TRASH MONITORING WEBINAR SERIES

The goal of this webinar series is to share our current collective knowledge to support current practices and advances in trash monitoring and the development of data analysis and visualization tools aimed at assessing the effectiveness of policies and practices for limiting the amounts of trash in the environment. Webinars will be held monthly starting in January 2021.

The webinar series is being sponsored by the <u>Trash Monitoring Workgroup</u> and the <u>California Water</u> <u>Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network</u>. Webinar recordings and materials will be made available on the Network's <u>website</u>. There is no registration. Participation will be in a first come basis. However, we do not anticipate exceeding our hosting ability.

Topic: California Coastal Cleanup Day – History, Data, Action, and Community Engagement

When: August 19, 2021 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Presenter: Eben Schwartz - Marine Debris Program Manager, California Coastal Commission California's beaches and inland waterways are collection spots for trash. The public is increasingly concerned about ocean trash and plastic pollution and eager to do something about it! The cleanup offers a way for volunteers to respond to the threat of trash in our environment. They do this by removing trash before the winter rains arrive and wash it out to the ocean, where it harms marine life and our shared ecosystem.

Held annually the third Saturday in September, at more than 1,000 sites across California Coastal Cleanup Day is the state's largest volunteer program. It supports the environment, engages tens of thousands of people annually (74,410 volunteers on September 21, 2019) and has removed over 25 million pounds of trash from our beaches, shorelines, and inland waterways for over 35 years.

- Coastal Cleanup www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html
- The Problem With Marine Debris https://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/marinedebris.html

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