

# TOP 2020 PRIORITIES

- 1. Create a statewide Clean Water Act Enforcement Program** to help local Waterkeepers enforce California's clean water rules and help local communities achieve swimmable, fishable, drinkable waters.
- 2. Prevent the permitting of an expensive, unnecessary ocean desalination project in Huntington Beach.** CCKA will work to ensure the Poseidon-Huntington Beach regulatory process sets a strong precedent for Desalination Policy implementation to minimize marine life mortality at ocean desalination facilities statewide.
- 3. Protect our most sensitive marine habitats from stormwater runoff** by ensuring that the State Water Board initiates a review of its Areas of Special Biological Significance (ASBS) program and begins an overhaul of the Ocean Plan to prohibit the alteration of natural water quality in these areas.
- 4. Encourage California and the federal government to pursue actionable solutions for ocean climate change resiliency** by incorporating our Ocean Climate Resiliency Action Plan into the California Ocean Protection Council's new Strategic Plan, as well as into a "New Blue Deal" component of a federal Green New Deal legislative package to promote investments that increase the resilience of our ocean and coasts.
- 5. Hold stormwater permittees accountable for achieving water quality standards** by ensuring that the updated Construction General Permit, Caltrans Stormwater Permit, and Small Municipal Permits are adopted with limits to provide permittees with clear requirements to achieve water quality standards and prevent the continued degradation of California's waterways.
- 6. Ensure our rivers flow.** CCKA will work with the State Water Board to strengthen the enforcement of water rights to protect California's aquatic environment and public trust resources.

- 7. Empower California to protect our waterways from federal dam relicensing** by engaging with the State Water Board and the California Legislature to ensure that the state can impose water quality requirements through section 401 certification during the relicensing of federal dams, despite barriers under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- 8. Protect our aquatic life from toxic pollution** by making sure that the State Water Board adopts a statewide Toxicity Provisions, which will require numeric water quality standards for acute and chronic toxicity.
- 9. Stop microplastics from polluting our waterways.** CCKA will prevent the release of plastic microfibers by continuing to promote wastewater recycling and stormwater capture, while also working on legislation to prevent these microplastics from entering our waterways.
- 10. Prohibit state investments in coastal infrastructure that will be sited in sea level rise flood zones,** by establishing new rules for the California Treasury to follow when approving financial subsidies to ensure that state funding does not go towards projects that will be flooded by sea level rise.
- 11. Help the homeless prevent trash from reaching our waters** by collaborating with the State Water Board to adopt a statewide trash hotspot program, which will establish best practices to prevent trash entering our waterways from homeless encampments.