### **California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Announces**

### Citizen Science & Watershed Stewardship Webinar Series

# This webinar has been rescheduled to June 1, 2017.

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network along with Holly Rindge from USC Sea Grant for the presentation "Urban Tides Community Science Initiative Captures the Future of our Urban Ocean". Please join us on Thursday May 25, 2017 from 11:30 AM -12:30 PM (PST) for our next presentation in the Citizen Science & Watershed Stewardship Webinar Series. Please see the instructions below to join the webinar. Prior webinars in this series can be viewed at www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp7R68v0h64VrBBYyyJf8z-b.

# Topic: Urban Tides Community Science Initiative Captures the Future of our Urban Ocean

The Urban Tides Initiative is USC Sea Grant's community-based science effort to photo-document current tidal lines, beach erosion, and coastal flooding in Southern California. The initiative has designated a series of beach and wetland locations where the public can take photographs of changing tides, erosion, and flooding. *Urban Tides participants follow photo-taking protocols to ensure data is useful.* Collectively, these photos are helping researchers, government leaders, and community members to visualize current flooding risks, offering a glimpse of what future sea level rise will look like in our beach communities. Researchers determine the water level from each photo and use it to help ground truth and calibrate scientific models that project flooding and erosion due to sea level rise and coastal storms. These models are critical tools to help communities adapt to rising seas and protect vulnerable infrastructure and people along our coast. Learn more at http://dornsife.usc.edu/uscseagrant/urban-tides-initiative/

Check out a video slideshow of amazing images community members contributed in winter 2016: https://vimeo.com/163587797

#### **Presenter: Holly Rindge**

Holly Rindge is the Communications Manager at USC Sea Grant. Ms. Rindge develops communication strategies and materials, and coordinates USC Sea Grant communication efforts across projects, programs, and digital media platforms. She is engaged across the spectrum of ocean and coastal issues facing California, and specializes in the interplay between marine science, policy, and communications.

Ms. Rindge has a master's degree in Marine Biodiversity and Conservation from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UCSD, two graduate certificates in Marine & Coastal Climate Change and Coastal Studies from Nova Southeastern University, and a bachelor's degree in Photojournalism from California State University, Long Beach.

#### **CWQMCN** Communication:

• CWQMCN webinar listserv:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\_subscriptions/swrcb\_subscribe.shtml After opening the above web-site, enter your email address and name, click on State Water Resources Control Board - Covering statewide issues, next click General Interests, and then place a check mark next to "Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network - Webinar Sessions", then click the "subscribe" button.

• We have set up a webpage for the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\_council/collaboration\_network/index.html

• We also have a LinkedIn Group, California Water Quality Monitoring Professional Network. This group was formed to facilitate water quality monitoring communication and discussions. <u>www.linkedin.com</u>.

• Watch CWQMCN videos and find video playlists organized by topic at <u>www.youtube.com/cwqmcn</u>.

### **Clean Water Team:**

The Clean Water Team (CWT) is the citizen monitoring program of the State Water Resources Control Board. The CWT is a part of the Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program (SWAMP). The CWT Citizen Monitoring Coordinator(s) work statewide in order to provide technical assistance and guidance documents, training, QA/QC support, temporary loans of equipment and communication to citizen monitoring programs and watershed stewardship organizations. Our Mission ... "To build and support the State's Watersheds' Stewardship through citizen monitoring in order to reduce and prevent water pollution.

- www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/swamp/cwt\_volunteer.shtml
- www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\_issues/programs/swamp/cscs\_toolkit.shtml
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