



# CITY OF OCEANSIDE clean water program

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## California Coastal Cleanup Day & Buena Vista Creek Cleanup September 25, 2010 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Celebrate the 26th Anniversary of California Coastal Cleanup Day by participating in the tenth annual Buena Vista Creek Cleanup and Oceanside Beach Cleanup. The City of Oceanside, together with I Love a Clean San Diego, Coastkeeper, and 1-800-GOT-JUNK will be hosting a cleanup along the banks of Buena Vista Creek, as well as a beach cleanup, on September 25th, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Volunteers will receive cleanup supplies, refreshments, community service hours, and a free give-away item. Call the Clean Water Program Event Information Line for more details at 760-435-5536.

### Cleanup sites

- Behind Dick's Sporting Goods at Plaza Drive and College Boulevard (3514 College Boulevard)
- North of Fire Station #4 located at Thunder Drive and Lake Boulevard.
- Behind Kohl's store at College Boulevard and Marron Road
- South side of Oceanside Pier
- Buccaneer Beach at Pacific and Morse Streets (1500 South Pacific Street)

To register for this event click on  
[www.cleanupday.org](http://www.cleanupday.org).

For more information about Oceanside cleanup events and how you can prevent water pollution, visit this Web site:  
[www.OceansideCleanWaterProgram.org](http://www.OceansideCleanWaterProgram.org).

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## Pick Up Your Pet Waste Campaign along the San Luis Rey Recreation Trail

In spring 2009, the Oceanside Clean Water Program launched a Pick Up Your Pet Waste Campaign to encourage dog owners to clean up after their pets. The Campaign focused on the San Luis Rey River Trail including trails on the north and south sides between Douglas Drive and College Boulevard. These trails are used for a variety of recreational purposes including walking, running, biking, and dog walking. Although most dog owners who use the trails clean up after their pets, some pet waste still accumulates along the trails.

### Barriers to Picking up Dog Waste

The project started with a public survey to identify the reasons why people do or do not pick up after their pets on the trails and in other public areas. Among dog owners, the most common reasons cited for why someone might leave dog waste behind were:

- Forgot to bring a bag
- Nowhere to throw it away
- No one else around to see them

Ninety-three percent of survey respondents agreed that more pet waste bag dispensers are needed in the community.

### Project Implementation

As result of the survey the City of Oceanside installed pet waste bag dispensers and additional trash cans, where needed, at four locations along the trail. New signs were installed to emphasize proper behavior (picking up after the dog) and pet owner responsibility.

Keep the following tips in mind when you plan to walk your dog.

- Take a bag with you, grab one from a dispenser, or use a personal pet waste bag dispenser
- Pick up and dispose of waste in a trash can, not along the side of the trail or sidewalk

Following these simple steps will keep our community clean, our trails free of unwanted debris, and prevent water pollution.



## Urban Runoff Hotline - Help protect our local waterways

Please report anything other than rain water entering the storm drain.

**760-435-5800** "Only Rain in the Storm Drain!"

## Bacteria Source Tracking Project Along the San Luis Rey River

The Oceanside Clean Water Program was awarded \$554,000 from California State Water Resources Control Board (State) to conduct a study to determine the sources of elevated bacteria levels that cause beach advisories at the mouth of the San Luis Rey River. There are three components to the project:

- Phase 1- Dry season monitoring (during summer months)
- Phase 2 – Wet season monitoring (during winter/rainy months)
- Phase 3 – Visual Observations (during summer and winter months)

The goals of the project are to identify where bacteria levels are elevated and to identify potential sources for those bacteria “hot spots” in the river and river mouth. Some of the potential sources may include birds that congregate in the mouth of the river, pet waste left on the ground, and the homeless population in the river bed.

Results from bacteria lab analysis and various genetic testing methods will be compiled and analyzed after all sampling is complete to provide an overall assessment of the lower San Luis Rey River. With potential locations and sources of bacteria identified, the City will build on the study’s results by identifying management actions to reduce bacteria loads.

The first two monitoring events occurred in the summer of 2008. Water samples and river flow measurements were collected at several monitoring locations in the lower part of the San Luis Rey River. The water samples were sent to scientific laboratories for bacterial analysis and frozen for genetic analysis.



In December of 2008, the project was stopped due to state budget shortfall. Fortunately, in December of 2009 the state gave the go-ahead for the project study to restart.

The third and fourth sampling events were conducted in May and August of 2010. Additional sampling events are planned for the wet season between October 2010 and March 2011 both during a rain event and between rain events. These upcoming rainy months are critical to sample since the beach advisories are most often posted during the wet season.

Keep your eye out for future project updates in the March 2011 edition of the Clean Water Program Newsletter. In addition, the final report for the overall project will be posted at [www.OceansideCleanWaterProgram.org](http://www.OceansideCleanWaterProgram.org).

### 2010-2011 River, Creek, & Beach Cleanup Events

Please join the Clean Water Program staff and citizen volunteers to assist in removing trash and debris from our local rivers, creeks, and beaches.

Event Times: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Event Details: 760-435-5536

- November 6, 2010: San Luis Rey River Cleanup
- April 23, 2011: Loma Alta Creek Cleanup
- July 5, 2011: Morning After Mess - City Beaches (8 - 11 a.m.)
- September 17, 2011: Buena Vista Creek Cleanup and California Coastal Cleanup Day
- November 5, 2011: San Luis Rey River Cleanup



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