We support designation of the Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary

Because of its unparalleled research and education opportunities, and sanctuary programs that will benefit marine habitat and the entire Central Coast watershed,

Teacher-at-Sea Karen Duncan gets ready to deploy oceanographic sampling equipment that will yield information on water temperature, salinity, and depth. NOAA's Teacher-at-Sea program brings Sanctuary education into classrooms well beyond the duration of a research cruise.

Keeping our waters healthy

In the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, eight federal, state, and local agencies have agreed to work together to develop a Water Quality Protection Program (WQPP). Today the WQPP Committee is dedicated to protecting and enhancing water quality in the Sanctuary and its watersheds. Using a collaborative approach involving key stakeholders, detailed plans have been completed that will:

- Explore the ways in which voluntary Sanctuary programs work with agriculture to improve water quality.
- Create a Regional Monitoring Program to provide comprehensive information regarding existing water quality conditions, long-term trends, and the success of pollution management efforts.
- Detect and eliminate non-point source pollution, aka urban runoff.
- Allow a consortium of monitoring groups to monitor the health of the watersheds flowing into the Bay.
- Increase knowledge of coastal wetlands, including research, monitoring, inventory and restoration.

These programs can be established for the Central Coast!

“...otherwise any part of the California coast that’s not in a marine sanctuary today is toast.”
- “The Trump victory, the threat to California’s greatest natural resource, and the new urgency for a strong Coastal Commission,” L.A. Times, December 1, 2016.

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