

# 2023



**California Citizen / Community Monitoring Calendar**



[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/clean\\_water\\_team/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/clean_water_team/)



## JANUARY 2023

**The Clean Water Team** works to support stewardship of California's watersheds through the involvement of citizen and community monitoring and all its many variations. Volunteers throughout the state contribute their time and talent towards science-based stewardship of California's aquatic resources that they care about. This form of science helps reduce and prevent water pollution, recover lost beneficial uses, and increase watershed literacy. Anyone can participate. Your volunteerism and actions can help shape a healthier environment for all.

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cwt\\_volunteer.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_volunteer.html)

### 1 New Year's Day

[www.marthastewart.com/8187102/eco-friendly-new-years-eve-party](http://www.marthastewart.com/8187102/eco-friendly-new-years-eve-party)

### National Mentoring Month

[www.mentoring.org/campaigns/national-mentoring-month/](http://www.mentoring.org/campaigns/national-mentoring-month/)

### United Nations Decade on Ecosystem Restoration

[www.decadeonrestoration.org/](http://www.decadeonrestoration.org/)

**United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development**  
[www.unesco.org/en/decades/ocean-decade](http://www.unesco.org/en/decades/ocean-decade)

**Indigenous Languages Decade**  
[www.unesco.org/en/decades/indigenous-languages](http://www.unesco.org/en/decades/indigenous-languages)

**2 Water Board Calendar of Meetings, Workshops and Hearings**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/board\\_info/calendar/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/calendar/)

**Department of Water Resources Events Calendar**  
<https://water.ca.gov/News/Events/Events-Calendar>

**California Water Quality Monitoring Council Meetings**  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/meetings/](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/meetings/)

**3 California Environmental Education Event Calendar**  
[www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ceein/calendar.html](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ceein/calendar.html)

**4 National Trivia Day**  
[https://www3.epa.gov/safewater/kids/water\\_trivia\\_facts.html](https://www3.epa.gov/safewater/kids/water_trivia_facts.html)

**5 Christmas Bird Count Ends**  
[www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count](http://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count)

**6 CalNonprofits**  
<https://calnonprofits.org/>

**7 CDFW News Releases**  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News>

**8 CalEnviroScreen**  
<https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>

**9 Is My Watershed Healthy?**  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/healthy\\_watersheds/](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/healthy_watersheds/)

**10 WaterWatch (USGS)**  
<https://waterwatch.usgs.gov/index.php>

**11 California Volunteers**  
[www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/](http://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/)

**12 2023 Tentative Legislative Calendars**  
[www.assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines)

**13 Sci-Starter Project Finder**  
<https://scistarter.org/finder>

- 14 **California Climate Action Corps**  
[www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/climateactioncorps/](http://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/climateactioncorps/)
- 15 **The Week of Sound**  
<https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/weekofsound>
- 16 **Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**  
[www.pointsoflight.org/mlk-jr-day-of-service/](http://www.pointsoflight.org/mlk-jr-day-of-service/)
- 17 **National Water Quality Monitoring Council – Volunteer Monitoring**  
<https://acwi.gov/monitoring/vm/resources.html>
- 18 **Center for Nonprofit Management**  
[www.cnmsocal.org/](http://www.cnmsocal.org/)
- 19 **2023 California Environmental Assembly**  
[www.pcl.org/events/assembly2023/](http://www.pcl.org/events/assembly2023/)
- 20 **How's My Waterway (USEPA)**  
[www.epa.gov/waterdata/how-s-my-waterway](http://www.epa.gov/waterdata/how-s-my-waterway)
- 21 **California King Tides**  
[www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/)  
  
**Squirrel Appreciation Day**  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CWHR/Life-History-and-Range>
- 22 **California King Tides**  
[www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/)
- 23 **National Reading Day**  
<http://national-reading-day.org/>
- 24 **National Compliment Day**  
<https://futureofworking.com/thank-you-for-volunteering-messages-and-quotes/>  
  
**International Day of Education**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/education-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day)
- 25 **State Bird: California Quail**  
[www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/california-quail](http://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/california-quail)
- 26 **California Community Foundation**  
[www.calfund.org/](http://www.calfund.org/)
- 27 **Clean Water Team (SWRCB)**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cwt\\_volunteer.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_volunteer.html)

- 28     **National Seed Swap Day**  
<http://seedswapday.blogspot.com/>
- 29     **Southern California Coastal Research Project**  
[www.sccwrp.org/](http://www.sccwrp.org/)
- 30     **Project Budburst**  
<https://budburst.org/>
- 31     **The San Francisco Estuary Institute**  
[www.sfei.org/](http://www.sfei.org/)

PICTURE: Avalon, Santa Catalina Island, 12/15/2020  
[www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/gallery.html](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/gallery.html)





## **FEBRUARY 2023**

**California's water** is vital to every aspect of our lives. Water has played a major, and often contentious, part in shaping of our state since California entered the union in the mid-1800s. Through a ballot initiative in the early 20th Century, law-makers passed a Constitutional amendment declaring that our water resources 'shall put water to the highest beneficial use possible and shall not waste water or use it unreasonably.'

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/water\\_boards\\_structure/history.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/water_boards_structure/history.html)

### **1 Black History Month**

<https://350.org/black-history-month/>

### **Lunar New Year**

<https://www.greenmatters.com/p/sustainable-lunar-new-year>

### **2 World Wetlands Day**

[www.worldwetlandsday.org](http://www.worldwetlandsday.org)

### **Groundhog Day**

[www.nisenet.org/catalog/exploring-earth-bears-shadow](http://www.nisenet.org/catalog/exploring-earth-bears-shadow)

### **3 Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics**

[www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ca/sc/stemintrod.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/pd/ca/sc/stemintrod.asp)

**4 Rosa Parks Day**

[www.history.com/topics/black-history/rosa-parks](http://www.history.com/topics/black-history/rosa-parks)

**5 NASA Modern Figures Toolkit**

[www.nasa.gov/stem-ed-resources/nasa-modern-figures-toolkit.html](http://www.nasa.gov/stem-ed-resources/nasa-modern-figures-toolkit.html)

**6 Water-Efficient Landscaping**

<https://water.ca.gov/water-basics/conservation-tips/plant-and-landscape-guide>

**7 National Green Week**

[www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenweek.html](http://www.greeneducationfoundation.org/greenweek.html)

**70th Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society-Western Section**

<https://riverside2023.tws-west.org/>

**8 AI Week (artificial intelligence)**

<https://aiweek.com>

**California STEM Network**

[www.childrennow.org/castemnetwork/](http://www.childrennow.org/castemnetwork/)

**9 National Pizza Day**

[www.rubicon.com/blog/pi-day-sustainable-slices/](http://www.rubicon.com/blog/pi-day-sustainable-slices/)

**10 International Winter Bike to Work Day**

<https://winterbiketoworkday.org/>

**11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science**

[www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day/](http://www.un.org/en/observances/women-and-girls-in-science-day/)

**12 Abraham Lincoln Day**

[www.alplm.org/](http://www.alplm.org/)

**13 State Marine Mammal: California Gray Whale**

[www.oceanicsociety.org/resources/the-gray-whale-migration-in-california-and-beyond/](http://www.oceanicsociety.org/resources/the-gray-whale-migration-in-california-and-beyond/)

**14 Valentine's Day**

[www.neefusa.org/weather-and-climate/show-your-love-sustainability-these-valentine-s-day-ideas](http://www.neefusa.org/weather-and-climate/show-your-love-sustainability-these-valentine-s-day-ideas)

**Random Acts of Kindness Week**

[www.randomactsofkindness.org/](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/)

**15 Susan B. Anthony Day**

[www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/susan-b-anthony](http://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/susan-b-anthony)

- 16     **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Mathematics**  
[https://cdefoundation.org/cde\\_programs/steam/](https://cdefoundation.org/cde_programs/steam/)
- 17     **The Great Backyard Bird Count**  
[www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)
- 18     **National Battery Day**  
<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/reducewaste/batteries/>
- 19     **World Whale Day**  
[www.worldwhaleday.org/](http://www.worldwhaleday.org/)
- Engineers Week**  
[www.nspe.org/resources/partners-and-state-societies/engineers-week](http://www.nspe.org/resources/partners-and-state-societies/engineers-week)
- 20     **National Invasive Species Awareness Week**  
[www.nisaw.org](http://www.nisaw.org)
- World Day of Social Justice**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day)
- 21     **President's Day (Washington's Birthday)**  
[www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/)
- 22     **National Wildlife Day**  
[www.nationalwildlifeday.com](http://www.nationalwildlifeday.com)
- National Dog Walking Day**  
[https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/files/slc\\_petwaste.pdf](https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/files/slc_petwaste.pdf)
- Digital Learning Day**  
<https://all4ed.org/digital-learning-day/>
- 23     **The California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Network**  
[www.creec.org](http://www.creec.org)
- 24     **National Skip the Straw Day**  
[www.treehugger.com/national-skip-straw-day-5114315](http://www.treehugger.com/national-skip-straw-day-5114315)
- 25     **Clean Water Team Guidance Compendium for Watershed Monitoring and Assessment**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cwt\\_guidance.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_guidance.html)
- 26     **California Native Plant Gardening**  
[www.cnps.org/gardening](http://www.cnps.org/gardening)
- 27     **Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day**  
<https://discovere.org/engage/girl-day/>



**28**      **National Essay Day**  
<http://nationalessayday.com>

PICTURE: Gray whale spyhopping off the California coastline  
[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/science-data/gray-whales-eastern-north-pacific](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/west-coast/science-data/gray-whales-eastern-north-pacific)



## **MARCH 2023**

### **State Water Resources Control Board's Vision Statement:**

A sustainable California made possible by clean water and water availability for both human uses and environmental resource protection.

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/)

- 1 State Flower: California Poppy**  
[https://calscape.org/Eschscholzia-californica-\(California-Poppy\)](https://calscape.org/Eschscholzia-californica-(California-Poppy))

**Cal-Neva American Fisheries Society Conference**  
<https://afs-calneva.org/>

- 2 LeafSnap App**  
<https://plantidentifier.info>

- 3 World Wildlife Day**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/world-wildlife-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/world-wildlife-day)

**World Book Day**  
[www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

- 4      **Employee Appreciation Day**  
[www.snappy.com/posts/7-sustainable-employee-appreciation-ideas](http://www.snappy.com/posts/7-sustainable-employee-appreciation-ideas)
- World Engineering Day**  
[www.discovere.org/our-programs/world-engineering-day](http://www.discovere.org/our-programs/world-engineering-day)
- 5      **California Native American Tribal Relations: Resources**  
<https://calepa.ca.gov/tribal/resources/>
- 6      **National Groundwater Awareness Week**  
[www.ngwa.org](http://www.ngwa.org)
- 7      **Arbor Day (California)**  
[www.arborday.org/states/state.cfm?state=ca](http://www.arborday.org/states/state.cfm?state=ca)
- 8      **Native American Environmental Protection Council**  
<https://naepc.com/>
- 9      **Is My Water Safe to Drink?**  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe\\_to\\_drink/](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe_to_drink/)
- 10     **The Clean Water Team's Toolbox**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cwt\\_toolbox.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_toolbox.html)
- 11     **Americorps Week**  
<https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/americorps-week>
- Solar Appreciation Day**  
[www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/demand-side-management/california-solar-initiative](http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/electrical-energy/demand-side-management/california-solar-initiative)
- 12     **Daylight Saving Starts**  
[www.almanac.com/content/when-daylight-saving-time](http://www.almanac.com/content/when-daylight-saving-time)
- Sunshine Week**  
[www.nfoic.org/foi-center/sunshine-week/](http://www.nfoic.org/foi-center/sunshine-week/)
- 13     **Science and Information for a Climate Smart Nation**  
[www.climate.gov/](http://www.climate.gov/)
- 14     **International Day of Action for Rivers**  
[www.internationalrivers.org/take-action/international-day-of-action-for-rivers/](http://www.internationalrivers.org/take-action/international-day-of-action-for-rivers/)
- Pi Day**  
[www.piday.org](http://www.piday.org)

**Learn About Butterflies Day**

[www.butterflyidentification.org/butterflies-by-state-listing.php?reach=California](http://www.butterflyidentification.org/butterflies-by-state-listing.php?reach=California)

- 15 Southwest Association of Freshwater Invertebrate Taxonomists**

[www.safit.org/](http://www.safit.org/)

- 16 California Water Science Center**

[www.usgs.gov/centers/california-water-science-center](http://www.usgs.gov/centers/california-water-science-center)

- 17 St. Patrick's Day**

<https://earth911.com/living-well-being/green-st-patricks-day/>

- 18 Global Recycling Day**

[www.globalrecyclingday.com](http://www.globalrecyclingday.com)

- 19 Taxonomist Appreciation Day**

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/News/in-appreciation-of-alice-eastwood-california-taxonomist>

- 20 Spring Equinox**

[www.farmersalmanac.com/spring-equinox-first-day-spring](http://www.farmersalmanac.com/spring-equinox-first-day-spring)

**World Sparrow Day**

[www.worldsparrowday.org](http://www.worldsparrowday.org)

**World Rewilding Day**

<https://rewildingglobal.org/>

**International Day of Happiness**

[www.dayofhappiness.net](http://www.dayofhappiness.net)

- 21 International Day of Forests**

[www.un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/forests-and-trees-day)

**National Agriculture Day**

[www.agday.org/](http://www.agday.org/)

**World Poetry Day**

[www.unesco.org/en/days/poetry](http://www.unesco.org/en/days/poetry)

- 22 World Water Day**

[www.worldwaterday.org](http://www.worldwaterday.org)

**EarthEcho Water Challenge**

[www.monitorwater.org](http://www.monitorwater.org)

- 23 World Meteorological Day**

<https://public.wmo.int/en/resources/world-meteorological-day>

- 24     **Tick Bite Prevention Week**  
[www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html)
  
- 25     **Earth Hour**  
[www.earthhour.org/](http://www.earthhour.org/)
  
- 26     **Make Up Your Own Holiday Day**  
<https://www.nonstopcelebrations.com/days/in-march/celebrate-make-up-your-own-holiday-day-every-march-26/>
  
- 27     **What Is My Watershed Address?**  
<https://help.waterdata.usgs.gov/tutorials/site-information/what-is-my-watershed-address-and-how-will-it-help-me-find-usgs-data>
  
- 28     **Virtual Advocacy Day**  
<https://recharity.ca/virtual-advocacy-for-associations/>
  
- CalEPA Environmental Complaint System**  
[https://calepacomplaints.secure.force.com/complaints/complaint?language=es\\_MX](https://calepacomplaints.secure.force.com/complaints/complaint?language=es_MX)
  
- 29     **Mermaid Day**  
<https://californiamermaidcon.com/>
  
- 30     **Take a Walk in the Park Day**  
<https://parkscalifornia.org/>
  
- 31     **Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning**  
[www.cesarchavezholiday.org/](http://www.cesarchavezholiday.org/)

PICTURE: Dinkey Creek (California) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dinkey\\_Creek\\_%28California%29](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dinkey_Creek_%28California%29)





## **APRIL 2023**

### **State Water Resources Control Board's Mission Statement:**

To preserve, enhance, and restore the quality of California's water resources and drinking water for the protection of the environment, public health, and all beneficial uses, and to ensure proper water resource allocation and efficient use, for the benefit of present and future generations.

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/)

#### **1 Earth Month**

[www.earth-month.org/](http://www.earth-month.org/)

#### **Citizen Science Month**

<https://citizenscience.org/home/events/citizen-science-month/>

<https://scistarter.org/citizensciencemonth>

#### **National Volunteer Month**

[www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/](http://www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/)

#### **Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month**

<https://ww2.amstat.org/mathstatmonth/>

#### **National Poetry Month**

[www.poetryfoundation.org/collections/146462/poetry-and-the-environment](http://www.poetryfoundation.org/collections/146462/poetry-and-the-environment)



**Move More Month**

[www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/fitness/fitness-basics/move-more-together](http://www.heart.org/en/healthy-living/fitness/fitness-basics/move-more-together)

**Walk to Work Day**

[www.prevention.com/fitness/a20485587/benefits-from-walking-every-day/](http://www.prevention.com/fitness/a20485587/benefits-from-walking-every-day/)

**International Pooper Scooper Week**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/outreach/erase\\_waste/docs/print\\_ads/drop\\_something/pdf/etw\\_drop\\_ad\\_eng.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/outreach/erase_waste/docs/print_ads/drop_something/pdf/etw_drop_ad_eng.pdf)

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/outreach/erase\\_waste/docs/print\\_ads/drop\\_something/pdf/etw\\_drop\\_ad\\_span.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/outreach/erase_waste/docs/print_ads/drop_something/pdf/etw_drop_ad_span.pdf)

**2 Creek Week**

<https://creekweek.net/>

**National Robotics Week**

[www.nationalroboticsweek.org/](http://www.nationalroboticsweek.org/)

**3 World Aquatic Animal Day**

<https://ali.fish/blog/world-aquatic-animal-day>

**4 National Public Health Week**

<http://nphw.org/>

**5 National Wildlife Week**

[www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Education-Programs/National-Wildlife-Week](http://www.nwf.org/Educational-Resources/Education-Programs/National-Wildlife-Week)

**6 Bay-Delta Science Conference**

<https://deltacouncil.ca.gov/events>

**7 International Beaver Day**

[www.beaversww.org/international-beaver-day/](http://www.beaversww.org/international-beaver-day/)

**World Health Day**

[www.who.int/westernpacific/news/events/world-health-day](http://www.who.int/westernpacific/news/events/world-health-day)

**8 Current Water Data for the Nation**

<https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/rt>

**9 SoCal SETAC**

[www.socal-setac.org/](http://www.socal-setac.org/)

**10 Arbor Day**

[www.arborday.org/](http://www.arborday.org/)

**11 USFWS in California**

[www.fws.gov/cno/](http://www.fws.gov/cno/)

- 12     **Education and Sharing Day**  
<https://educationandsharingday.com/>
- 13     **Pan American Day**  
[www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/04/13/a-proclamation-on-pan-american-day-and-pan-american-week-2021/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/04/13/a-proclamation-on-pan-american-day-and-pan-american-week-2021/)
- 14     **USEPA in California**  
[www.epa.gov/ca](http://www.epa.gov/ca)
- 15     **International Microvolunteering Day 2022**  
[www.microvolunteeringday.com/about.html](http://www.microvolunteeringday.com/about.html)
- 16     **CA Native Plant Week**  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=200920100ACR173](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=200920100ACR173)  
[www.cnps.org/](http://www.cnps.org/)
- National Park Service Week**  
[www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/national-park-week.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/national-park-week.htm)
- 17     **Easter**  
<https://earth911.com/living-well-being/eco-friendly-easter/>
- National Volunteer Week**  
[www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/](http://www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/)
- International Bat Appreciation Day**  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/News/international-bat-appreciation-day-april-17th2>
- 18     **California Association of Environmental Professionals Conference**  
[www.califaep.org/](http://www.califaep.org/)
- 19     **National Environmental Education Week**  
[www.neefusa.org/education/eeweek](http://www.neefusa.org/education/eeweek)
- 39th Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference**  
[www.calsalmon.org/conferences](http://www.calsalmon.org/conferences)
- 20     **American Fisheries Society**  
<https://fisheries.org/>
- 21     **The Clean Water Team Glossary - A Vocabulary for Water Quality Monitors and Watershed Stewards**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/docs/cwt/volunteer/cwt-glo-032321.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/docs/cwt/volunteer/cwt-glo-032321.pdf)
- 22     **Earth Day**  
[www.earthday.org/](http://www.earthday.org/)

- 23     **Desert Fishes Council**  
<https://www.desertfishes.org/>
  
- 24     **Protecting Yourself from Stinging Insects**  
[www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2010-117/default.html](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2010-117/default.html)
  
- 25     **National DNA Day**  
[www.cdc.gov/genomics/events/dna\\_day.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/genomics/events/dna_day.htm)  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/mmw.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/mmw.html)
  
- 26     **CalTIP (Californians Turn In Poachers and Polluters)**  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Enforcement/CalTIP>
  
- 27     **Global Day of Design**  
[www.theicod.org/en/activities/international-design-day](http://www.theicod.org/en/activities/international-design-day)  
  
       **Project WET**  
       [www.watereducation.org/project-wet](http://www.watereducation.org/project-wet)
  
- 28     **State Amphibian: California Red-Legged Frog**  
[www.californiaherps.com/frogs/pages/r.draytonii.html](http://www.californiaherps.com/frogs/pages/r.draytonii.html)
  
- 29     **Arbor Day**  
[www.arborday.org/celebrate/dates.cfm](http://www.arborday.org/celebrate/dates.cfm)
  
- 30     **Save The Frogs Day**  
<https://savethefrogs.com/day/>

PICTURE: Salton Sea, in southern California

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salton\\_Sea#/media/File:Salton\\_Sea\\_Reflection.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salton_Sea#/media/File:Salton_Sea_Reflection.jpg)



## MAY 2023

**The State Water Resources Control Board has jurisdiction throughout California.** Created by the State Legislature in 1967, the Board protects water quality by setting statewide policy, coordinating, and supporting the Regional Water Board efforts, and reviewing petitions that contest Regional Board actions. There are nine regional water quality control boards that exercise rulemaking and regulatory activities by basins. This organization is a result of the landmark Porter-Cologne Act. [www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications\\_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/region\\_brds.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/region_brds.pdf)

- American Wetlands Month**  
[www.epa.gov/wetlands/may-american-wetlands-month](http://www.epa.gov/wetlands/may-american-wetlands-month)

**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**  
<https://asianpacificheritage.gov/>

**National Bike Month**  
<https://bikeleague.org/bikemonth>

**National Physical Fitness and Sports Month**  
<https://health.gov/news/202105/move-may-and-celebrate-national-physical-fitness-sports-month>

**National Water Safety Month**  
<https://nwsm.phta.org/>

**Drinking Water Week**

[www.awwa.org/Events-Education/Drinking-Water-Week](http://www.awwa.org/Events-Education/Drinking-Water-Week)

**International Compost Awareness Week**

[www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home](http://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home)

**International Dawn Chorus Day**

[www.wildlifetrusts.org/dawn-chorus-day](http://www.wildlifetrusts.org/dawn-chorus-day)

**National Wildflower Week**

[www.wildflower.org/nationalwildflowerweek](http://www.wildflower.org/nationalwildflowerweek)

**Public Service Recognition Week**

<https://ourpublicservice.org/public-service-recognition-week/>

**Southern California Academy of Science Annual Meeting**

<https://scas.nhm.org/annual-meeting/>

**2 Screen-Free Week**

[www.screenfree.org/](http://www.screenfree.org/)

**World Tuna Day**

[www.un.org/en/observances/tuna-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/tuna-day)

**3 Citizen's Guide to Working with the California Water Boards**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications\\_forms/publications/general/docs/citizenguide.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/general/docs/citizenguide.pdf)

**4 Star Wars Day (May the 4th Be with You Day)**

<https://earth.stanford.edu/news/fact-or-fiction-science-star-wars#gs.bxg6l4>

**Big Day of Giving (Sacramento)**

[www.bigdayofgiving.org/](http://www.bigdayofgiving.org/)

**5 Cinco de Mayo**

<https://organic.org/eco-friendly-cinco-de-mayo-festivities/>

**6 State Scientist Day (California)**

<https://capsscientists.org/outreach/ssd/>

**Coastal Snapshot Day**

<https://coastal-watershed.org/san-lorenzo-river/our-approach/community-science/snapshot-day/>

**International Drone Day**

<https://droneday.org/>

**7 Tap Water Day**

[www.wetap.org/](http://www.wetap.org/)

**Drinking Water Week**

[www.awwa.org/events-education/drinking-water-week](http://www.awwa.org/events-education/drinking-water-week)

**8 World Donkey Day**

[www.npca.org/articles/1409-the-burro-quandary](http://www.npca.org/articles/1409-the-burro-quandary)

**9 Association Of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Spring Conference**

[www.acwa.com/events/?event-type=acwa-conferences](http://www.acwa.com/events/?event-type=acwa-conferences)

**10 State Reptile: Desert Tortoise**

<https://deserttortoise.org/>

**11 Clean Water Team Videos**

[www.youtube.com/user/CleanWaterTeamVideos](http://www.youtube.com/user/CleanWaterTeamVideos)

**12 National Public Gardens Day**

[www.publicgardens.org/programs/go-public-gardens](http://www.publicgardens.org/programs/go-public-gardens)

**International Day of Plant Health**

[www.fao.org/plant-health-day/en](http://www.fao.org/plant-health-day/en)

**13 World Migratory Bird Day**

[www.migratorybirdday.org/](http://www.migratorybirdday.org/)

**14 Mother's Day**

[www.treehugger.com/mothers-day-gifts-that-give-back-to-mother-nature-5120890](http://www.treehugger.com/mothers-day-gifts-that-give-back-to-mother-nature-5120890)

**15 Owner's Manual to the Clean Water Act**

[www.rivernetwork.org/resource/the-clean-water-act-owners-manual/](http://www.rivernetwork.org/resource/the-clean-water-act-owners-manual/)

**16 International Day of Light**

<https://www.unesco.org/en/days/light>

**17 National Walnut Day**

[www.calflora.org/app/taxon?crn=4428](http://www.calflora.org/app/taxon?crn=4428)

**18 Plant Conservation Day**

[www.plantconservationalliance.org/](http://www.plantconservationalliance.org/)

**International Museum Day**

<https://icom.museum/en/our-actions/events/international-museum-day/>

**19 Watershed Day with your Legislator**

[www.watershednetwork.org/](http://www.watershednetwork.org/)

**Endangered Species Day**



[www.fws.gov/endangered/esday/index.html](http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esday/index.html)

**20 World Bee Day**

[www.worldbeeday.org/en/](http://www.worldbeeday.org/en/)

**World Fish Migration Day**

[www.worldfishmigrationday.com/](http://www.worldfishmigrationday.com/)

**National Safe Boating Week**

<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>

**21 Bike to Work Day**

[www.cyclecalifornia.com/](http://www.cyclecalifornia.com/)

**22 International Day for Biological Diversity**

[www.cbd.int/idb/](http://www.cbd.int/idb/)

**Citizen Science Association Conference**

<https://citizenscience.org/home/events/conferences/csci-2023/>

**23 World Turtle Day**

[www.worldturtleday.org/](http://www.worldturtleday.org/)

**Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections 2023**

<https://scas.nhm.org/annual-meeting/>

**24 Are Our Wetlands Healthy?**

[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco\\_health/wetlands/index.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco_health/wetlands/index.html)

**25 The Clean Water Act Compliance Monitoring**

[www.epa.gov/compliance/clean-water-act-cwa-compliance-monitoring](http://www.epa.gov/compliance/clean-water-act-cwa-compliance-monitoring)

**26 Don't Fry Day / Sun Protection Day**

<https://skincancerprevention.org/get-involved/dont-fry-day/dfd/>

**27 Is it Safe to Swim in Our Waters?**

[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe\\_to\\_swim/index.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe_to_swim/index.html)

**28 Healthy and Safe Swimming Week**

[www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/safe-swimming-week/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/swimming/safe-swimming-week/index.html)

**29 Memorial Day**

[www.usmemorialday.org/history-of-memorial-day](http://www.usmemorialday.org/history-of-memorial-day)

**30 Otter Spotter**

<https://riverotterecology.org/otter-spotter-community-based-science/>

**31 World Otter Day**

[www.otter.org/Public/Events\\_OurCurrentEvent.aspx](http://www.otter.org/Public/Events_OurCurrentEvent.aspx)

**World No Tobacco Day**

[www.undo.org/environmental-impact/cigarette-butts-are-toxic-waste](http://www.undo.org/environmental-impact/cigarette-butts-are-toxic-waste)

PICTURE: The Giacomini Wetlands

[www.nps.gov/pore/learn/nature/wetlands.htm](http://www.nps.gov/pore/learn/nature/wetlands.htm)



## JUNE 2023

**The State Water Resources Control Board is located In Sacramento.** There are nine Regional Water Boards, the boundaries of which are generally based on watersheds, also known as hydrologic areas. The nine Regional Water Boards are referred to by specific names, which are: (1) North Coast, (2) San Francisco Bay, (3) Central Coast, (4) Los Angeles, (5) Central Valley, (6) Lahontan, (7) Colorado River Basin, (8) Santa Ana, and (9) San Diego. Due to their size, and/or geographic spread, the Central Valley Board has three offices, and the Lahontan Board has two offices. In addition, the Drinking Water Program has fourteen District offices spread throughout the state.

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards\\_map.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.html)

### 1 National Rivers Month

[www.neefusa.org/nature/water/celebrate-rivers](http://www.neefusa.org/nature/water/celebrate-rivers)

### Ocean Month

<https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/ocean/30days/>

### World Reef Day

<https://worldreefday.org/>

**Plastic Free July**

[www.plasticfreejuly.org/](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org/)

**National Zoo and Aquarium Month**

<http://awesomeocean.com/news/june-national-zoo-aquarium-month/>

**2 American Indian Citizenship Day**

<https://constitutioncenter.org/blog/on-this-day-in-1924-all-indians-made-united-states-citizens>

**3 World Bicycle Day**

[www.un.org/en/observances/bicycle-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/bicycle-day)

**National Trails Day**

<https://americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/>

**Society for Freshwater Science Annual Meeting**

<https://freshwater-science.org/annual-meeting-info>

**4 National Garden Week**

<https://gardenclub.org/national-garden-week>

**Butterfly Education and Awareness Day**

<https://afbeducation.org/butterfly-conservation/butterfly-education-and-awareness-day/>  
[www.naba.org/](http://www.naba.org/)

**ASLO Aquatic Sciences Meeting 2023**

[www.aslo.org/palma-2023/](http://www.aslo.org/palma-2023/)

**5 World Environment Day**

[www.worldenvironmentday.global/](http://www.worldenvironmentday.global/)

**6 World Pest Day**

[www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/)

**7 Calscape**

<https://calscape.org/>

**8 World Ocean Day**

<https://worldoceanday.org/>  
<https://unworldoceansday.org/>

**9 Are Our Streams, Rivers and Lakes Healthy?**

[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco\\_health/streams/index.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco_health/streams/index.html)

**10 State Marine Reptile: Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle**

<https://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/state-symbols/marine-reptile-pacific-leatherback-sea-turtle/>

**11 Clean Swell App**

<https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup/cleanswell/>

- 12      **National Cougar Day**  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Mountain-Lion>
- Summer Safety**  
[www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer](http://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer)
- 13      **Save The Waves App**  
[www.savethewaves.org/app/](http://www.savethewaves.org/app/)
- 14      **National Integrated Drought Information System**  
[www.drought.gov](http://www.drought.gov)
- 15      **Global Wind Day**  
<https://globalwindday.org/>
- Nature Photography Day**  
<https://nanpa.org/events/nature-photography-day/>
- California Natural Diversity Database**  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDB>
- 16      **World Sea Turtle Day**  
<https://conserveturtles.org/june-16th-is-world-sea-turtle-day/>  
[www.californiaherps.com/identification/turtlesid/seaturtles.id.html](http://www.californiaherps.com/identification/turtlesid/seaturtles.id.html)
- Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua**  
[www.birdchautauqua.org/](http://www.birdchautauqua.org/)
- 17      **World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/desertification-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/desertification-day)
- 18      **Father's Day**  
<https://greencitizen.com/blog/eco-friendly-fathers-day-gifts/>
- Rachel Carson Day**  
[www.rachelcarson.org/](http://www.rachelcarson.org/)
- 19      **International Surfing Day**  
[www.surfrider.org/isd](http://www.surfrider.org/isd)
- National Pollinator Week**  
[www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week](http://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week)
- Juneteenth**  
[www.juneteenth.com/](http://www.juneteenth.com/)
- 20      **Mosquito Awareness Week**

[www.mosquito.org/page/mosquitoweeek](http://www.mosquito.org/page/mosquitoweeek)

**21 Summer Solstice**

[www.timeanddate.com/calendar/june-solstice.html](http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/june-solstice.html)

**Music Day**

[www.makemusicday.org/](http://www.makemusicday.org/)

[www.streetpianos.com/](http://www.streetpianos.com/)

**22 World Rainforest Day**

[www.worldrainforestday.org/](http://www.worldrainforestday.org/)

**23 International Women in Engineering Day**

[www.inwed.org.uk/](http://www.inwed.org.uk/)

**24 Mosquitoes and Mosquito-Borne Diseases**

[www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/MosquitoesandMosquitoBorneDiseases.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/MosquitoesandMosquitoBorneDiseases.aspx)

**25 National Catfish Day**

<https://oehha.ca.gov/fish/species/catfish-species>

**26 California Freshwater & Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom Report Form**

<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/do/bloomreport.html>

**27 California Water Boards Water Data Science Symposium**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/data\\_databases/wq\\_science\\_symposium.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/data_databases/wq_science_symposium.html)

**28 Programs at the Water Boards**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/)

**29 SWAMP Field Modules Distance Learning Course**

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMSa5d-ill6OnEHUbybDqeGRRui\\_t3kMf](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMSa5d-ill6OnEHUbybDqeGRRui_t3kMf)

**30 Water Boards Data and Databases**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/data\\_databases/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/data_databases/)

PICTURE: The Trinity River (originally called the Hoopa or Hupa by the Yurok, and hun' by the Natinixwe/Hupa people).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity\\_River\\_\(California\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trinity_River_(California))





## JULY 2023

**Working with all Californians, the Water Boards encourage all Californians to get involved in our decision-making process.** Public input and involvement are important to ensure that all sides of an issue are considered, and that decisions reflect public input. From attending a board meeting or hearing to providing public comments, there are many opportunities the public must get involved in the decision-making processes used by the Water Boards to protect California's water quality.  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications\\_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/boardoverview.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/boardoverview.pdf)

- 1 Lakes Appreciation Month**  
[www.nalms.org/lakes-appreciation-month/](http://www.nalms.org/lakes-appreciation-month/)

**The Secchi Dip-In**  
[www.nalms.org/secchidipin/](http://www.nalms.org/secchidipin/)

**Smart Irrigation Month**  
<https://www.irrigation.org/IA/Resources/Smart-Irrigation-Month/IA/Resources/Smart-Irrigation-Month-Home.aspx>

**Habitat Month at NOAA Fisheries**  
[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/habitat-conservation](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/habitat-conservation)

**National Picnic Month**

[www.fs.usda.gov/visit/picnic-month](http://www.fs.usda.gov/visit/picnic-month)

**Clean Beaches Week**

[www.cleanbeaches.com/events.html](http://www.cleanbeaches.com/events.html)

**2 California Water Basics**

<https://water.ca.gov/Water-Basics>

**3 Are Harmful Algal Blooms Affecting Our Waters?**

<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/habs/index.html>

**4 Independence Day**

[www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/july-4th)

**5 BloomWatch App**

<https://cyanos.org/bloomwatch/>

**6 Trout of California**

<https://caltrout.org/sos/species-accounts/trout>

**7 Swimming Holes & Hot Springs**

<https://www.swimmingholes.org/ca.html>

**8 Swimmable California Webinar Series Video Playlist**

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp5xsM7UgA6769YzPIYeiA0r](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp5xsM7UgA6769YzPIYeiA0r)

**9 Butterfly Counts**

[www.naba.org/butter\\_counts.html](http://www.naba.org/butter_counts.html)

**10 Cal-IPC Inventory of Invasive Plants**

[www.cal-ipc.org/plants/inventory/](http://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/inventory/)

**11 The San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI)**

[www.sfei.org/](http://www.sfei.org/)

**12 The Southern California Coastal Water Research Project (SCCWRP)**

[www.sccwrp.org/](http://www.sccwrp.org/)

**13 Sharks of California Citizen Science**

<https://sharkstewards.org/sharks-of-california-citizen-science/>

**14 Shark Awareness Day**

[www.sharktrust.org/blog/shark-awareness-day](http://www.sharktrust.org/blog/shark-awareness-day)

- World Orca Day**  
[www.worldorcaday.org/](http://www.worldorcaday.org/)
- 15 **California Aquatic Invasive Species Program**  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives>
- 16 **World Snake Day**  
[www.snakes.ngo/wsd/](http://www.snakes.ngo/wsd/)
- 17 **Commonly Encountered California Snakes**  
<https://californiaherps.com/identification/snakesid/common.html>
- 18 **Help Protect Lake Tahoe – Become a Citizen Scientist**  
<https://citizensciencetahoe.org/home>
- 19 **SciStarter – Science we can do together**  
<https://scistarter.org/>
- 20 **California Fish Website**  
<https://calfish.ucdavis.edu/species/>
- 21 **Cleaning and Treating Water Quality Monitoring Field Gear for Freshwater Aquatic Invasive Species**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMI4hgeMMAw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMI4hgeMMAw)
- 22 **Volunteer Lake Monitoring**  
[www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-06/documents/lakevolman.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2015-06/documents/lakevolman.pdf)
- 23 **State Soil: San Joaquin Soil**  
[www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE\\_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1236948.pdf](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprdb1236948.pdf)
- 24 **International Self-Care Day**  
[www.healthline.com/health-news/spending-time-in-blue-spaces-linked-to-better-mental-health](http://www.healthline.com/health-news/spending-time-in-blue-spaces-linked-to-better-mental-health)
- 25 **Swimmable California Day**  
[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201320140SCR48](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SCR48)
- 26 **National Disability Independence Day**  
[www.inclusionhub.com/articles/national-disability-independence-day](http://www.inclusionhub.com/articles/national-disability-independence-day)
- 27 **California Water Boards' Annual Performance Report - Fiscal Year 2021-22**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/performance\\_report\\_2122/index.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/performance_report_2122/index.html)
- 28 **World Nature Conservation Day**  
[www.wwf.org.uk/updates/world-wildlife-conservation-day](http://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/world-wildlife-conservation-day)

**29 Fun Facts About California State Parks**  
[www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=23474](http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23474)

**30 The California State Library**  
[www.library.ca.gov/](http://www.library.ca.gov/)

**31 World Ranger Day**  
[www.internationalrangers.org/events/](http://www.internationalrangers.org/events/)

**The Wildlife Society**  
<https://wildlife.org/>  
<https://wildlife.org/sections-chapters/>

PICTURE: Image of the South Shore of the Lake from the West Shore. Heavenly Valley's ski runs can be seen quite clearly, as can just a bit of Job's Peak on the right.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake\\_Tahoe#/media/File:Tahoe\\_North\\_Shore\\_from\\_the\\_East\\_Shore.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lake_Tahoe#/media/File:Tahoe_North_Shore_from_the_East_Shore.jpg)



## AUGUST 2023

**The Water Boards regulate wastewater discharges to surface water (rivers, ocean, etc.) and to groundwater (via land).** The Water Boards also regulate storm water discharges from construction, industrial, and municipal activities; discharges from irrigated agriculture; dredge and fill activities; the alteration of any federal water body under the 401-certification program; and several other activities with practices that could degrade water quality.

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/ciwqs/who\\_is\\_regulated.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/ciwqs/who_is_regulated.html)

- 1      **National Water Quality Month**  
<https://nationalwaterqualitymonth.org/>
- 2      **National Coloring Book Day**  
[www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/environmental/ColoringbookREGIONAL.pdf](http://www.escondido.org/Data/Sites/1/media/PDFs/environmental/ColoringbookREGIONAL.pdf)
- 3      **Community Engagement in Freshwater Science (Video Playlist)**  
[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMSa5d-ill6NSSUdWDD8WPPpE40flxh\\_D](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMSa5d-ill6NSSUdWDD8WPPpE40flxh_D)
- 4      **Clean Water Team (SWRCB)**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cwt\\_volunteer.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_volunteer.html)
- 5      **National Oyster Day**



<https://oehha.ca.gov/fish/species/all-fish-and-shellfish>  
[www.oysterguide.com/maps/california/](http://www.oysterguide.com/maps/california/)

- 6      **Nonpoint Source: Volunteer Monitoring**  
[www.epa.gov/nps/nonpoint-source-volunteer-monitoring](http://www.epa.gov/nps/nonpoint-source-volunteer-monitoring)
- 7      **National Lighthouse Day**  
[www.lighthousefriends.com/pull-state.asp?state=CA](http://www.lighthousefriends.com/pull-state.asp?state=CA)
- 8      **Citizen/Community Monitoring Coordinator Day**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cwt\\_watershed.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_watershed.html)
- 9      **International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**  
[www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples.html](http://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/international-day-of-the-worlds-indigenous-peoples.html)
- 10     **International Biodiesel Day**  
[ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/alternative-diesel-fuels/biodiesel-renewable-diesel](http://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/alternative-diesel-fuels/biodiesel-renewable-diesel)
- 11     **Water Boards Quality Assurance/Quality Control**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/quality\\_assurance/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/quality_assurance/)
- 12     **International Youth Day**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/youth-day)
- 13     **International Wolf Day**  
[https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Gray-Wolf \](https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Mammals/Gray-Wolf)
- 14     **Sanitary Surveys for Recreational Waters**  
[www.epa.gov/beach-tech/sanitary-surveys-recreational-waters](http://www.epa.gov/beach-tech/sanitary-surveys-recreational-waters)
- 15     **National Relaxation Day**  
[www.bbc.com/future/article/20221108-the-doctors-prescribing-blue-therapy](http://www.bbc.com/future/article/20221108-the-doctors-prescribing-blue-therapy)
- 16     **California Water Quality Monitoring Council**  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/index2.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/index2.html)
- 17     **Water Quality Monitoring and Watershed Programs APPS**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/clean\\_water\\_team/apps.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/clean_water_team/apps.html)
- 18     **Never Give Up Day**  
[www.nevergiveupday.com/](http://www.nevergiveupday.com/)
- 19     **World Photography Day**  
[www.worldphotographyday.com/](http://www.worldphotographyday.com/)



**National Aviation Day**

[www.faa.gov/space/environmental](http://www.faa.gov/space/environmental)

**20 Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting**

<https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/>

**21 USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service National Water & Climate Center Interactive Map**

[www.faa.gov/space/environmental](http://www.faa.gov/space/environmental)

**22 National Honey Bee Day**

<https://honey.com/blog/adventures-in-beekeeping-national-honey-bee-day>

**23 State Fish: California Golden Trout**

<https://caltrout.org/sos/species-accounts/trout/california-golden-trout>

**24 My Water Quality (California)**

<https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/>

**25 California Climate Action Corps**

[www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/climateactioncorps/](http://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/climateactioncorps/)

**26 International Dog Day**

<https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/files/pet%20care%20fact%20sheet.pdf>

**Community & Citizen Science for Environmental Protection**

[www.epa.gov/citizen-science](http://www.epa.gov/citizen-science)

**27 How's My Waterway**

[www.epa.gov/waterdata/how-s-my-waterway](http://www.epa.gov/waterdata/how-s-my-waterway)

**28 Measurement of stream discharge by wading**

<https://pubs.er.usgs.gov/publication/wri20004036>

**29 Community Water Science Workshop (Video Playlist)**

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp5GZjKMvax6x5IW3PDfmIMK](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp5GZjKMvax6x5IW3PDfmIMK)

**30 Frankenstein Day**

[www.nisenet.org/frankensteinkit](http://www.nisenet.org/frankensteinkit)

**31 State Rock: Serpentine**

[https://geology.com/minerals/serpentine\](https://geology.com/minerals/serpentine)

PICTURE: Mavericks Surf Contest 2010.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surfing#/media/File:Mavericks\\_Surf\\_Contest\\_2010b.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Surfing#/media/File:Mavericks_Surf_Contest_2010b.jpg)



## SEPTEMBER 2023

The State and Regional Water Boards have regulatory responsibility for protecting the water quality of nearly 1.6 million acres of lakes, 1.3 million acres of bays and estuaries, 211,000 miles of rivers and streams, and about 1,100 miles of exquisite California coastline.

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/)

- 1      **State Sport: Surfing**  
[www.surfertoday.com/surfing/surfing-is-the-official-state-sport-of-california](http://www.surfertoday.com/surfing/surfing-is-the-official-state-sport-of-california)
- 2      **California Free Fishing Day**  
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Fishing/Free-Fishing-Days>
- 3      **International Vulture Awareness Day**  
[www.vultureday.org/](http://www.vultureday.org/)
- 4      **National Wildlife Day**  
[www.nationalwildlifeday.com/](http://www.nationalwildlifeday.com/)
- 5      **Trash Monitoring Webinar Series Video Playlist**  
[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp567OthYEIIFmRV5irO6yVS](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp567OthYEIIFmRV5irO6yVS)
- 6      **Citizen Science for Environmental Protection**  
[www.epa.gov/citizen-science](http://www.epa.gov/citizen-science)
- 7      **California Biodiversity Day**  
<https://resources.ca.gov/biodiversityday2022>  
  
**Protect Your Groundwater Day**  
<https://wellowner.org/protect-your-groundwater-day/>
- 8      **International Literacy Day**

[https://green.wikia.org/wiki/Environmental literature](https://green.wikia.org/wiki/Environmental_literature)

**9 Citizen Science (US Government)**

[www.citizenscience.gov/](http://www.citizenscience.gov/)

**10 Dragonfly Pond Watch**

[www.migratorydragonflypartnership.org/index/welcome](http://www.migratorydragonflypartnership.org/index/welcome)

**11 National Day of Service and Remembrance**

<https://911day.org/>

**Kraken Day**

[www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/animals-a-to-z/cephalopods](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/animals-a-to-z/cephalopods)

**12 California Trash Monitoring Methods and Assessments Playbook**

[www.sfei.org/documents/california-trash-monitoring-methods-and-assessments-playbook](http://www.sfei.org/documents/california-trash-monitoring-methods-and-assessments-playbook)

**World Dolphin Day**

<https://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=34372>

**13 Protect Yourself from Wildfire Smoke**

[www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/wildfires/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/features/wildfires/index.html)

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/protecting-yourself-wildfire-smoke>

**14 iNaturalist – Connect with Nature**

[www.inaturalist.org/](http://www.inaturalist.org/)

**15 National Hispanic Heritage Month (Through October 15)**

[www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/](http://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/)

**16 California Coastal Cleanup Day**

[www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/ccd.html)

**National Cleanup Day**

[www.nationalcleanupday.org/](http://www.nationalcleanupday.org/)

**International Coastal Cleanup Day**

<https://oceanconservancy.org/trash-free-seas/international-coastal-cleanup/>

**Ozone Day (International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer)**

[www.un.org/en/observances/ozone-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/ozone-day)

**National Dance Day**

<http://americandancemovement.org/national-dance-day/>

**17 Constitution Day**

[www.constitutionday.com/](http://www.constitutionday.com/)

- 18     **World Water Monitoring Day / Earth Echo Water Challenge**  
[www.monitorwater.org/](http://www.monitorwater.org/)
- National Pollution Prevention Week**  
[www.epa.gov/p2week](http://www.epa.gov/p2week)
- 19     **International Talk Like a Pirate Day**  
<http://talklikeapirate.com/wordpress/how-to/>  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=62lwmYNV46U](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=62lwmYNV46U)  
[www.deepseanews.com/2014/04/beyond-the-plunder-the-misunderstood-life-of-pirates/](http://www.deepseanews.com/2014/04/beyond-the-plunder-the-misunderstood-life-of-pirates/)
- 20     **California Surfing Day**  
[www.surfertoday.com/surfing/september-20-has-been-officially-declared-california-surfing-day](http://www.surfertoday.com/surfing/september-20-has-been-officially-declared-california-surfing-day)
- 21     **Zero Emissions Day**  
[www.energy.gov/energysaver/articles/zero-emissions-day-pledge-make-your-next-road-trip-fuel-efficient](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver/articles/zero-emissions-day-pledge-make-your-next-road-trip-fuel-efficient)
- California Naturalist Program**  
<https://calnat.ucanr.edu/>
- 22     **Autumnal Equinox**  
<https://scienceworld.wolfram.com/astronomy/AutumnalEquinox.html>
- Car-Free Day**  
[www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/world-car-free-day-22-september-great-reduce-air-pollution](http://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/world-car-free-day-22-september-great-reduce-air-pollution)
- 23     **National Hunting and Fishing Day**  
<https://nhfday.org/>
- National Public Lands Day**  
[www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/public-lands-day.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/public-lands-day.htm)
- 24     **World Rivers Day**  
<https://worldriversday.com/>
- 25     **Citizen Science Toolkit for Biodiversity Scientists**  
[www.biodiversa.org/1810/download](http://www.biodiversa.org/1810/download)
- 26     **World Environmental Health Day**  
[www.ifeh.org/wehd/](http://www.ifeh.org/wehd/)
- 27     **California Naturalist Publication Series**

[https://calnat.ucanr.edu/Resources/calnat\\_pubs/](https://calnat.ucanr.edu/Resources/calnat_pubs/)

**28 NWQMC Volunteer Monitoring**

<https://acwi.gov/monitoring/vm/index.html>

**29 Norcal SETAC**

[www.norcalsetac.com/](http://www.norcalsetac.com/)

**30 “Bugs to Go” The California Digital Reference Collection of Freshwater Benthic Macroinvertebrate Families**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/cwt\\_volunteer.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_volunteer.html)

PICTURE: Coastal Cleanup Day [www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/bring.html](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/ccd/bring.html)



## OCTOBER 2023

**The Water Quality Monitoring Council** was created in 2007. Its mission is to enhance water and associated ecosystem health monitoring programs by providing a venue for coordination and developing guidance and recommendations to build a comprehensive statewide network for Californians.

[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/index2.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/index2.html)

### 1 **Water Year Begins**

[https://water.usgs.gov/nwc/explain\\_data.html](https://water.usgs.gov/nwc/explain_data.html)

### **Water Professionals Week**

[www.cwea.org/news/toolkit-2021-california-water-professionals-appreciation-week/](http://www.cwea.org/news/toolkit-2021-california-water-professionals-appreciation-week/)  
[www.acwa.com/2021-water-professionals-appreciation-week-toolkit/](http://www.acwa.com/2021-water-professionals-appreciation-week-toolkit/)

### **National Seafood Month**

[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/7-ways-celebrate-national-seafood-month](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/7-ways-celebrate-national-seafood-month)

### **Campus Sustainability Month**

[www.aashe.org/get-involved/campus-sustainability-month/](http://www.aashe.org/get-involved/campus-sustainability-month/)

### **International Walk to School Month**

[www.iwalktoschool.org/](http://www.iwalktoschool.org/)

### 2 **World Habitat Day**

[www.un.org/en/observances/habitat-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/habitat-day)

### 3 **Wilderness Medicine**

<https://wilderness-medicine.com/>

### 4 **California Clean Air Day**

[www.cleanairday.org/](http://www.cleanairday.org/)

### 5 **World Teachers Day**

[www.unesco.org/en/days/teachers](http://www.unesco.org/en/days/teachers)

**6 Energy Efficiency Day**

<https://energyefficiencyday.org/>

**7 Eco-challenge**

[www.ecochallenge.org](http://www.ecochallenge.org)

**8 World Octopus Day**

[www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/animals-a-to-z/two-spot-octopus](http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/animals-a-to-z/two-spot-octopus)

**Earth Science Week**

[www.earthsciweek.org/about-esw](http://www.earthsciweek.org/about-esw)

**National Wildlife Refuge Week**

[www.fws.gov/refuges/events/National-Wildlife-Refuge-Week.html](http://www.fws.gov/refuges/events/National-Wildlife-Refuge-Week.html)

**9 Indigenous Peoples' Day**

<http://ipdpowwow.org/Archives.html>

**Columbus Day**

[www.history.com/topics/exploration/columbus-day](http://www.history.com/topics/exploration/columbus-day)

**10 National Metric Week**

[www.us-metric.org/national-metric-week](http://www.us-metric.org/national-metric-week)

**11 Global Maker Day**

[www.globalmakerday.com](http://www.globalmakerday.com)

**12 CABW Meetings**

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/bioassessment/cabw.html](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/bioassessment/cabw.html)

**13 Basic Safety Tips for Kayaking**

[www.oceankayak.com/blog/article/basic-safety-tips-kayaking](http://www.oceankayak.com/blog/article/basic-safety-tips-kayaking)

**14 Migratory Bird Day**

[www.migratorybirdday.org/](http://www.migratorybirdday.org/)

**International Migratory Bird Day**

[www.worldmigratorybirdday.org](http://www.worldmigratorybirdday.org)

**International E-Waste Day**

[www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Environment/Pages/Events/International-E-waste-Day.aspx](http://www.itu.int/en/ITU-D/Environment/Pages/Events/International-E-waste-Day.aspx)

**World Standards Day**

[www.iso.org/world-standards-day.html](http://www.iso.org/world-standards-day.html)



- 15 **Pacific Leatherback Sea Turtle Conservation Day**  
<https://seaturtles.org/oct-15th-pacific-leatherback-sea-turtle-conservation-day-2>

**National Chemistry Week**  
[www.acs.org/education/outreach/ncw.html](http://www.acs.org/education/outreach/ncw.html)

- 16 **California Science Education Conference**  
<https://conference.cascience.org/>

- 17 **Global Climate Change Week**  
<http://globalclimatechangeweek.com>

- 18 **Clean Water Act Anniversary**  
[www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act](http://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-clean-water-act)

- 19 **Imagine a Day Without Water**  
<https://imagineadaywithoutwater.org/>

- 20 **VIDEO Living with Drought and Increasing Aridification in the Southwest**  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPfFvr4yG3Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPfFvr4yG3Y)

- 21 **Reptile Awareness Day**  
<http://sciencenetlinks.com/daily-content/10/21/>

- 22 **Make a Difference Day**  
[www.pointsoflight.org/blog/how-will-you-make-difference-make-difference-day](http://www.pointsoflight.org/blog/how-will-you-make-difference-make-difference-day)

**Pro Bono Week**  
[www.probono.net/celebrateprobono/](http://www.probono.net/celebrateprobono/)

- 23 **Mole Day (Avogadro's Number)**  
[www.moleday.org/](http://www.moleday.org/)

- 24 **World Rivers Day**  
<https://worldriversday.com/>

- 25 **Bat Week**  
[www.batweek.org](http://www.batweek.org)

**International Open Access Week!**  
[www.openaccessweek.org/](http://www.openaccessweek.org/)

**Sustainability Day**  
<https://renoon.com/blog/what-is-sustainability-day>

- 26      **California Lake Management Society Conference**  
[www.california-lakes.org/calms-conference](http://www.california-lakes.org/calms-conference)
  
- 27      **The Clean Water Team Glossary - A Vocabulary for Water Quality Monitors and Watershed Stewards**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/swamp/docs/cwt/volunteer/cwt-glo-032321.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/docs/cwt/volunteer/cwt-glo-032321.pdf)
  
- 28      **Basic Canoe Safety**  
<https://paddling.com/learn/basic-canoe-safety>
  
- 29      **VIDEO: SWAMP Field Methods Course (11 videos)**  
[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMSa5d-ill6OnEHUbybDqeGRRui\\_t3kMf](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMSa5d-ill6OnEHUbybDqeGRRui_t3kMf)
  
- 30      **State Lichen: Lace Lichen**  
[www.californialichens.org/state-lichen/](http://www.californialichens.org/state-lichen/)
  
- 31      **Halloween**  
[www.greenamerica.org/green-living/green-your-halloween](http://www.greenamerica.org/green-living/green-your-halloween)

PICTURE: Rainfall

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water\\_issues/storm\\_water/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/water_issues/storm_water/)



## NOVEMBER 2023

**The California Environmental Protection Agency has led California in creating and implementing some of the most progressive environmental policies in America**, from negotiating the Global Warming Solutions Act (AB 32), to launching the Green Chemistry Initiative. CalEPA has also established Environmental Justice programs, adopted a Tribal Policy, and expanded enforcement efforts. CalEPA was formally established on July 17, 1991 although its foundation was laid decades earlier through the hard work of multiple administrations.

<https://calepa.ca.gov/about/history01/>

**1 American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month**

<https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>

**2 Water Boards' Tribal Affairs**

[https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/public\\_participation/tribal\\_affairs/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/public_participation/tribal_affairs/)

**3 One Health Day**

<https://onehealthday.com/>  
[www.cdc.gov/onehealth/one-health-day.html](http://www.cdc.gov/onehealth/one-health-day.html)

**4 CalFire**

[www.fire.ca.gov/](http://www.fire.ca.gov/)

**5 Daylight Saving Time Ends**

[www.timeanddate.com/time/change/usa?year=2023](http://www.timeanddate.com/time/change/usa?year=2023)

**31st Annual Wildlife Society Conference**  
<https://wildlife.org/network/conferences-network/>

**6 California Grants Portal**  
[www.grants.ca.gov/](http://www.grants.ca.gov/)

**7 Pacific Ocean Acidification Project**  
<https://ioos.noaa.gov/project/pacific-ocean-acidification-project/>

**8 National STEM Day**  
[www.ed.gov/stem](http://www.ed.gov/stem)

**9 Public Safety at Dams**  
<https://damsafety.org/public-safety>

**10 California Marine Fish: Garibaldi**  
[www.aquariumofpacific.org/onlinelearningcenter/species/garibaldi](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/onlinelearningcenter/species/garibaldi)

**11 Veterans Day**  
[www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/vetsday/vetdayhistory.asp)

**CASQA Conference**  
[www.casqa.org/events/annual-conference](http://www.casqa.org/events/annual-conference)

**12 Water Quality after a Wildfire**  
<https://ca.water.usgs.gov/wildfires/wildfires-water-quality.html>

**13 World Kindness Day**  
[www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/world-kindness-day)

**Geography Awareness Week**  
[www.aag.org/geoweeek](http://www.aag.org/geoweeek)

**American Education Week**  
[www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/11/10/a-proclamation-on-american-education-week-2022/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/11/10/a-proclamation-on-american-education-week-2022/)

**14 Safety for Working Over or Near Water (OSHA)**  
[www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926/1926.106](http://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1926/1926.106)

**15 America Recycles Day**  
[www.epa.gov/americanrecycles/america-recycles-day](http://www.epa.gov/americanrecycles/america-recycles-day)

**National Philanthropy Day**  
<https://afpglobal.org/NPDLove>

**GIS Day**

[www.gisday.com/en-us/overview](http://www.gisday.com/en-us/overview)

**16 Mapping, Analyzing, and Communicating Citizen Science**

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/4dc6d6d742f746a6a2b8d43ae67d6679>

**17 ACWA Fall Conference**

[www.acwa.com/events/?event-type=acwa-conferences](http://www.acwa.com/events/?event-type=acwa-conferences)

**18 The Four-Season Field Guide to Poison Oak**

[www.parksconservancy.org/park-e-ventures-article/four-season-field-guide-poison-oak](http://www.parksconservancy.org/park-e-ventures-article/four-season-field-guide-poison-oak)

**19 World Toilet Day**

[www.worldtoiletday.info/](http://www.worldtoiletday.info/)

**Family Volunteer Day**

[www.pointsoflight.org/familyvolunteerday/](http://www.pointsoflight.org/familyvolunteerday/)

**20 Is it Safe to Eat Fish from Our Waters?**

[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe\\_to\\_eat/index.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe_to_eat/index.html)

**21 World Fisheries Day**

[www.iucn.org/story/202211/observance-world-fisheries-day-2022](http://www.iucn.org/story/202211/observance-world-fisheries-day-2022)

**22 State Tree: California Redwood**

[www.savetheredwoods.org/redwoods/coast-redwoods/](http://www.savetheredwoods.org/redwoods/coast-redwoods/)

**23 Thanksgiving**

[www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving](http://www.history.com/topics/thanksgiving/history-of-thanksgiving)

**24 Day After Thanksgiving**

[www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/pages/state-holidays.aspx](http://www.calhr.ca.gov/employees/pages/state-holidays.aspx)

**Buy Nothing Day**

<http://buynothingday.org>

**25 Small Business Saturday**

[www.sba.gov/about-sba/organization/sba-initiatives/small-business-saturday](http://www.sba.gov/about-sba/organization/sba-initiatives/small-business-saturday)

**26 National Pumpkin Day**

<https://ucanr.edu/repository/fileaccess.cfm?article=54031&p=%20RCNNTT>

**27 Cyber Monday**

<https://mattchesin.com/blog/how-non-profit-organizations-can-benefit-from-cyber-monday/> 30

- 28     **Giving Tuesday**  
[www.givingtuesday.org/](http://www.givingtuesday.org/)
- 29     **Western Ecological Research Center**  
[www.usgs.gov/centers/werc](http://www.usgs.gov/centers/werc)
- 30     **Computer Security Day**  
[www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/cybersecurity-nonprofits](http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/tools-resources/cybersecurity-nonprofits)

PICTURE: A coho salmon swimming in a river.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salmon#/media/File:Coho\\_Spawning\\_on\\_the\\_Salmon\\_River\\_\(16335495542\).jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salmon#/media/File:Coho_Spawning_on_the_Salmon_River_(16335495542).jpg)



## DECEMBER 2023

**California's changing climate requires Californians to move beyond** temporary emergency drought measures and adopt permanent changes to use water more wisely and prepare for more frequent and persistent periods of limited water supply. Conservation and efficiency also reduce the energy needed to pump, transport, treat and deliver water. Your small changes make a big impact. Only by working together can we improve and sustain the state's water future for generations to come.

[www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/conservation\\_portal/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/conservation_portal/)

**1 SWRCB Anniversary**  
[www.waterboards.ca.gov/about\\_us/](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/about_us/)

**2 US EPA Anniversary**  
[www.epa.gov/history](http://www.epa.gov/history)

**3 Global No Pesticides Use Day**  
<http://epl.org.ua/en/events/mizhnarodnyj-den-borotby-z-pestytsydamy-2021-12-03/>

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities](http://www.un.org/en/observances/day-of-persons-with-disabilities)

**4 California King Tides**  
[www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/)

**Wildlife Conservation Day**  
[www.worldwildlife.org/stories/wildlife-conservation-day](http://www.worldwildlife.org/stories/wildlife-conservation-day)

**Computer Science Education Week**  
[www.csedweek.org/](http://www.csedweek.org/)



- 5      **World Soil Day**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/world-soil-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/world-soil-day)
- 6      **Zooniverse App**  
[www.zooniverse.org/](http://www.zooniverse.org/)
- 7      **California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network**  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/collaboration\\_network/index.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/collaboration_network/index.html)
- 8      **Hour of Code**  
<https://hourofcode.com/us>
- 9      **California CoCoRaHS (Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network)**  
[www.cocorahs.org/state.aspx?state=ca](http://www.cocorahs.org/state.aspx?state=ca)
- 10     **Cold Stress**  
[www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/coldstress/](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/coldstress/)
- 11     **International Mountain Day**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/mountain-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/mountain-day)
- 12     **Tips for Protecting Workers During Adverse Weather Conditions**  
<https://hazwoper-osh.com/blog-post/protecting-workers-in-bad-weather-conditions>
- 13     **eBird App**  
<https://ebird.org/home>
- 14     **Lab Equipment Maintenance**  
[www.mynewlab.com/blog/laboratory-equipment-maintenance-101/](http://www.mynewlab.com/blog/laboratory-equipment-maintenance-101/)
- 15     **State Tall Ship: The Californian**  
<https://sdmaritime.org/visit/the-ships/californian/>
- 16     **Christmas Bird Count**  
[www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count](http://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count)
- 17     **Water Footprint**  
<https://waterfootprint.org/en/water-footprint/what-is-water-footprint/>
- 18     **National Weather Service**  
[www.weather.gov/](http://www.weather.gov/)
- 19     **Ocean Observing Systems**  
<https://ioos.noaa.gov/>

[www.cencoos.org/](http://www.cencoos.org/)  
<https://sccoos.org/>

- 20     **Is There Monitoring Data Near Me?**  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/regional\\_portals/index.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/regional_portals/index.html)
  
- 21     **Sierra Nevada Snowpack**  
<https://cdec.water.ca.gov/snowapp/sweq.action>
  
- 22     **Winter Solstice**  
[www.timeanddate.com/calendar/winter-solstice.html](http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/winter-solstice.html)
  
- 23     **National Water Quality Monitoring Council**  
<https://acwi.gov/monitoring/>
  
- 24     **National Eggnog Day**  
<https://wholelifestylenutrition.com/recipes/drinks/holiday-egg-nog/>  
<https://minimalistbaker.com/easy-vegan-eggnog/>
  
- 25     **Christmas**  
<https://learn.eartheasy.com/guides/how-to-have-a-green-christmas/>
  
- 26     **Winter Weather Driving Tips**  
[www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips](http://www.nhtsa.gov/winter-driving-tips)
  
- 27     **National Fruitcake Day**  
<https://www.fruitcakerecycling.com/>
  
- 28     **Last-Minute Donations & Fundraising**  
<https://fundraisingip.com/last-minute-fundraising-ideas/>  
[www.jklasser.com/articles/5-things-to-know-about-year-end-charitable-giving/](http://www.jklasser.com/articles/5-things-to-know-about-year-end-charitable-giving/)  
[www.consumerreports.org/charitable-donations/rules-for-last-minute-charitable-donations/](http://www.consumerreports.org/charitable-donations/rules-for-last-minute-charitable-donations/)
  
- 29     **Are Our Estuaries Healthy?**  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco\\_health/estuaries/index.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco_health/estuaries/index.html)
  
- 30     **Eco-Friendly New Year's Resolutions**  
[www.smallfootprintfamily.com/10-green-new-years-resolutions](http://www.smallfootprintfamily.com/10-green-new-years-resolutions)  
[www.flowstobay.org/2022-new-years-resolutions-for-the-environment/](http://www.flowstobay.org/2022-new-years-resolutions-for-the-environment/)
  
- 31     **New Year's Eve / First Night**  
[www.americanprogress.org/article/its-easy-being-green-how-to-throw-a-green-new-years-eve-party/](http://www.americanprogress.org/article/its-easy-being-green-how-to-throw-a-green-new-years-eve-party/)

PICTURE: View of snow covered Sierra Nevada mountains in Nevada County, California.  
<https://water.ca.gov/News/News-Releases/2022/Feb-22/California-Water-Watch>