



Date: August 10, 2023

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Brent Dennis, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **California Coastal Cleanup Day**

On Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 9am-12pm, Long Beach will celebrate California Coastal Cleanup Day. This statewide event draws tens of thousands of volunteers with the common goal of keeping our waterways and coastline clean and healthy.

El Dorado Regional Park and Nature Center will partner with the California Coastal Commission to coordinate the cleanup at five sites in Long Beach. This year's sites include Junipero Beach, Belmont Pier, the Peninsula, Mother's Beach, and the Seal Beach Yacht Club. Joining in the effort as site captains are LA Waterkeeper, Aquarium of the Pacific, Algalita, and Seal Beach Yacht Club. In addition, Long Beach Container Terminal has generously donated \$2,500 towards the event to provide volunteers with reusable buckets to take for Coastal Cleanup Day 2023 and future cleanups.

Last year over 1,100 volunteers in Long Beach removed over 2,500 pounds of debris in only three hours. This year we strive to increase the number of participants and continue to provide educational materials to the community. Our goal is to inform the public about marine debris issues and inspire local environmental stewardship. The Coastal Commission will also be providing digital waivers this year for volunteers who would like to save paper.

We invite you to join us for this great collaborative event. As a community we can make a positive impact on the health of our local coastline.

If you can attend or need further information about the event, please contact the Long Beach Coastal Cleanup Day Coordinator, Kaitlin Soto at (562) 570-1745.

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