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Clean Water Team's 2017 Online Calendar Offers Volunteer Opportunities and Much More

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Everyone complains about the weather, but no-one does anything about it, says an old tongue-in-cheek adage. The same might be said for water – but what can an average citizen do about protecting our water quality?

A lot, it turns out. Lots of volunteer opportunities are out there, and there is a handy, free tool to find them. The State Water Resources Control Board's [Clean Water Team 2017 calendar](#) is available online, with interactive links to volunteer opportunities as well as to many other water and environmental agencies, organizations and events.

Browsing through the calendar reveals a wealth of opportunities. Interested in coastal areas and photography? January 10, 11 and 12 are dates for the California King Tides Project. Take pictures of the high tides of the day and submit them to document sea levels and what the future might bring.

Prefer rivers? Sept. 17 is American Rivers Cleanup Day. The linked website lists cleanup groups and dates around the nation. More locally, April 21 through 29 is Creek Week, sponsored by the Sacramento Area Creeks Council. A cleanup day is scheduled on April 29 in Sacramento, details linked in the calendar.

Does learning more about citizen science peak your interest? A Citizen Science for Conservation Symposium is scheduled for March 4 in Long Beach.

Of course, the Clean Water Team itself offers volunteer water monitoring opportunities throughout the state, including training and technical help. Check out the calendar for details, and lots of other opportunities.

The calendar also has many items for those not interested in getting their feet wet, so to speak, in volunteerism. Like the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's free fishing days, or National Groundwater Awareness Week, March 5-11.

Photos of Clean Water Team volunteers monitoring water quality are featured in the calendar along with a couple of beautiful pictures of chinook salmon.





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The Clean Water Team is the citizen monitoring program of the State Water Board. Clean Water Team coordinators work statewide to provide technical assistance and guidance documents, training, quality assurance and quality control support and temporary loans of equipment to citizen monitoring programs and watershed stewardship organizations.

To learn more about the Clean Water Team and how to volunteer or join a citizen monitoring group, visit [here](#). Or check out the [calendar](#). It's free, and fun.

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