

TOP 2019 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 1. Senate Bill 205 became law, preventing industrial stormwater pollution from reaching California's waterways.** Collaborating with stormwater permittees, CCKA wrote, introduced, and supported the passage of this pivotal legislation, which levels the playing field for business by requiring enrollment in an industrial stormwater permit.
- 2. Governor Newsom signed the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund into law without liability relief for agricultural polluters.** CCKA worked to hold farms and dairies accountable for groundwater pollution by eliminating exemptions from state enforcement, while providing communities with necessary funds to improve drinking water infrastructure and access to clean water.
- 3. California adopted its first stormwater permit implementing the statewide Trash Policy and setting requirements to achieve no trash present in our waterways.** CCKA's efforts prevented the Water Boards from setting a dangerous precedent that would have circumvented the Trash Policy's objective to eliminate trash in California's waterways by 2030.
- 4. California avoided the adoption of a statewide precedent setting policy that would have allowed agricultural polluters to continue to pollute our groundwater in perpetuity.** Major regulatory loopholes were addressed and CCKA successfully inserted language that requires the State Water Board to act if the Central Valley Regional Water Board fails to do so.
- 5. The State Water Board adopted the Ocean Plan Triennial Review, which prioritizes CCKA-recommended policies to address ocean and coastal health.** Areas of focus include revising the Ocean Desalination Policy to prevent marine life mortality, reforming the Areas of Special Biological Significance program to stop the water quality alteration of our most sensitive marine habitats, creating an Ocean Acidification and Hypoxia Water Quality Objective

to make California's ocean more resilient to climate change, and establishing a Shellfish Bacteria Objective to ensure our shellfish industry can thrive.

- 6. The North Coast Regional Water Board adopted a revised Dairy Order** that ensures dairies discharging to surface waters to comply with the Clean Water Act. CCKA worked closely with the Russian Riverkeeper to close a dangerous loophole that would have allowed fertilizer to be discharged from dairies into our North Coast waterways.

- 7. The Water Boards committed to a legally mandated schedule to adopt a new Agricultural Order that will regulate pollution along our Central Coast.**
Working with Monterey Coastkeeper, CCKA settled its Monterey Coastkeeper II case with a commitment by the Central Coast Regional Water Board to have Agricultural Order 4.0 in place by January 31, 2021.

- 8. CCKA developed and published Action Plans to provide California with solutions to environmental issues.**
 - CCKA developed a **Clean Water Agenda** for Governor Newsom, which details the actions the state can take to ensure swimmable, fishable, and drinkable water for all Californians.
 - CCKA developed a set of **Agricultural Principles** that California must pursue to maintain healthy and clean water for all residents.
 - CCKA developed and published the **Ocean Climate Resiliency Action Plan**, which was designed as a tool to help guide the ocean community as it works towards developing a "Blue New Deal." The Action Plan zeroes in on five target goals – and related strategies – that can help support and protect the 85% of Californians who live or work on or near the coast, as well as the state's \$45 billion ocean-based economy.