



Our Mission

Founded in 1993, Santa Monica Baykeeper's mission is to protect and restore Santa Monica Bay, San Pedro Bay, and adjacent waters through enforcement, fieldwork, and community action. We work to achieve this goal through litigation and regulatory programs that ensure water quality protections in waterways throughout Los Angeles County.



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Protecting and Restoring L.A.'s Coastal Resources Since 1993



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What We Do

Advocacy

Advocacy has been at the core of Santa Monica Baykeeper's work since our founding. This work consists of promoting progressive regulation by various local, state, and federal agencies as well as enforcing our current laws. Our litigation and regulatory efforts focus on setting pollution limits in our local waterways, enforcing existing individual and municipal permits limiting pollution, reducing beach closures due to bacterial contamination, eliminating toxic runoff from manufacturing operations, and decreasing industrial withdrawals of coastal water.

Marine

We've lost 80 percent of southern California's kelp forests since the 1960s. Baykeeper's Kelp Project volunteer divers actively restore and monitor kelp forests in Santa Monica Bay and beyond. The Kelp Project has progressively restored vital habitat since 1997, working acre by acre to turn empty urchin barrens into thriving kelp forest communities. Our Marine Program also includes data collection above and below the waves, coupled with strong advocacy for the designation and enforcement of local marine protected areas (MPAs) that help protect our sensitive marine communities from human impact.

Watershed

Our watershed monitoring program, DrainWatch, proactively identifies sources of pollution in our beaches, streams, and rivers. Beginning along the coastline, DrainWatch tracks pollutants upstream to sources in the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River watersheds. No polluter is immune from the vigilant eyes of our staff and volunteer water quality experts, who monitor known issues and identify previously unknown sources of pollution. The team also conducts public outreach and engages volunteers to create awareness and assist communities with planning, water conservation, and ecological restoration projects.

We Need Your Help

We cannot do this alone. Help us further our mission of protecting and restoring our coastal and inland waters. Play a vital role in ensuring drinkable, swimmable, and fishable waters throughout Los Angeles County!

Become a Member

Support Santa Monica Baykeeper by becoming a member. We'll make your membership dollars work to protect and defend Los Angeles' waterways through advocacy, monitoring, regulatory enforcement, and targeted restoration programs. Join our efforts to keep our beaches and waterways safe, our drinking water clean, and our aquatic ecosystems healthy.



Volunteer

Santa Monica Baykeeper is always looking for volunteers. Opportunities include kelp forest restoration for certified scuba divers, water quality sampling at beaches and rivers, habitat restoration in creeks and lagoons, outreach and public education, and legal support. The success of our programs depends on you and your dedication to clean water!

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