Newport Bay ecosystems



**130 volunteer divers trained** to plant kelp and monitor reefs in Crystal Cove, Little Corona, Upper Newport Bay and Laguna Beach



**100 industrial sites stopped** producing illegal runoff pollution through legal enforcement



**Created the Coastkeeper Garden** – a 2.5-acre demonstration garden that promotes water conservation, drought-tolerant landscapes and urban runoff reduction



Advocated to **establish seven marine protected areas (MPAs)** across Orange County, and mobilized volunteer researchers to conduct an average of 450 MPA surveys per year to track how human activity affects these underwater sanctuaries



Worked to recommend allocations of **\$58 million to install stormwater capture systems** in streets across Orange County, thanks to our work with the Orange County Transportation Authority. Today, **more than 160 projects filter** stormwater pollution before it flows through storm drains and into our waterways



# EDUCATING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CLEAN WATER DEFENDERS

Our education programs have grown into a comprehensive set of initiatives that introduces students from across Orange County to the problem of pollution in our environment and how they play a role in stopping it.

Student Ryan Do, president of Bolsa Grande High School's wilderness adventure club, said, "I was able to educate students and teachers. I was also able to educate my family since we didn't really do much recycling or take the time to care. I was able to set up a recycling station for paper, cans and bottles at my house, as well as at my cousin's."

*In our 20 years, we've reached more than 40,000 students just like Ryan.*

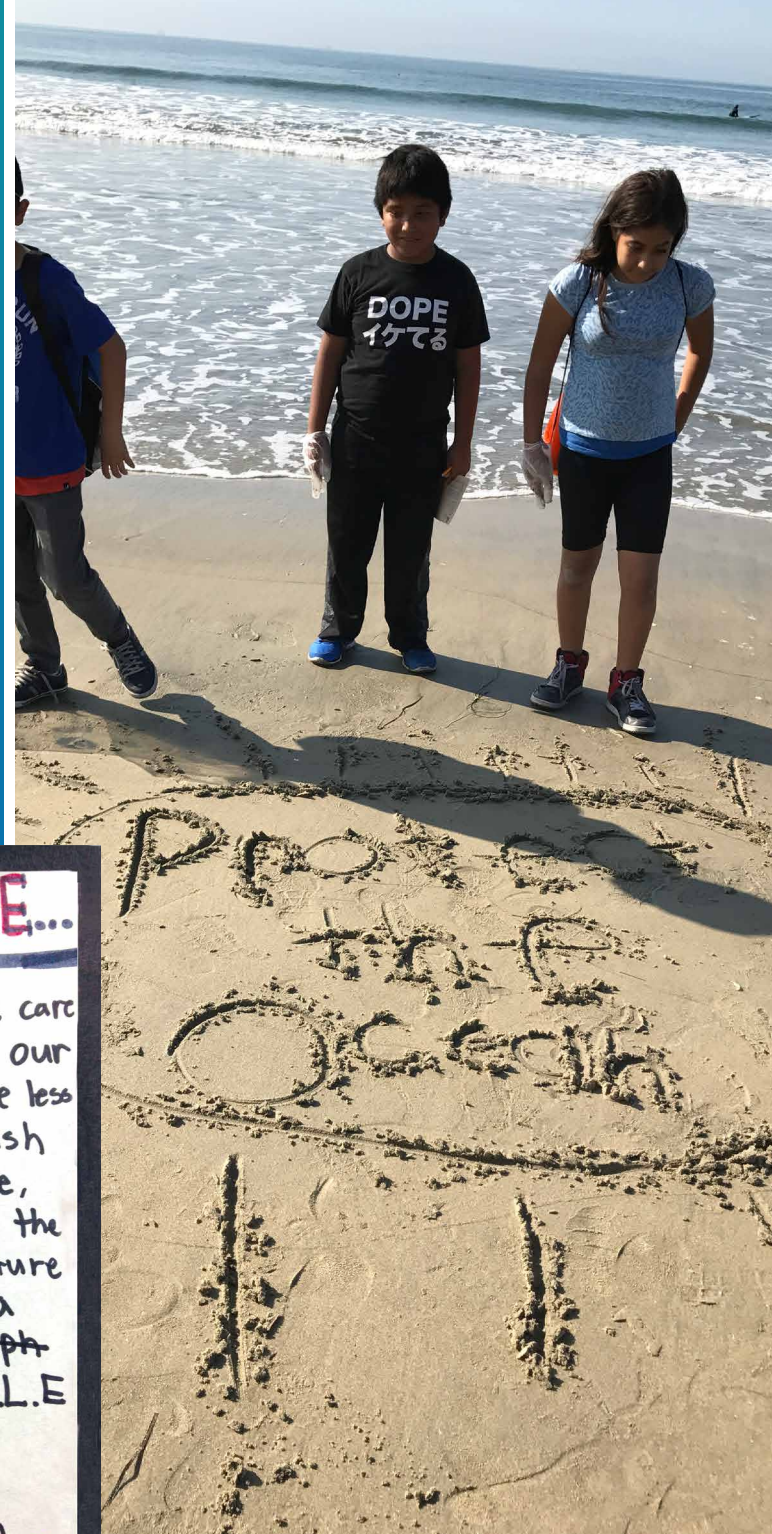
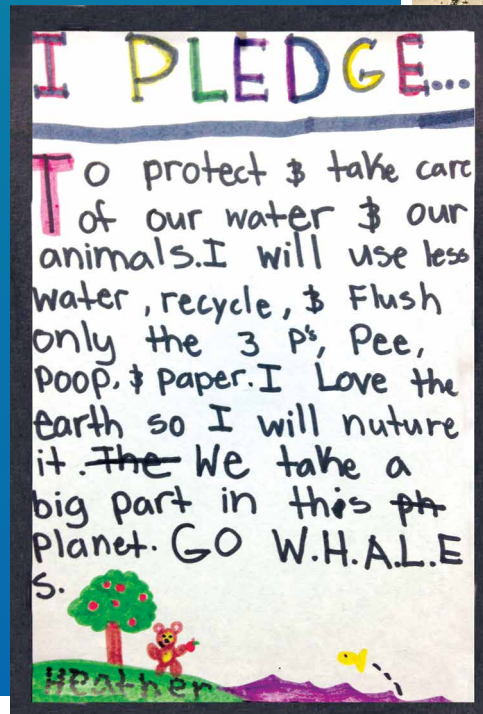
In some schools, up to 30 percent of the students have never been to the beach before.

"The program has been phenomenal for students in inner city situations who have never seen the beach. Some of my students have never even been outside specific streets or outside Santa Ana," said Susan Grasse, a retired teacher from Santa Ana High School who helped her students connect with their environment through Coastkeeper's

education program for more than five years. "They get so excited to explore places like Silverado Canyon, where they can go hiking in the woods or see squirrels running around."

*These education programs can have huge impacts on students' lives.*

For instance, former WHALES participant Hilary Haskell has launched a career as an environmental specialist for San Diego Gas & Electric. She said, "This project was definitely one of my favorites because I was able to work with the community and also become well-versed in the frameworks, challenges and policies associated with marine debris."







## KIDS OCEAN DAY

Through a series of assemblies, a beach cleanup and an aerial art display, elementary students from around the county are empowered with the notion that their actions incite change. This photo shows our most recent aerial art from 2019, featuring over 1,300 kids on the sand.

## WHALES

We believe every student can be a Watershed Hero. That's why we created W.H.A.L.E.S.: Watershed Heroes – Actions Linking Education to Stewardship. Since 2005, we have reached thousands of junior high and high school students with in-class exercises and field trips at no cost to schools or students.

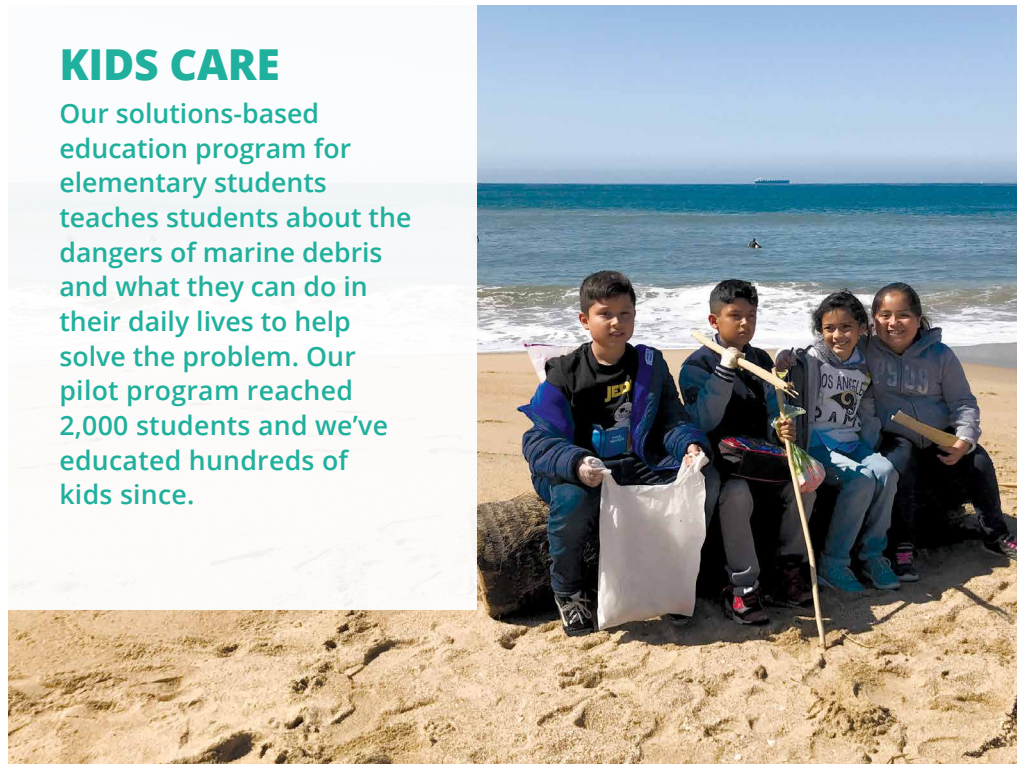


## DROPS

We turned high school hallways into water-wise gardens through the Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools (DROPS), in partnership with the State Water Resources Control board, Climate Resolve, and Garden Grove Unified School District. The project will eventually capture an estimated 4.5 million gallons of water per year.

## KIDS CARE

Our solutions-based education program for elementary students teaches students about the dangers of marine debris and what they can do in their daily lives to help solve the problem. Our pilot program reached 2,000 students and we've educated hundreds of kids since.





## CLEANING ORANGE COUNTY BEACHES

Since 2011, our Cleanup OC program holds monthly beach cleanups and coordinates Orange County's involvement in Coastal Cleanup Day. Our first cleanup was held in Huntington Beach to raise awareness against the unnecessary desalination plant set for construction there. Now, the program's larger goal is to unite local communities through service, responsibility and sharing of the natural environment.



## EXPANDING TO THOUSANDS

Since 2015, we've partnered with the California Coastal Commission to help coordinate the countywide efforts of California Coastal Cleanup Day, a one-day deep clean of natural spaces across the state held each year. In total, Cleanup OC has removed more than 93,000 pounds of trash throughout waterways in Orange County. The program continues to draw thousands of volunteers each year, including monthly efforts in Huntington Beach and San Clemente.



# DEFENDING CLEAN WATER POLICIES

## *As A Waterkeeper Organization, Advocacy is at Our Core*

Since our inception in 1999, speaking up at moments that matter continues to be an instrumental tool to create change for clean and abundant waters. Local planning boards and city government meetings, statewide and national efforts regulating or creating policies, and one-on-one meetings or strategically placed opinion pieces to influence decision makers – these have been at the core of what makes Orange County Coastkeeper effective advocates for our region's waters. Our 20-year timeline on pages 10 through 15 overflows with victories achieved from our advocacy focus, but we wanted to make a special note of these five wins.

### **The OCTA Transportation Tax Passes**

We convinced elected officials to infuse \$260 million dollars into an environmental cleanup fund to provide stormwater devices, filters, and basins that improve water quality and remove trash before it reaches our waters.

### **Enforcing the California Ocean Plan**

Our advocacy led to state-of-the-art water quality management plans for coastal development and construction projects throughout Orange County, including at the Newport Coast project. We also led the way for low impact development, a design approach to manage runoff as part of green infrastructure, to be required on all developments.

### **Orange County Sanitation District Updates**

Coastkeeper helped convince the Orange County Sanitation District to upgrade to full secondary treatment, resulting in a cleaner ocean discharge. This set the stage for the Ground Water Replenishment System, which transforms sewage into almost distilled water. We are a recognized leader in the statewide effort for direct potable reuse, which is California's answer to future water needs.

### **Newport's Rhine Channel Cleans Up**

The Rhine Channel, located in West Newport Bay, was the most contaminated and toxic hot spot in the region. We led the first study that identified the spatial extent of the contamination and its cleanup options. Eventually, the Rhine Channel was cleaned up for the first time since the early 1900s.

### **Leading with Rigs to Reefs Education**

Our two conferences led to legislation to allow the decommissioning of California's obsolete oil platforms off our coast. The legislation motivated removal of the platforms, provided funds to the State from platform owners, and allowed these structures to remain as productive reefs producing abundant sea life. Scientific studies show 25 percent of our local sea bass comes from these reefs.





# DEFENDING OUR WATERWAYS FROM INDUSTRIAL POLLUTION

Orange County's single-largest source of pollution is stormwater runoff. Since our inception, we've addressed these impacts by turning to the law. Today, we are the only local organization using litigation to improve water quality in Orange County.

## **Our Process is Strategic Enforcement**

Our goal is to improve water quality by enforcing state and federal environmental laws. To achieve this goal, we conduct water quality testing at industrial discharge points to help identify sources of toxic and harmful pollution. Once a pollution source has been identified, we notify the facility and give it time to come into compliance. If the facility is unresponsive, we move to the next phase in the process — litigation.

With a 100 percent success rate, our enforcement program has improved the discharges from more than 100 facilities, reducing the concentration and amount of dirty water in our streams, rivers, bays and ocean. We have also required those companies to contribute more than \$3.5 million to support other organizations doing work on the ground to improve regional water quality.

Twenty years later, we have made a tremendous difference in ensuring improved water quality and healthy waters for all of Orange County.

## **The Entire Community Wins**

When Coastkeeper and industries collaborate, everyone in our community benefits from a drastically decreased number of posted and closed beaches due to contamination and more effective permits that regulate stormwater and urban pollution across the county.

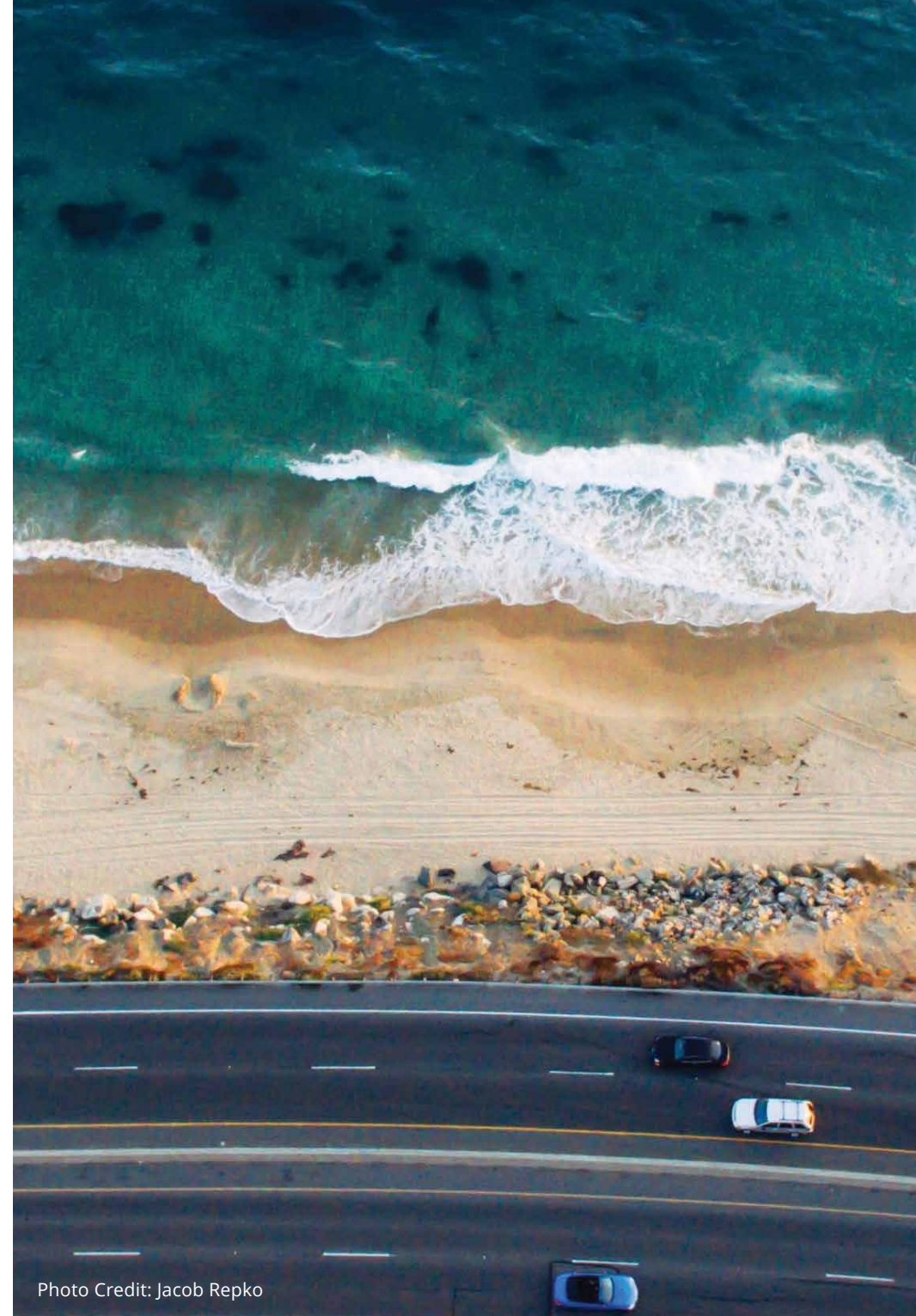


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## STRATEGIC ENFORCEMENT BRINGS MEASURABLE CHANGE

Our 20 year anniversary gives us a moment to examine how our strategic enforcement program has protected Orange County's waters through the years. The collective impact of our legal cases curbs pollution problems at their source by converting bad actors into role models and transforming entire industries.

### Summary: Why Enforcement Matters in Southern California

- 1. Trash haulers** - They now set an industry-wide example for responsible practices to keep polluted stormwater onsite and use treated water to replenish our aquifer.
- 2. Scrapyards** - We led a process to draft and adopt the state's first industrial permit tailored to the needs of pollutants unique to these facilities.
- 3. Ready-Mix concrete companies** - In two years, the Ready-Mix industry in Southern California improved its water management practices to retain polluted stormwater onsite and reduce the use of drinking water in manufacturing concrete.
- 4. Agricultural polluters** - We've negotiated more effective dairy permits and we're working with state agencies to regulate unpermitted animal facilities which contribute to our region's high bacteria levels.
- 5. Construction** - We improved best management practices at major construction sites, and we helped protect Crystal Cove State Beach from municipal and developer stormwater pollution.
- 6. General industrial permits** - The State of California adapted our standards in settlement agreements and adopted them in a revised industrial permit.
- 7. Commercial and Municipal permits** - We've secured requirements to retain polluted water onsite and increase water conservation.



# TIMELINE OF EVENTS



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**1999** Began operations on March 1 with two employees

Started our first kelp restoration project

Became the first organization to enforce ASBS (Area of Special Biological Significance) provisions, resulting in improved development practices to protect the Newport Coast

Helped develop a state-of-the-art water quality master plan at the Montage Hotel in Laguna Beach

**2000** Participated in the alliance to rescue Crystal Cove to protect its historic cottages

**2001** Executive Director invited to a presentation for a proposed desalination plant to be constructed in Huntington Beach by a company named Poseidon

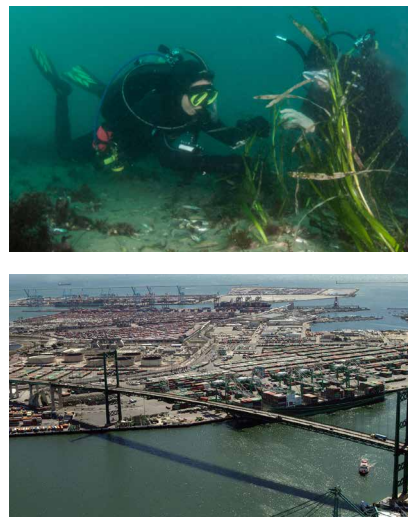
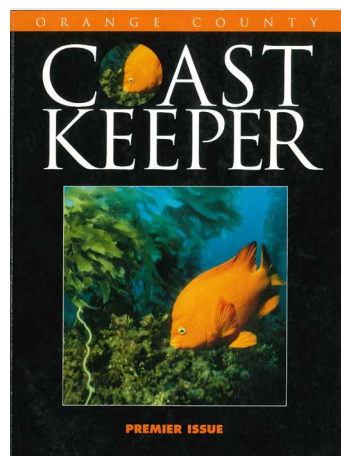
Our survey team of volunteer divers searched Newport Bay ...for the invasive algae, *Caulerpa taxifolia*.

Settled an enforcement case to ensure state-of-the-art water quality at the Newport Coast development project

Sponsored a watershed education program at Newport Harbor Nautical Museum that lasted five years

The County and City of Newport transfer ownership





of surplus harbor patrol boat to Coastkeeper for research and marine restoration work

**2002** Succeeded in Orange County Sanitation District committing \$400 million to upgrade to a full secondary sewer treatment process after a two-year campaign

Joined the process to shape the renewal of Orange County's five-year stormwater permit

Began the Santa Ana River Citizens Water Monitoring project to monitor water quality at 19 sites in three counties in cooperation with the Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District and the East Valley Resource Conservation District

**2003** Published our first issue of the Coastkeeper Magazine

With our help, the State Water Resources Control Board created a new set of statewide rules to mandate the number of pump stations in harbors, and to create a clear responsibility for their maintenance

**2004** Helped to divert polluted runoff from the creek into a sewer connection in the Buck Gully Diversion Project

Began our study of the Rhine Channel to identify pollution and steps to clean it up

Executive Director asked to serve on oversight panel of Groundwater Replenishment System

Successfully prevented the State from abolishing ASBS provisions in the Ocean Plan

Moved into current office space on Airway Avenue in Costa Mesa

**2005** Established Inland Empire Waterkeeper to protect the inland portions of Santa Ana River

Secured two percent of Measure M revenue (\$260 million) to clean up roadway runoff

Executive Director is appointed to the Port of LA/LB Harbor Safety Committee representing the environment

Started WHALES (Watershed Heroes- Actions Linking Education to Stewardship) to provide hands-on field trip experiences and class activities for junior high and high school students

Served as co-plaintiff on litigation upholding the standards of the San Diego Stormwater Permit, and paving the way for a numeric standard based permit for the Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino County permits on the next round of discharge permit (NPDES) renewals

**2006** Our two-year study in the Newport Bay Marina suggests that copper boat paints are a major contributor to exceedances of copper as a





source of contamination

Installed “Kelp Karts” in eight elementary classrooms where students grew their own giant kelp to be out-planted on reefs

Filed an appeal with the California Coastal Commission (CCC) of the proposed desalination plant in Huntington Beach – a fight that continues today

**2007** Conducted the Lower Newport Bay Metals Stormdrain Study to identify major sources of metals in the Bay

Hosted first of two Rigs to Reef Conferences to learn from experts the issues related to cutting off the

remaining offshore oil platform 80 ft. below the surface and allowing them to continue as reefs for fish and other sea life

Began a two-year education and monitoring project aimed at Orange County nurseries that improved water quality

**2008** Celebrated victories at the Coastal Commission and Commerce Department with an NGO coalition to deny the extension of the 241 Toll Road project

Additional “Coastal Accesses” are added to the ones already managed by Coastkeeper, ensuring the public has a route to all Orange County beaches

Hosted our first Kids Ocean Day as the local coordinator for the statewide event

Started our Upper Newport Bay eelgrass restoration project

Began the Orange County Low-Impact Design Study to document pollutant load reductions from residential “best management practices” at 10 homes in Orange County

**2009** Executive Director chairs Environmental Cleanup Allocation Committee to determine how Measure M funds are used

Staff grows to 10 people, plus volunteers and interns

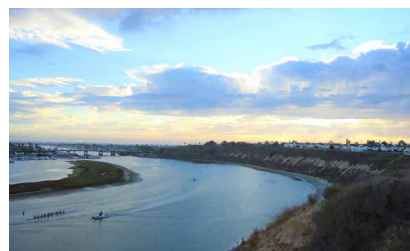
Inland Empire grows to 3 employees

Began regular participation to develop Marine Life Protected Areas (MLPA) recommendations for the Orange County coastline

Called for a paradigm shift for the Orange County stormwater permit, leading to requirements for Low-Impact Design and new watershed-based approach

Partnered with Southern California Edison to plan, design, install and maintain a drought tolerant 3-acre landscape on their Villa Park Sub-Station





**2010** Hosted our second Rigs to Reefs conference

Commenced a collaboration with metal recyclers to develop a specific sector discharge permit for their industry

**2011** Obtained the first permit ever issued to paddle kayaks down a 2 1/2-mile reach of the Santa Ana River, proving the river is navigable, safe and should be open to the public

After years of advocating for restoration, collecting data and survey work in the Rhine Channel in Newport, the Coastal Commission approves the dredging of the most toxic hot spot in the region

Cleanup OC kicks off with its first monthly beach cleanup at Huntington State Beach

Started our MPA Watch program, a partnership with local community groups and engaged citizens to evaluate human uses in MPAs and compliance regulations

Reached new audiences in Southern Orange County for the first time through a partnership with San Diego Gas and Electric

**2012** Helped update the environment section of the Port of LA/LB Harbor Safety Manual

Began the Newport Bay metals sediment study

Began three-year scrap metal yard Best Management Practice study

**2013** Executive Director invited to serve on One Water One Watershed Steering Committee of the Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority to allocate State funds to projects in the Santa Ana Watershed

Coastkeeper convinces the Coastal Commission to reject a coastal development permit for the Huntington Beach desalination project

Executive director honored at the California Water Policy Conference with the Carla Bard Environmental Advocacy Award

Officially opened the Coastkeeper Garden, a demonstration of low-water irrigation, drought tolerant and native species, and other water conservation landscaping techniques

**2014** Established the Clean Water Fund to support our enforcement cases

**2015** Became countywide coordinators of Coastal Cleanup Day, a statewide effort to pick up litter in natural spaces

Coastkeeper asked to serve on the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station Community Engagement Panel to be involved in the decommissioning of the facility





Coastkeeper submits the final report to Southern California Edison on Villa Park Substation SmartScape project

Launched the SmartScape landscape transformation program countywide

Began our partnership with Cal State Fullerton and Cal State Long Beach to conduct eelgrass and Olympia oyster restoration as part of the Upper Newport Bay Living Shorelines

**2016** Conducted a one-day conference on direct potable reuse to statewide environmental leaders with the help of the National Science Foundation

Filed a notice to the County of Orange for failing to meet bacteria standards in Newport Harbor as required by an order from the State, leading to the creation of a new standard and permit

Helped Garden Grove Unified School District obtain nearly \$2 million from the State Water Resources Control Board for DROPS (Drought Response Outreach Program for Schools) to put in Low-Impact Design features at three high school campuses in the District

Launched our Kids Care program that teaches the dangers of marine debris, its sources and what kids could do to help by

hosting assemblies and beach cleanups

**2017** Partnered with Moulton Niguel Water District to provide the WHALES program in south county schools that the district serves

Began water monitoring work for our Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit compliance program

**2018** Launched our membership program in hopes to better reflect the needs of our community members

Commissioned a U.C. Davis professor emeritus to research the restoration of a native fish in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta

San Juan Capistrano Riding Park enforcement case is settled and the City agrees to implement all of Coastkeeper's recommendations

Established the Coastkeeper Garden as a pollinator safe haven through national grant funding

A metal fabricator in central Orange County upgraded its facility to divert metal-laden stormwater to underground basins where pollutants will remain and clean water will recharge our aquifer

**2019** Celebrated our 20th birthday with 21 staff members and a \$2.2 million annual budget.





Began work on our Cleveland National Forest Fire Recovery project through stream profile monitoring on Trabuco Creek

Established the Coachella Valley Waterkeeper to address the water issues facing our neighbors in the desert community





# RESTORING RESILIENT HABITATS IN ORANGE COUNTY

Since 1999, it has been our duty to help our marine habitats in Orange County thrive. With balanced ecosystems, we can expect our fish populations to rebound, and we can protect our ocean treasures for future generations.

## Upper Newport Bay Living Shorelines

We use strategic placement of natural materials to create an environmentally friendly buffer that protects coastlines from erosion and restores habitat for marine life.

## Eelgrass Restoration

We work with partners and the community to enhance and protect the critical eelgrass habitat in Newport Bay.

## Native Oyster Restoration

With help from academic partners, we are researching the best ways to restore native oysters in Newport and Alamitos Bay, and we use these demonstration projects to educate students about these vital habitats.

## Kelp Restoration

The community and countless species of marine life can now enjoy kelp canopies from Big Corona to Dana Point.

## Green Abalone Restoration Project

In collaboration with other coastal organizations, we restored and researched green abalone in their native rocky reef and kelp forest habitats throughout Orange County.

*Orange County Coastkeeper volunteers helping to bundle eelgrass for restoration at the Back Bay Science Center in Upper Newport Bay.*

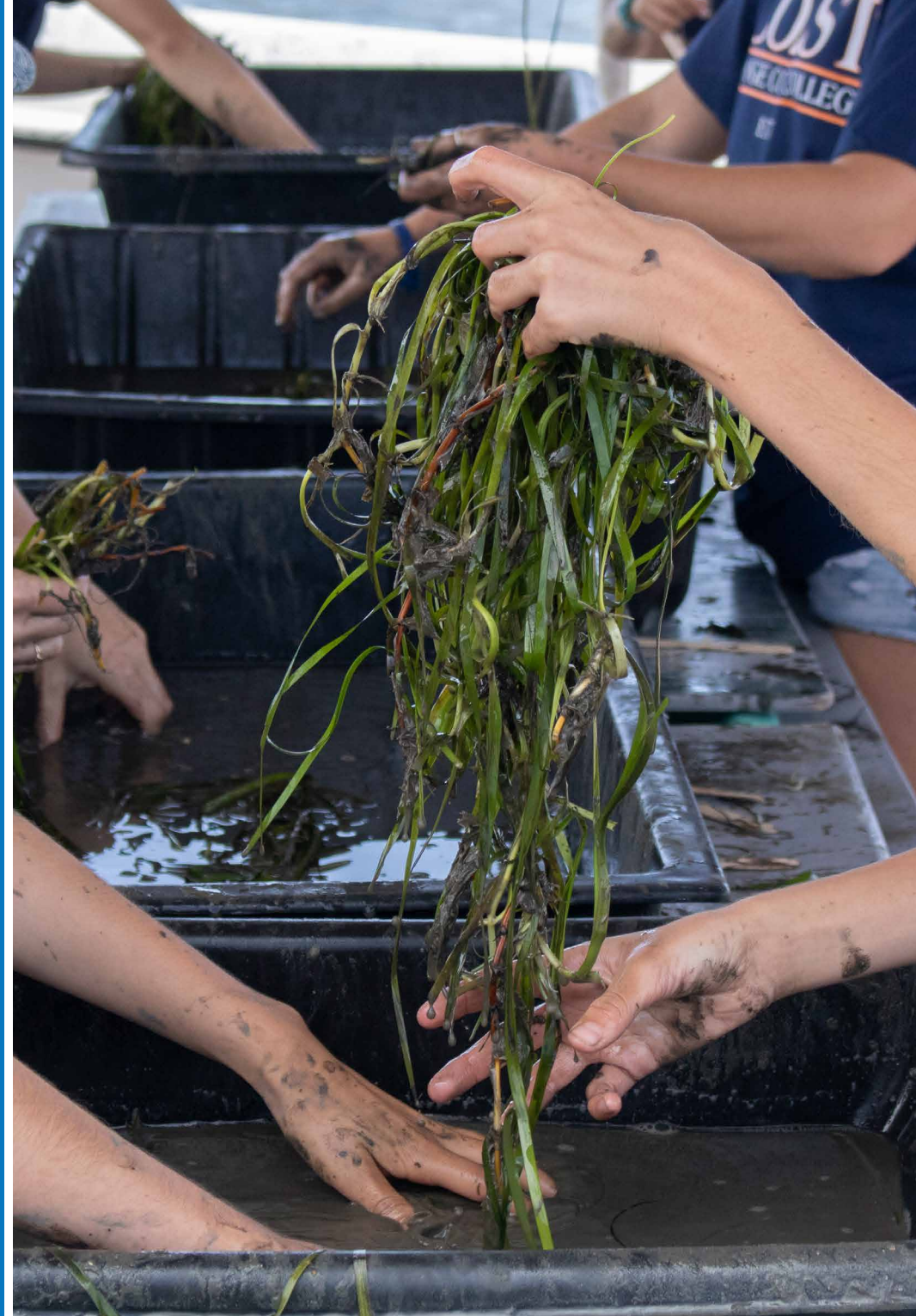






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## DOCUMENTING MARINE PROTECTED AREAS

*Orange County has seven beautiful and productive Marine Protected Areas – underwater state parks – that provide bountiful habitat for marine life to thrive and special places for people to visit and play.*

In 2010, we led an important process to design Marine Protected Area maps and conduct outreach to aid elected officials and the public to properly designate these locations and their levels of protection.

Since 2012, our MPA Watch program has collected data on human uses of Orange County's MPAs. Our nearly 140 volunteers have conducted more than 3,600 surveys to document 208,000-plus activities in the county's MPAs.

We share our data with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, other local agencies and the public so that it can determine where to allocate funds to educate the public or enforce laws.



## SHOWING SOLUTIONS TO WATER CONSERVATION THROUGH LANDSCAPING

*In 2013, we brought the Coastkeeper Garden to Orange County to increase public awareness of water conservation and drought-tolerant landscaping.*

The Garden showcases more than 200 different plant species that thrive in Southern California's climate and is a dynamic community resource where visitors explore nature and volunteer. The Garden's Natural Playground allows families to enjoy the outdoors among pollinators, birds and native grasses.

*Since 2015, we've stretched beyond the garden to help residents of Orange County and the Inland Empire save water and resources with our SmartScape program.*

This initiative assists homeowners with the design, installation and maintenance of environmentally friendly and beautiful low-water-use plants. Since the program's inception, we've helped conserve more than one million gallons of water.







## EXPANDING EAST TO THE INLAND EMPIRE

### *The Next Generation of Water Warriors*

Orange County Coastkeeper launched the Inland Empire Waterkeeper in 2005 to tackle upstream water quality issues and to ensure swimmable, drinkable, fishable waters within the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed. To date, Waterkeeper has educated tens of thousands of students and volunteers on their watershed and water quality issues in order to foster the next generation of water warriors and ensure healthy waterways throughout the Inland Empire.

### **River KATS: Kid Activism Through Science**

Our watershed education field trips have seen a 667 percent increase in K-12 students served since 2016.

### **RiverCamp: Our Nature-Based Summer Camp**

We kicked off RiverCamp in the summer of 2014 with 20 children and will serve 200 students in 2019.

### **Little Seedlings: Nature Preschool**

We taught five students in the fall of 2017 at one location, we now connect 24 children each month to nature at two locations.

### **Clean Camp Coalition: Homelessness Trash service and Water Quality Study**

Waterkeeper leads the way in addressing the epidemic of homelessness and studying the impacts it has on water by forming and building a coalition to address the issue. To date, 8,560 pounds of trash have been collected and prevented from entering the river.

### **Crest to Coast: A Series of Waterway Restorations**

Over 155,000 pounds removed from the river and creeks within the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed by our dedicated community of volunteers.





## EXPANDING TO COACHELLA VALLEY AND THE SALTON SEA

Like the Inland Empire Waterkeeper, we are expanding to Coachella Valley to protect the 54-mile Whitewater River and its tributaries, the Valley's aquifer and the Salton Sea. These areas suffer from a legacy of poor development practices, pollution from agriculture and industry, unpermitted animal feeding operations and aquifer overdrafting. Our Coachella Valley Waterkeeper will collaborate with existing efforts and bring new water-focused education, advocacy, restoration, enforcement and conservation.

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## EXPANDING MEMBERSHIP

To strengthen our relationship with members, we created an Associate Member Advisory Committee made up of members from our programs across Southern California. This committee will advise our board of directors on membership interests so we can better respond to the needs of our communities.





Photo Credit: Jeremy Bishop

## DEFENDING CLEAN WATER FOR THE NEXT 20 YEARS

It's been a joy to serve the people of Orange County and the Inland Empire as our team tirelessly works to protect and restore the water resources that our communities depend on to thrive. In addition to our financial contributors, volunteers and activists, we're thankful for the collaboration and teamwork of the many partners that we've worked alongside of for two decades to make these wins a reality.

Many of our activities are complex; the average person on the street may not be aware that certain issues, processes or regulations even exist. This responsibility gives our work more meaning knowing that the people who we stand behind at the mall or drive next to on the freeway don't need to add industrial stormwater permits to the stresses keeping them up at night. We know they care about clean and abundant water, and we will continue to champion this cause for all people to benefit.

In the next 20 years, we will look a little bit the same and a little bit different. We're expanding into Coachella Valley, and we're going to elevate our new membership program and its associated advisory role. We also look forward to expanding our watershed education programs and our "how to" programs at the Coastkeeper Garden. We will also work to bring back some of the lost marine habitats that Orange County once enjoyed with the ultimate goal of supporting a sea otter population.

Your continued support will get us there. Congratulations on two decades of important triumphs and cheers to many more.

Thank you,

Garry Brown, Founding Director



## BECOME A CLEAN WATER DEFENDER

# 5 WAYS TO SUPPORT CLEAN WATER

- 1 Sponsor** - Make a tax-deductible contribution to the Clean Water Fund, in support of our annual event or programs, to power our work all year long.
- 2 Donate** - Give a little bit each month to protect the resources that make Orange County the place where you live, work, play and thrive.
- 3 Join** - Contribute at least \$20 or volunteer two hours and become an official member so that we represent your voice.
- 4 Volunteer** - Provide your time to clean beaches, educate children and families, restore marine environments and maintain a water-friendly garden.
- 5 Speak** - Make your voice count when you sign letters, speak at public hearings and tell your elected officials to protect Orange County's waters.







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