California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Participant:

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network and San Diego Coastkeeper's Travis Pritchard from your own workspace for a special Webinar session, "San Diego Coastkeeper: Citizen Scientists Watching the Waters of America's Finest City". Please join us on Thursday January 24, 2013 at 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please see the instructions below to join the webinar. To watch the presentation "join the online meeting" and to hear the meeting "call the teleconference" as we use voice over phone protocol.

San Diego Coastkeeper: Citizen Scientists Watching the Waters of America's Finest City

Coastkeeper has monitored San Diego's waterbodies since 2000. They use data collected by their volunteers to identify polluted waters and reduce sources of pollution. San Diego's local government agencies have limited resources and they monitor infrequently, providing only a snapshot of water quality. Data collected by Coastkeeper volunteers increase the amount of data available to regulators so that they can assess more comprehensive water resources data to make more effective decisions on how to reduce sources of pollution.

Coastkeeper has one of, if not the, largest volunteer-based water quality monitoring program in California. Through this program, they create community involvement and stewardship by educating the public on the importance of good water quality in our coastal and inland waters. It adds the scientific data component to Coastkeeper's work. After data has been screen, meets all quality assurance requirements it is posted to the <u>Watershed Monitoring Website</u> so that volunteers and members of the public can see the trends in the health of San Diego's watersheds. In addition, Coastkeeper submits the data to the Regional Water Quality Control Board and the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) and is a CEDEN data provider.

Coastkeeper staff and its crew of trained volunteers currently collect and analyze water samples that are analyzed for basic chemistry, nutrients, bacteria, and toxicity in nine of San Diego County's watersheds on a monthly basis. To ensure that data meets the highest quality standards possible, Coastkeeper follows a rigorous quality assurance and control plan and standard operating procedures that have been approved by state regulatory agencies.

Travis Pritchard

Travis Pritchard joined San Diego Coastkeeper in June 2010 and is now the water quality lab manager. He oversees and coordinates field monitoring, laboratory operations, water quality analysis, interpretations and program communications. He trains Coastkeeper's impressive volunteer samplers and laboratory analysts to monitor the county's watersheds. Prior to working for Coastkeeper, Travis lived in Davis, Calif., where he studied the effects of agricultural irrigation on water quality. He has worked on numerous projects including studying the effects of rice production on water quality in the California Delta, reducing dissolved carbon loads in central valley irrigation runoff and water use efficiency in wine grape production in the Napa Valley. Throughout his career, Travis has been interested in minimizing human's negative impacts in natural systems.

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