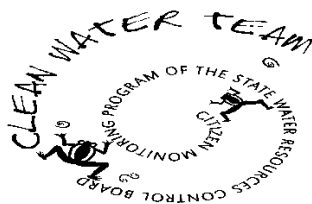




**2024**

**The Clean Water Team's  
California Citizen Monitoring, Community Science, and  
Watershed Stewardship 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 monitoring and community science in all its many variations. Volunteers, non-profit organizations, local agencies amongst others throughout the state can contribute towards science-based stewardship of California's aquatic resources that we all 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.dober.com/water-treatment/resources/water-conservation-new-years-resolutions-for-2023#:~:text=Water%20Conservation%20Resolution%20No.,of%20water%20can%20be%20conserved](http://www.dober.com/water-treatment/resources/water-conservation-new-years-resolutions-for-2023#:~:text=Water%20Conservation%20Resolution%20No.,of%20water%20can%20be%20conserved)

### **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)

**International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development"**

[www.un.org/en/events/waterdecade/](http://www.un.org/en/events/waterdecade/)

**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/)

**2024 Legislative Deadlines**

[www.assembly.ca.gov/schedules-publications/legislative-deadlines](http://www.assembly.ca.gov/schedules-publications/legislative-deadlines)

**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)

**National Bird Day**

[www.avianwelfare.org/nationalbirdday/](http://www.avianwelfare.org/nationalbirdday/)

**6 CalNonprofits**

<https://calnonprofits.org/>

**7 CDFW News Releases**

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/News>

**8 CalEnviroScreen**

<https://oehha.ca.gov/calenviroscreen>

**9 National Word Nerd Day**

[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)

**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 King Tides**

<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/>

**California Volunteers**

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

**12 King Tides**

<https://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/>

**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 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service**

[www.pointsoflight.org/mlk-jr-day-of-service/](http://www.pointsoflight.org/mlk-jr-day-of-service/)

**16 The Week of Sound**

<https://en.unesco.org/commemorations/weekofsound>

**17 National Water Quality Monitoring Council – Volunteer Monitoring**

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

**18 Thesaurus Day**

[www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus](http://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus)

**Center for Nonprofit Management**

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

**19 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)

**20 How's My Waterway (USEPA)**

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

**21 Squirrel Appreciation Day**

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CWHR/Life-History-and-Range>

- 22 **California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Webinars**  
[www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring\\_council/collaboration\\_network/index.html](http://www.mywaterquality.ca.gov/monitoring_council/collaboration_network/index.html)
- 23 **NOAA Science Seminar Series**  
[www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/star/NOAAScienceSeminars.php](http://www.star.nesdis.noaa.gov/star/NOAAScienceSeminars.php)
- 24 **National Compliment Day**  
[www.masterclass.com/articles/compliments](http://www.masterclass.com/articles/compliments)
- International Day of Education**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/education-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/education-day)
- Tu Bishavat "Birthday of the trees"**  
[www.myjewishlearning.com/article/tu-bishvat-2024/](http://www.myjewishlearning.com/article/tu-bishvat-2024/)
- 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 **National Seed Swap Day**  
<http://seedswapday.blogspot.com/>
- 2024 California Environmental Assembly**  
[www.pcl.org/events/assembly2024/](http://www.pcl.org/events/assembly2024/)
- 28 **EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series**  
[www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series](http://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series)
- 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: King Tide at Mill Valley's Sausalito Path, 1/1/2022.**  
[www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/gallery.html](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/kingtides/gallery.html)

**COVER PICTURE: Yuba River**  
**Erick Burres**



## **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**

[www.caepa-us.org/](http://www.caepa-us.org/)

**2 World Wetlands Day**

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

**Groundhog Day**

<https://www.pbs.org/wnet/nature/blog/groundhogs-facts/>

**3 Feed the Birds Day**

[www.gardenersnet.com/birds/feed-birds-day.htm](http://www.gardenersnet.com/birds/feed-birds-day.htm)

**National Wear Red Day**

<https://health.ucdavis.edu/blog/cultivating-health/3-ways-getting-outside-into-nature-helps-improve-your-health/2023/05>

**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)

**National Green Week**

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

**5 71st Annual Meeting of The Wildlife Society-Western Section**

<https://sonomacounty2024.tws-west.org/>

**6 Pay-a-Compliment Day**

[www.managetrainlearn.com/masterclass/view/paying-compliments/](http://www.managetrainlearn.com/masterclass/view/paying-compliments/)

**Water-Efficient Landscaping**

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

**7 National Periodic Table Day**

<https://ptable.com/?lang=en#Properties>

**Rose Day**

[https://calscape.org/loc-California/Rosa-\(all\)?newsearch=1&srchcr=sc655e853248d89](https://calscape.org/loc-California/Rosa-(all)?newsearch=1&srchcr=sc655e853248d89)

**8 California STEM Network**

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

**9 Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics Symposium**

<https://web.cvent.com/event/3ff4cee9-27e7-4878-a261-40bd31da3d9c/summary?RefId=steamcalifornia.org>

**National Pizza Day**

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

**International Winter Bike to Work Day**

<https://winterbiketoworkday.org/>

**10 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)

**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/)
- Darwin Day**  
<https://darwinday.org/>
- 13 Mardi Gras**  
[www.greenmatters.com/p/sustainable-mardi-gras](http://www.greenmatters.com/p/sustainable-mardi-gras)
- 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.coastkeeper.org/valentines-2022/](http://www.coastkeeper.org/valentines-2022/)
- 15 Susan B. Anthony Day**  
[www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/susan-b-anthony](http://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/susan-b-anthony)
- Digital Learning Day**  
<https://all4ed.org/digital-learning-day/>
- 16 The Great Backyard Bird Count**  
[www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)
- National Almond Day**  
[www.almondstewardship.org/](http://www.almondstewardship.org/)
- 17 Random Acts of Kindness Week**  
[www.randomactsofkindness.org/](http://www.randomactsofkindness.org/)
- 18 World Whale Day**  
[www.worldwhaleday.org/](http://www.worldwhaleday.org/)
- National Battery Day**  
<https://calrecycle.ca.gov/reducewaste/batteries/>
- Engineers Week**  
[www.nspe.org/resources/partners-and-state-societies/engineers-week](http://www.nspe.org/resources/partners-and-state-societies/engineers-week)
- 19 President's Day (Washington's Birthday)**  
[www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/about-the-white-house/presidents/)
- Tug of War Day**  
<https://smallbusiness.chron.com/teambuilding-activities-games-43411.html>
- 20 World Day of Social Justice**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/social-justice-day)



- 21 **California Native Plant Gardening**  
[www.cnps.org/gardening](http://www.cnps.org/gardening)
- 22 **National Dog Walking Day**  
[https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/files/slc\\_petwaste.pdf](https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/files/slc_petwaste.pdf)
- National Wildlife Day**  
[www.nationalwildlifeday.com/](http://www.nationalwildlifeday.com/)
- World Thinking Day**  
[www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsus/forms-and-documents/members/global/24\\_WorldThinkingDayFacilitatorGuide\\_CSA.pdf](http://www.girlscouts.org/content/dam/gsus/forms-and-documents/members/global/24_WorldThinkingDayFacilitatorGuide_CSA.pdf)
- 23 **Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day**  
<https://discovere.org/engage/girl-day/>
- 24 **National Skip the Straw Day**  
[www.treehugger.com/national-skip-straw-day-5114315](http://www.treehugger.com/national-skip-straw-day-5114315)
- EEC Symposium 2024: Take Flight with Environmental Education**  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eec-symposium-2024-take-flight-with-environmental-education-tickets-735039411667>
- 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 **National Invasive Species Awareness Week**  
[www.nisaw.org/](http://www.nisaw.org/)
- 27 **California Wetlands**  
[https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco\\_health/wetlands/](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/eco_health/wetlands/)
- 28 **National Essay Day**  
<http://nationalessayday.com>
- 29 **Leap Year**  
<https://spaceplace.nasa.gov/leap-year/en/>

**PICTURE: State Marine Mammal - California Gray Whale**

<https://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/state-symbols/marine-mammal-california-gray-whale/>



## **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 Employee Appreciation Day**

[www.snappy.com/posts/7-sustainable-employee-appreciation-ideas](http://www.snappy.com/posts/7-sustainable-employee-appreciation-ideas)

**2 National Reading Day**

<http://national-reading-day.org/>

<https://earthwatch.org/stories/23-must-read-science-books-about-environment-chosen-earthwatch-scientists>

**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 World Engineering Day**

[www.discovere.org/our-programs/world-engineering-day](http://www.discovere.org/our-programs/world-engineering-day)

**State Flower: California Poppy**

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

**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 Solar Appreciation Day**

[www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/renewable-energy/solar-energy](http://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/topics/renewable-energy/solar-energy)

**International Women's Day**

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

**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 Daylight Saving Starts**

[www.almanac.com/content/when-daylight-saving-time](http://www.almanac.com/content/when-daylight-saving-time)

**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 World Plumbing Day**

[www.worldplumbing.org/worldplumbingday/](http://www.worldplumbing.org/worldplumbingday/)

**Americorps Week**

<https://americorps.gov/newsroom/events/amicorps-week>

**Sunshine Week**

[www.nfoic.org/foi-center/sunshine-week/](http://www.nfoic.org/foi-center/sunshine-week/)

**12 Plant a Flower Day**

<https://www.cnps.org/gardening/prepping-and-planting/planting-california-natives>

**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 Freedom of Information Day**

<https://www.ala.org/advocacy/FOI-Day>

**17 St. Patrick's Day**

[www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2015-2-march-april/green-life/how-green-your-st-patricks-day](http://www.sierraclub.org/sierra/2015-2-march-april/green-life/how-green-your-st-patricks-day)

**18 Global Recycling Day**

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

**National Biodiesel Day**

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/alternative-diesel-fuels/biodiesel-renewable-diesel>.

**19 Taxonomist Appreciation Day**

<https://smallpondscience.com/2014/03/19/today-is-taxonomist-appreciation-day/>

**Spring Equinox**

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

**20 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 March Mussel Madness**

<https://mussel-project.uwsp.edu/> & [www.facebook.com/musselpws](http://www.facebook.com/musselpws)

**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 Earth Hour**

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

**World Meteorological Day**

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

**24 California Association of Environmental Professionals Conference**

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

**Tick Bite Prevention Week**

[www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html)

**25 California Water Science Center**

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

**26 41st Annual Salmonid Restoration Conference**

[www.calsalmon.org/conferences](http://www.calsalmon.org/conferences)

**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/>

**29 Mermaid Day**

<https://californiamermaidcon.com/>

**California Native Grasslands Association's (CNGA) 15th Annual Field Day at Hedgerow Farms**  
<https://cnga.org/Events>

**30 Take a Walk in the Park Day**  
<https://parksocalifornia.org/>

**The California Regional Environmental Education Community (CREEC) Network**  
[www.creec.org](http://www.creec.org)

**31 Easter**  
<https://www.bhg.com/holidays/easter/decorating/sustainable-easter/>

**Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning**  
<https://www.gov.ca.gov/2023/03/31/governor-newsom-proclaims-cesar-chavez-day-2023/>

**World Backup Day**  
<https://www.worldbackupday.com/en>

**PICTURE: Big Lagoon**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big\\_Lagoon\\_\(California\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Big_Lagoon_(California))



## **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://scistarter.org/citizensciencemonth>

### **National Volunteer Month**

- [www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/](http://www.pointsoflight.org/nvw/)
- [www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/](http://www.californiavolunteers.ca.gov/)

**Mathematics and Statistics Awareness Month**

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

**National Poetry Month**

[https://fovd.org/htm/kitw/htm/van\\_duzen\\_voice.htm](https://fovd.org/htm/kitw/htm/van_duzen_voice.htm)

**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)

**National Public Health Week**

<http://nphw.org/>

**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)

**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/)

**April Fools' Day**

[https://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day](http://www.history.com/topics/holidays/april-fools-day)

**2 Bay-Delta Science Conference**

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

**3 World Aquatic Animal Day**

[https://ali.fish/blog/world-aquatic-animal-day](http://ali.fish/blog/world-aquatic-animal-day)

**National Geologists Day**

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

**4 Creek Week**

<https://saccreeks.org/>

**National Burrito Day**

[www.vrg.org/blog/2017/06/02/the-water-footprint-of-a-vegan-burrito-versus-a-meat-burrito/](http://www.vrg.org/blog/2017/06/02/the-water-footprint-of-a-vegan-burrito-versus-a-meat-burrito/)

**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 National Robotics Week**

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

**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 Draw a Picture of a Bird Day**

<https://johnmuirlaws.com/drawing-birds/>

**Current Water Data for the Nation**

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

**9 58<sup>th</sup> Cal-Neva American Fisheries Society Conference**

<https://afs-calneva.org/>

**10 CalTIP (Californians Turn In Poachers and Polluters)**

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Enforcement/CalTIP>

**11 USFWS in California**

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

**12 SoCal SETAC**

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

**13 USEPA in California**

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

**14 National Dolphin Day**

<https://birdwatchinghq.com/dolphins-in-california/>

**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/)

**15 International Microvolunteering Day**

[www.microvolunteeringday.com/about.html](http://www.microvolunteeringday.com/about.html)

**National Laundry Day**

<https://blog.planetcare.org/zero-waste-laundry-guide/>

**16 CA Native Plant Week**

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

**17 International Bat Appreciation Day**

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB/News/international-bat-appreciation-day-april-17th2>

**American Fisheries Society**

<https://fisheries.org/>

- 18 **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)

- 19 **Education and Sharing Day**

<https://educationandsharingday.com/>

**National Environmental Education Week**

[www.neefusa.org/education/eeweek](http://www.neefusa.org/education/eeweek)

- 20 **National Park Week**

[www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/national-park-week.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/national-park-week.htm)

- 21 **National Volunteer Week**

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

- 22 **Earth Day**

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

- 23 **National Picnic Day**

<https://www.passporttosustainability.com/sustainable-picnic/>

**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)

**Administrative Professionals' Day**

<https://www.outbackteambuilding.com/blog/ways-to-celebrate-administrative-professionals-day/>

- 26 **Project WET**

[www.watereducation.org/project-wet](http://www.watereducation.org/project-wet)

- 27 **Global Day of Design**

[www.theicod.org/en/activities/international-design-day](http://www.theicod.org/en/activities/international-design-day)

**National Tell a Story Day**

<https://nationalenvironmentalpro.com/environmental-story/>

- 28 **Save The Frogs Day**

<https://savethefrogs.com/day/>

**National Superhero Day**

<https://eco-age.com/resources/comics-vs-climate-change-who-most-eco-friendly-superhero/>

**29 State Amphibian: California Red-Legged Frog**

[www.californiaherps.com/frogs/pages/r.draytonii.html](http://www.californiaherps.com/frogs/pages/r.draytonii.html)

**30 CalEPA Environmental Complaint System**

<https://calepacomplaints.secure.force.com/complaints/complaint>

**PICTURE: A beaver lodge in McGee Creek, eastern Sierra Nevada, California.**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beavers\\_in\\_the\\_Sierra\\_Nevada#/media/File:Mount\\_Crocker.jpg](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beavers_in_the_Sierra_Nevada#/media/File:Mount_Crocker.jpg)



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**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)

**1 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)

**National Wildflower Week**

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

**Public Service Recognition Week**

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

**International Dawn Chorus Day**

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

**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://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/The\\_Wildlife\\_of\\_Star\\_Wars:\\_A\\_Field\\_Guide](https://starwars.fandom.com/wiki/The_Wildlife_of_Star_Wars:_A_Field_Guide)

**Southern California Academy of Sciences Annual Meeting**

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

**National Skilled Trades Day**

[https://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/training\\_program\\_areas/ecwtp/index.cfm](https://www.niehs.nih.gov/careers/hazmat/training_program_areas/ecwtp/index.cfm)

**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/>

**International Compost Awareness Week**

- [www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home](http://www.compostfoundation.org/ICAW/ICAW-Home)
- [www.compostnetwork.info/policy/biowaste-in-europe/international-compost-awareness-week/](http://www.compostnetwork.info/policy/biowaste-in-europe/international-compost-awareness-week/)

**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)

**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)

**8 World Donkey Day**

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

**9 State Reptile: Desert Tortoise**

<https://deserttortoise.org/>

**10 National Public Gardens Day**

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

**11 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)

**12 Mother's Day**

<https://justenergy.com/blog/eco-friendly-ideas-for-mothers-day/>

**International Day of Plant Health**

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

**National Limerick Day**

<https://kingoflimericks.com/limericks-about-environmental-issues/>

**13 World Migratory Bird Day**

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

**National Frog Jumping Day**

[www.frogtown.org/frog-jump](http://www.frogtown.org/frog-jump)

[www.gocalaveras.com/business/festivals-events/calaveras-county-fair-jumping-frog-jubilee/](http://www.gocalaveras.com/business/festivals-events/calaveras-county-fair-jumping-frog-jubilee/)

**14 Clean Water Team Videos**

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

**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>

**Love A Tree Day**  
<https://blog.nwf.org/2011/05/the-five-best-ways-to-celebrate-love-a-tree-day-may-16th/>

- 17 Endangered Species Day**  
[www.endangered.org/campaigns/endangered-species-day/](http://www.endangered.org/campaigns/endangered-species-day/)

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

**Bike to Work Day**  
[www.cyclecalifornia.com/](http://www.cyclecalifornia.com/)

- 18 National Safe Boating Week**  
<https://safeboatingcampaign.com/>

**Plant Conservation Day**  
[www.plantconservationalliance.org/](http://www.plantconservationalliance.org/)

**International Museum Day**  
<https://imd.icom.museum/>

- 19 Watershed Day with your Legislator**  
[www.watershednetwork.org/](http://www.watershednetwork.org/)

- 20 World Bee Day**  
[www.worldbeeday.org/en/](http://www.worldbeeday.org/en/)

- 21 Citizen Science Association Conferences**  
<https://citizenscience.org/home/events/conferences/>

- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity**  
[www.cbd.int/idb/](http://www.cbd.int/idb/)

- 23 World Turtle Day**  
[www.worldturtleday.org/](http://www.worldturtleday.org/)

**National Scavenger Hunt Day**

- <https://creeklands.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/pow-3rd-grade-lesson-2-watershed-savenger-hunt-082223.pdf>
- [www.savetheredwoods.org/wp-content/uploads/curriculum/watershed/Watershed\\_lesson\\_2\\_Explore.pdf](http://www.savetheredwoods.org/wp-content/uploads/curriculum/watershed/Watershed_lesson_2_Explore.pdf)

- 24 Are Our Wetlands Healthy?**

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

**25 World Fish Migration Day**

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

**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)

**National Hamburger Day**

<https://www.watercalculator.org/footprint/what-is-the-water-footprint-of/>

**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: Wetlands of Bolsa Chica Ecological Reserve**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolsa\\_Chica\\_Ecological\\_Reserve](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bolsa_Chica_Ecological_Reserve)





## **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.americanrivers.org/](http://www.americanrivers.org/)

### **Ocean Month**

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

### **Great Outdoors Month**

<https://recreationroundtable.org/events/great-outdoors-month/>

### **Effective Communications Month**

<https://setac.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.1002/ieam.1787>

**National Zoo and Aquarium Month**

- <http://awesomeocean.com/news/june-national-zoo-aquarium-month/>
- [www.visitcalifornia.com/now/12-great-ways-enjoy-california-zoos-and-aquariums/](http://www.visitcalifornia.com/now/12-great-ways-enjoy-california-zoos-and-aquariums/)

**California Invasive Species Action Week**

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives/Action-Week>

**National Trails Day**

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

**World Reef Day**

<https://worldreefday.org/>

**Oscar the Grouch Day**

- [www.aaas.org/can-oscar-grouch-teach-new-generation-scientists](http://www.aaas.org/can-oscar-grouch-teach-new-generation-scientists)
- [www.sesamestreetguide.com/2022/01/sesame-street-episode-5007-grouch.html](http://www.sesamestreetguide.com/2022/01/sesame-street-episode-5007-grouch.html)

**2 ASLO (Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography) Aquatic Sciences Meeting 2024**

[www.aslo.org/madison-2024/](http://www.aslo.org/madison-2024/)

**Society for Freshwater Science Annual Meeting**

<https://sfsannualmeeting.org/>

**National Garden Week**

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

**3 World Bicycle Day**

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

**Butterfly Education and Awareness Day**

<https://afbeducation.org/butterfly-conservation/butterfly-education-and-awareness-day>

**4 Summer Safety**

[www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer](http://www.nsc.org/home-safety/tools-resources/seasonal-safety/summer)

**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>
- 13 **Save The Waves App**  
[www.savethewaves.org/app/](http://www.savethewaves.org/app/)
- 14 **Flag Day**  
[www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/june-14/](http://www.loc.gov/item/today-in-history/june-14/)
- National Integrated Drought Information System**  
[www.drought.gov](http://www.drought.gov)
- 15 **International Surfing Day**  
[www.surfrider.org/isd](http://www.surfrider.org/isd)
- 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 **Father's Day**  
<https://justenergy.com/blog/green-ideas-for-an-eco-friendly-fathers-day/>
- International Waterfall Day**  
[www.world-of-waterfalls.com/top-10-california-waterfalls/](http://www.world-of-waterfalls.com/top-10-california-waterfalls/)
- World Sea Turtle Day**
- <https://conserveturtles.org/june-16th-is-world-sea-turtle-day/>
  - <http://www.californiaherps.com/identification/turtlesid/seaturtles.id.html>
- 17 **National Pollinator Week**

[www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week](http://www.pollinator.org/pollinator-week)

**World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought**

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

**18 Rachel Carson Day**

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

**Mosquito Awareness Week**

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

**19 Juneteenth**

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

**20 Summer Solstice**

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

**American Bald Eagle Day**

- <https://eagles.org/>
- <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Birds/Bald-Eagle>

**National Hike with a Geek Day**

<https://geekadventures.org/national-hike-with-a-geek-day/>

**21 National Selfie Day**

<https://scistarter.org/stream-selfie>

**National Seashell Day**

[www.thesandiegoshellclub.com/shells.html](http://www.thesandiegoshellclub.com/shells.html)

**Music Day**

- [www.makemusicday.org/](http://www.makemusicday.org/)
- [www.streetpianos.com/](http://www.streetpianos.com/)
- <https://www.newnote.co.uk/can-music-help-the-environment/>

**Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua**

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

**22 World Rainforest Day**

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

**23 National Camping Week**

[www.recreation.gov/discover/camping/California/state](http://www.recreation.gov/discover/camping/California/state)

**Lightning Safety Awareness Week**

[www.weather.gov/pah/LightningSafetyAwarenessWeek#](http://www.weather.gov/pah/LightningSafetyAwarenessWeek#)

**International Women in Engineering Day**

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com/Missions/15543/International-Women-in-Engineering-Day-celebrates-the-talent-of-women-engineers>

- 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)
  
- The Water Science Conference (WaterSciCon)**  
<https://www.agu.org/waterscicon>
  
- 25 National Catfish Day**  
<https://oehha.ca.gov/fish/species/catfish-species>
  
- 26 California Freshwater & Estuarine Harmful Algal Bloom Report Form**  
<https://swamp.waterboards.ca.gov/cyanohab/>
  
- 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: Rainbow Falls**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainbow\\_Falls\\_\(California\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rainbow_Falls_(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)

**Plastic Free July**

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

**Free Fishing Day**

<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Licensing/Fishing/Free-Fishing-Days>

**2 California Water Basics**

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

**3 International Plastic Bag Free Day**

[www.aimplasticfree.com/plastic-bags/plastic-bag-free-day/](http://www.aimplasticfree.com/plastic-bags/plastic-bag-free-day/)

**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)
- [www.earthday.org/sustainable-fourth-of-july/](http://www.earthday.org/sustainable-fourth-of-july/)

**5 World Environment Day**

[www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/saudi-arabia-host-world-environment-day-2024-focus-land-restoration](http://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/saudi-arabia-host-world-environment-day-2024-focus-land-restoration)

**6 Trout of California**

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

**7 Swimming Holes & Hot Springs**

[www.swimmingholes.org/ca.html](http://www.swimmingholes.org/ca.html)

**8 National Video Game Day**

[www.filamentgames.com/blog/5-awesome-environmental-science-learning-games/](http://www.filamentgames.com/blog/5-awesome-environmental-science-learning-games/)

**Swimmable California Webinar Series Video Playlist**

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

**9 Butterfly Counts**

<https://naba.org/butterfly-counts/>

**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**

- <https://sharkstewards.org/international-shark-day/>
- <https://scubadiverlife.com/beginners-guide-southern-california-sharks/>

**World Orca Day**

- [www.worldorcaday.org/](http://www.worldorcaday.org/)
- [www.pgmuseum.org/orcas](http://www.pgmuseum.org/orcas)

**15 California Aquatic Invasive Species Programs**

- <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Invasives>
- [https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=28764](https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28764)

**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 World Listening Day**

[www.worldlisteningproject.org/world-listening-day/](http://www.worldlisteningproject.org/world-listening-day/)

**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**  
<https://isfglobal.org/international-self-care-day/>
- 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)
  - [https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe\\_to\\_swim/my\\_beach/index.html](https://mywaterquality.ca.gov/safe_to_swim/my_beach/index.html)
- 26 **National Disability Independence Day**  
<https://adata.org/ada-anniversary>
- 27 **BloomWatch App**  
<https://cyanos.org/bloomwatch-details/>
- 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/)
- National Avocado Day**  
<https://wholelifestylenutrition.com/recipes/appetizers-snacks/guacamole/>
- The Wildlife Society**
- <https://wildlife.org/>
  - <https://wildlife.org/sections-chapters/>

**PICTURE: Clear Lake (Pomo: Lypoyomi)**  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clear\\_Lake\\_\(California\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clear_Lake_(California))



## 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)
- [www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/science/environmental-coloring-pages/](http://www.crayola.com/free-coloring-pages/science/environmental-coloring-pages/)

**3 Community Engagement in Freshwater Science (Video Playlist)**

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMSa5d-ill6NSSUdWDD8WPPpE40f1xh\\_D](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLMSa5d-ill6NSSUdWDD8WPPpE40f1xh_D)

**4 U.S. Coast Guard Birthday**

[www.military.com/coast-guard-birthday](http://www.military.com/coast-guard-birthday)

**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 Monitoring & Community Science 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**

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/alternative-diesel-fuels/biodiesel-renewable-diesel>

**11 Play in the Sand Day**

[www.coastal.ca.gov/access/accessguide.html](http://www.coastal.ca.gov/access/accessguide.html)

**12 World Photography Day**

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

**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**

<https://globalnews.ca/news/4320204/lake-water-mental-health-blue-space/>

**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 **National Aviation Day**  
[www.faa.gov/space/environmental](http://www.faa.gov/space/environmental)
- 20 **World Water Week**  
<https://www.worldwaterweek.org>
- National Honey Bee Day**  
<https://www.nifa.usda.gov/about-nifa/blogs/world-bee-day-may-20>
- 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/)
- 21 **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service National Water & Climate Center Interactive Map**  
[www.faa.gov/space/environmental](http://www.faa.gov/space/environmental)
- 22 **International Tongue Twister Day**  
[www.usgs.gov/news/geologist-tongue-twister](http://www.usgs.gov/news/geologist-tongue-twister)
- 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/hows-my-waterway](http://www.epa.gov/waterdata/hows-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 National Beach Day**  
[www.californiabeaches.com/](http://www.californiabeaches.com/)

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

**31 National Trail Mix Day**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LLFhKaqnWwk>

**PICTURE: Mavericks Surf Contest 2010.** Mavericks is a surfing location in northern California outside Pillar Point Harbor, just north of the town of Half Moon Bay at the village of Princeton-by-the-Sea.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mavericks,\\_California](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mavericks,_California)



## 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 National Preparedness Month

<https://www.ready.gov/september>

### 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 Labor Day

<https://kab.org/how-to-5-tips-for-a-sustainable-labor-day/>

### 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 Protect Your Groundwater Day

<https://wellowner.org/protect-your-groundwater-day/>

### 6 National Read a Book Day

<https://www.ucpress.edu/blog/50340/recommended-reading-california-nature/>

Trash Monitoring Webinar Series Video Playlist

[www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp567OthYElIFmRV5irO6yVS](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvTjRb8VCkp567OthYElIFmRV5irO6yVS)

**7 California Biodiversity Day**  
<https://resources.ca.gov/biodiversityday2024>

**8 International Literacy Day**  
[https://green.wikia.org/wiki/Environmental\\_literature](https://green.wikia.org/wiki/Environmental_literature)

**9 California Admission Day**  
[https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=23856#](https://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23856#)

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

**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)

**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 American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting**  
<https://afsannualmeeting.fisheries.org/>

**National Hispanic Heritage Month (Through October 15)**  
[www.hispanicheritagemoth.gov/](http://www.hispanicheritagemoth.gov/)

**16 National Pollution Prevention Week**  
[www.epa.gov/p2week](http://www.epa.gov/p2week)

**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/)

**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 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/>

**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)

**22 World Rivers Day**

<https://worldriversday.com/>

**Autumnal Equinox**

<https://scienceworld.wolfram.com/astronomy/AutumnalEquinox.html>

**Car-Free Day**

<https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/story/world-car-free-day-22-september-great-opportunity-reduce-air-pollution>

**23 National Hunting and Fishing Day**

<https://nhfd.org/>



- 24 **California Naturalist Program**  
<https://calnat.ucanr.edu/>
- 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/)
- Source Water Protection Week**  
[www.sourcewatercollaborative.org/](http://www.sourcewatercollaborative.org/)
- 27 **California Naturalist Publication Series**  
[https://calnat.ucanr.edu/Resources/calnat\\_pubs/](https://calnat.ucanr.edu/Resources/calnat_pubs/)
- 28 **National Public Lands Day**  
[www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/public-lands-day.htm](http://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/public-lands-day.htm)
- 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)

### **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/)

### **Cybersecurity Awareness Month**

[www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month](http://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity-awareness-month)

### **International Coffee Day**

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

**National Taco Day**

<https://seasidewithemily.com/recipe-sustainable-fish-tacos/>

**5 World Teachers Day**

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

**6 Energy Efficiency Day**

<https://energyefficiencyday.org/>

**National Metric Week**

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

**7 National Wildlife Refuge Week**

<https://www.fws.gov/story/national-wildlife-refuge-week>

**Eco-challenge**

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

**8 Water Professionals Week**

- [www.cwea.org/about-cwea/ca-water-pros-week/](http://www.cwea.org/about-cwea/ca-water-pros-week/)
- [www.acwa.com/resources/](http://www.acwa.com/resources/)

**World Octopus Day**

<https://caseagrants.ucsd.edu/seafood-profiles/giant-pacific-octopus>

**9 Leif Erikson Day**

[www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/10/06/a-proclamation-on-leif-erikson-day-2023/](http://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/10/06/a-proclamation-on-leif-erikson-day-2023/)

**Citizen Science for Environmental Protection**

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

**10 World Homeless Day**

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

**Basic Safety Tips for Kayaking**

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

**11 Migratory Bird Day**

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

**12 California Bioassessment Workgroup Meeting (CABW)**

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

**13 Earth Science Week**

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

**14 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)

**World 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**

[www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/leatherback-turtle](http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/leatherback-turtle)

**National Mushroom Day**

<https://kingdomcalifornia.com/mushrooms/>

**16 California Science Education Conference**

<https://conference.cascience.org/>

**17 VIDEO Living with Drought and Increasing Aridification in the Southwest**

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPfFvr4yG3Y](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nPfFvr4yG3Y)

**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/>

**Annual Wildlife Society Conference**

<https://wildlife.org/network/conferences-network/>

**20 National Chemistry Week**

[www.acs.org/education/outreach/ncw.html](http://www.acs.org/education/outreach/ncw.html)

**21 Global Climate Change Week**

<http://globalclimatechangeweek.com>

**Reptile Awareness Day**

<http://sciencenetlinks.com/daily-content/10/21/>

**International Open Access Week!**

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

**Pro Bono Week**

- [www.probono.net/celebrateprobono/](http://www.probono.net/celebrateprobono/)
- [www.americanbar.org/groups/center-pro-bono/celebrate-pro-bono/](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/center-pro-bono/celebrate-pro-bono/)

**CASQA Conference**

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

**22 Global Maker Day**

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

**23 Mole Day (Avogadro's Number)**

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

**24 Bat Week**

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

**California State Bat: Pallid Bat**

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

**25 State Rock: Serpentine**

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

**26 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)

**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.worldwildlife.org/pages/10-green-halloween-tips](http://www.worldwildlife.org/pages/10-green-halloween-tips)

**PICTURE: Rainfall**

[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Raindrops\\_on\\_water.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Raindrops_on_water.jpg)



## **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)

**Daylight Saving Time Ends**

[www.timeanddate.com/time/change/usa?year=2024](http://www.timeanddate.com/time/change/usa?year=2024)

- 4 **CalFire**  
[www.fire.ca.gov/](http://www.fire.ca.gov/)
- 5 **U.S. General Election Day**  
<https://www.usa.gov/how-to-vote>
- California Lake Management Society Conference**  
[www.california-lakes.org/calms-conference](http://www.california-lakes.org/calms-conference)
- 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)
- Geography Awareness Week**  
[www.aag.org/geoweeek](http://www.aag.org/geoweeek)
- 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)
- 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>

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

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/4dcbd6d742f746a6a2b8d43ae67d6679>

**17 NWQMC Volunteer Monitoring**

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

**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/)

**20 GIS Day**

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

**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)
- <https://kab.org/7-ideas-to-keep-your-thanksgiving-eco-friendly/>

**Family Volunteer Day**

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

**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://www.care2services.com/care2blog/best-creative-nonprofit-campaigns-for-cyber-monday-and-thank>

**28 Giving Tuesday**  
[www.givingtuesday.org/](http://www.givingtuesday.org/)

**Fibonacci Day**  
<https://alltogether.swe.org/2021/11/five-ways-to-celebrate-fibonacci-day-on-november-23/>

**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: Chinook salmon on the Lower Tuolumne River in the Central Valley of California.**  
[https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Chinook\\_salmon\\_moving\\_upstream.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Chinook_salmon_moving_upstream.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 State Water Resources Control Board (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)

**Definition of Waters of the United States**

[www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203-15630](http://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203-15630)

**Computer Science Education Week**

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

- 3 ACWA Fall Conference**  
[www.acwa.com/events/2024-fall-conference-expo/](http://www.acwa.com/events/2024-fall-conference-expo/)

**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)
- 5 World Soil Day**  
[www.un.org/en/observances/world-soil-day](http://www.un.org/en/observances/world-soil-day)

**International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development**  
[www.unv.org/Basic-Page/International-Volunteer-Day-overview](http://www.unv.org/Basic-Page/International-Volunteer-Day-overview)
- 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-osha.com/blog-post/protecting-workers-in-bad-weather-conditions>
- 13 eBird App**  
<https://ebird.org/home>
- 14 Christmas Bird Count**  
[www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count](http://www.audubon.org/conservation/join-christmas-bird-count)

- 15 **Bill of Rights Day**  
[www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/annual-observances/bill-rights-day](http://www.uscourts.gov/about-federal-courts/educational-resources/annual-observances/bill-rights-day)
- State Tall Ship: The Californian**  
<https://sdmaritime.org/visit/the-ships/californian/>
- 16 **Lab Equipment Maintenance**  
[www.mynewlab.com/blog/laboratory-equipment-maintenance-101/](http://www.mynewlab.com/blog/laboratory-equipment-maintenance-101/)
- 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 **Winter Solstice**  
[www.timeanddate.com/calendar/winter-solstice.html](http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/winter-solstice.html)
- 22 **Sierra Nevada Snowpack**  
<https://cdec.water.ca.gov/snowapp/sweq.action>
- 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: Winter for the Alpine Watershed Group**

<https://www.facebook.com/AlpineWatershedGroup/photos/pb.100064794633716.-2207520000/2185623058121954/?type=3>