

South Coast Habitat Restoration Fall 2012 Newsletter



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The mission of **South Coast Habitat Restoration** is to protect, conserve, and restore the various habitats and native biodiversity of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties.

For more information please visit us at:
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Patagonia Advocate Weeks

SCHR is excited to announce we have been chosen to be the recipient of Patagonia's Advocate Weeks Program! The Patagonia Footwear team has partnered with 1% for the Planet, and participating retailers to help raise awareness and funds for local conservation efforts. Patagonia Footwear will donate \$10 to SCHR for every pair of shoes you purchase at the Ventura Patagonia store between **September 14th - 30th**. You will also receive a free album download from Patagonia for your purchase which includes 40 tracks from artists like Jackson Browne, G. Love and more. Come Support SCHR! We will be tabling at the Ventura store on Sunday September 23rd, from 12:00pm -3:00pm.

ADVOCATE WEEKS

Help Support Local Conservation Efforts.



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Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition Celebration



The Carpinteria Creek Watershed Coalition (CCWC) will be celebrating its 11 year anniversary this month. Please join us Saturday, September 15th from 11:00am - 2:00pm, at Carpinteria's Linden Field adjacent to Tomol Park. Join local CCWC members including: Channel Islands Restoration, The City of Carpinteria, The California Conservation Corps, The County of Santa Barbara Agricultural Commissioners office and SCHR to learn about the importance of the Carpinteria Creek Watershed,

and hear about the restoration efforts that have occurred in the watershed. There will be educational information, children's activities, light refreshments and a tour of the Carpinteria Creek mouth restoration project. The event is free and open to the public, parking is available along Linden Ave. We hope to see you there.

For more information on the CCWC check out their website at carpinteriacreek.org

CREATURE FEATURE: TIDEWATER GOBY (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*)



Upcoming Events

Santa Barbara Fly Fishers Presentation

SCHR will give a presentation on steelhead stream enhancement to the Santa Barbara Fly Fishers monthly meeting on Tuesday September 11th, at 7:30pm, at the Westside Community Center, 435 Victoria St, in Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara Creek Week

The 13th Annual Creek Week will take place Saturday, September 15th through Sunday, September 23rd, 2012. Creek Week is an annual community event celebrating our local creeks. For a full list of scheduled events visit Sbcreekweek.com

CCWC Annual Celebration

The CCWC annual celebration will be held Saturday September 15th, from 11:00am-2:00pm at Carpinteria's Linden Field. The event will include educational information from CCWC member organizations, a field tour of the Carpinteria Creek mouth project, children's games and activities. The event is open to the public and we hope you can make it. For more info visit Carpinteriacreek.org

Ventura WRP Task Force meeting

The next Ventura Task Force Meeting will be September 13th, from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Ventura County Government Center. Tom Hicks from the Resource Renewal Institute will be giving a talk on Charitable Water Rights Transfer as well as a talk by Lily Verdone from the Nature Conservancy on Coastal Resilience in Ventura.

Patagonia Advocate Weeks!

Patagonia Advocate Weeks will support SCHR at the Ventura Patagonia Store, September 14th - 30th. For every pair of shoes you buy Patagonia Footwear will donate \$10 to SCHR.

Ventura Hillside's Annual Music Festival

The 10th Annual Music Festival will be held Saturday September 22nd, at Arroyo Verde Park in Ventura. This years festival features Blue's Traveler and Dr. John. Music starts at 1:00pm. For more information and how o get tickets visits www.venturahillside's.org

Ventura River Clean Up!

Join SCHR on Sunday September 23rd from 9:00am - 12:00pm for a clean up of the lower Ventura River. We will meet at the north end of the Patagonia parking lot at 9:00am parking will be available.

The Tidewater goby (*Eucyclogobius newberryi*) is a member of the goby family (Gobiidae) and is a federally endangered species. Tidewater gobies are native to lagoons and estuaries from the Oregon border down to the Mexican border. Adult tidewater gobies have the ability to survive in freshwater, high salinity environments, anoxic conditions, and high oxygen conditions. This small fish species is around two inches in length and much of their body is often transparent. Male tidewater gobies usually have a mottled gray, brown, or olive upper surface, while female tidewater gobies tend to be darker on their bodies, dorsal and anal fins. The tidewater goby has scales that are smooth, contain almost no bone, and are difficult to see without a microscope. Tidewater gobies also have a transparent white or yellow triangular area on the upper portion of their first dorsal fin. Unlike most other gobies, tidewater gobies display a female-dominant breeding system, where females spar with each other for the opportunity to lay their eggs in a male's burrow. Once a female lays her eggs, the male cares for the eggs in his burrow until they hatch. On average, most individuals only live for about a year and may reproduce more than once.

Refugio Creek Mouth Restoration

SCHR will be working with project partners over the next few months to finalize the project contracts for the Refugio Creek Mouth Restoration site. The goal of the project is to increase the habitat and ecological value of the mouth of Refugio Creek through the removal of non-native vegetation and planting of native vegetation along the banks.

Native seed has been collected from the site and plants are being grown for the project. The native vegetation will provide shade for

the creek and over hanging cover habitat for aquatic species, as well as forage and nesting habitat for native birds. The project will begin with the non native removal this Fall to prepare the site for native planting during the Fall and Winter rainy season. Stay tuned for upcoming volunteer planting events.

For more information check out the project blog at <http://refugiocreekmouth.blogspot.com/>



LOOKING UPSTREAM FROM THE LEFT BANK OF REFUGIO CREEK SHOWING THE PROJECT AREA ON BOTH BANKS OF THE CREEK.



LOOKING DOWNSTREAM FROM THE LEFT BANK TOWARDS THE BEACH SHOWS THE AREA TO BE RESTORED WITH NATIVES.

Patagonia Salmon Run

The 19th Annual Patagonia Salmon Run will take place on Sunday October 21st, at 8:30 am. The 5K race begins and ends at Patagonia's Great Pacific Iron Works, 235 W. Santa Clara Street, in Ventura.

This years event proceeds will benefit the Friends of Ventura River, a non profit coalition dedicated to protecting the Ventura River Watershed. After the race stay for the awards ceremony, a raffle with great prizes, refreshments and to learn about local environmental groups! SCHR will be there if you want to come see what we have been up to. For more information or to register for the race visit patagonia.com.



SCHR TABLING AT THE 2011 PATAGONIA SALMON RUN.

Ventura River Clean Up!

In partnership with the Ventura Hillside's Conservancy (VHC) and Patagonia, SCHR will be coordinating a river clean up in the lower Ventura River on Sunday, September 23rd from 9:00am - 12:00pm. The event will take place along VHC's property, south of the Main Street



VOLUNTEERS HELPING OUT AT A CREEK CLEAN UP IN CARPINTERIA CREEK

Bridge and north of the 101 Freeway. The Ventura Hillside's Conservancy has been working over the last month to remove non native Giant Cane or Arundo from the area. Removal of the Arundo will allow clean up crews to more easily come in and remove trash and homeless debris as well as allow for native plants to re-colonize the river banks. We will meet at the free parking lot off West Main street, between Hwy 33 and the Ventura River at 9:00am. Please wear appropriate attire, bring water and sunscreen. For more information or to RSVP for this event contact us at info@schabitatrestoration.org.

California Association of RCDs Conference



The 67th Annual California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (RCD) will be held November 14th—17th in San Diego, at the Paradise Point Resort. This year's Conference is entitled: "The Future of Conservation: New Strategies for a Changing World". The conference will provide a forum for organizations to share conservation tools and strategies.

SCHR will be giving two presentations at this year's conference.

SCHR Director Mauricio Gomez will be presenting on our efforts in the Carpinteria Creek Watershed and Project Manager Erin Brown will be presenting on the Tajiguas Watershed. Registration is now open if you are interested in attending. For more information visit CARCD.org/

Pinkham Project Delayed

SCHR is still working on a barrier removal project along Carpinteria Creek. Unfortunately because of some delays in obtaining the necessary permits we will be pushing the project back until the 2013 construction season. We will continue to give updates on the project as things progress and we look forward to removing the barrier next Fall.



THE PINKHAM BARRIER WHICH WILL BE REMOVED IN THE FALL OF 2013

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SANTA BARBARA CREEK WEEK



The 13th Annual Santa Barbara Creek Week will take place Saturday, September 15th through Sunday, September 23rd, 2012. Creek Week is an annual community event celebrating our local creeks. Many local groups sponsor events to help build awareness and stewardship of the natural resources of Santa Barbara.

This year Creek Week will be hosting a logo contest, if you are interested in submitting a design, submissions are due by September 19th. Check out the Creek Week website for more information. The week of events kicks off with Coastal Cleanup day on Saturday the 15th with beach and creek clean ups happening all over the county. Additional events throughout the week include field tours, and volunteer restoration events. For a full list of scheduled events visit Sbcreekweek.com

SANTA BARBARA AXXESS CARDS FUNDRAISERS



SCHR will once again be fundraising with the Santa Barbara Axxess books. Purchase your SB Axxess card from SCHR and \$10 of your purchase will go directly to supporting SCHR's restoration efforts! The Axxess card is a community savings guide that features discounts for over 300 local restaurants and merchants in Santa Barabra and beyond. For a full list of participating businesses and associated discounts check out sbaxxess.com. The cards go on sale Friday September 28th. The cost of the Axxess card is \$30, with \$10 of every sale going to SCHR. If you are interested in purchasing an Axxess card please get in touch with us at info@schabitatrestoration.org