

California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Announces

Citizen Science & Watershed Stewardship Webinar Series

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network along with Jason Weiner from Wishtoyo-Ventura Coastkeeper for the presentation “**The Application of Citizen Monitoring to Inform Citizen and Government Enforcement Actions**”. Please join us on Thursday April 20, 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.

Topic: The Application of Citizen Monitoring to Inform Citizen and Government Enforcement Actions

Critical to the success of Wishtoyo’s legal, advocacy, and restoration work is Wishtoyo’s Ventura Coastkeeper’s volunteer watershed monitoring program. The program has over 50 river, estuary, wetland, storm channel, and coastal monitoring sites in Ventura County (the Calleguas Creek, Santa Clara River, Ormond Beach, and Ventura’s Coastal Watersheds) and they have mobilized hundreds of stream team volunteers to assist with sampling and monitoring them.

Several years ago Ventura Coastkeeper (VCK) and California State University Channel Islands successfully collaborated to create a scientific research and education partnership. This partnership provided CSUCI students with enhanced hands on professional and educational experiences, research opportunities, and internships, while providing VCK’s Watershed Monitoring Program with an on campus laboratory, an increased capacity to monitor and protect Ventura County’s waterbodies, and access to the student body for community mobilizing.

VCK’s field and water quality analysis (fecal indicator bacteria (total coliform, E. coli), nitrate, phosphate, dissolved oxygen, water temperature, flow, turbidity, trash, conductivity, pH) is done in accordance with a Quality Assurance Project Plan (“QAPP”). This data been used by state and regional water quality agencies to determine water quality impairments and to formulate remediation plans for swimming, fishing, wildlife, and other uses. Wishtoyo and its Ventura Coastkeeper program has also used this actionable data to bring polluters into compliance with applicable state and federal regulations, to support our legal and advocacy efforts to improve water quality, and to work with land owners to stop water pollution at its source.

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Presenter: Jason Weiner

Jason Weiner is the General Counsel and Water Initiative Director for Wishtoyo Foundation and its Ventura Coastkeeper Program. Jason has been a member of the California Bar since 2008, and earned a Masters of Environmental Management with a concentration in water resources science, policy, and management from the Yale School of Forestry and Environment Studies (F&ES) and a law degree from Vermont Law School. He also serves as an Adjunct Faculty Member at California State University Channel Islands, where he teaches Environmental Law and Policy. In 2016, Jason was awarded the Daily Journal and callawyer.com Clay Award for an environmental attorney of the year.

In his eight years with Wishtoyo, Jason has advocated tirelessly before administrative agencies, and has prosecuted over 20 legal actions under the Clean Water Act, California Environmental Quality Act, National Environmental Policy Act, National Historic Preservation Act, the Endangered Species Act, the California Public Trust Doctrine, and the Reasonable Use Provisions of the California Constitution and Water Code to protect the environment and tribal cultural resources.

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

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