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Free State Water Board Online 2012 Calendar Highlights Citizen Water Quality Monitors and Water Related Dates

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Sacramento - The Federal Clean Water Act turns 40 this year, and to recognize the milestone, a free calendar marking water-related events and commemorative dates is available from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board).

Created by the Clean Water Team at the State Water Board, the calendar is available only on the Internet. It serves two purposes: it highlights the importance of California's surface waters, and celebrates the state's citizen monitors who volunteer to improve and protect water quality by using applied science to monitor the state's waterways.

Events like King Tides, Secchi Dip-in, World Wetlands Day and free fishing days are highlighted, along with commemorations like National Week of the Ocean, Coast Weeks and Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week are noted. Some 73 water-related occasions are listed, and the calendar includes many Internet web links to water quality-related websites.

The calendar can be downloaded for free, either with or without the web links:

Calendar

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/docs/cwt/volunteer/calendar2012.pdf

Calendar with viewable links

www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/docs/cwt/volunteer/calendar2012_urls.pdf

The Clean Water Team is the citizen monitoring program of the State Water Board. The team's Citizen Monitoring Coordinators work statewide to provide technical assistance and guidance, training, and equipment loans to volunteers in citizen monitoring programs and watershed stewardship organizations.

Citizen volunteers work through a variety of organizations to monitor water quality in streams and rivers throughout the state. Activities include collecting water quality data, evaluating fish habitat, counting birds, or making visual observations of stream health. Community and resource managers use monitoring information to better protect California's waters.

For more information or to volunteer for a community-based monitoring program, visit the Clean Water Team's web page at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp/cwt_volunteer.shtml

