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## **MEDIA ALERT**

### **Los Angeles Waterkeeper's Making Waves 2013 Event- Celebrating 20 Years of Protecting Our Los Angeles Waterways**

*The press is invited to join us at The Fairmont Miramar Hotel in Santa Monica to cover the event.*

**WHO:** Los Angeles Waterkeeper

**Emcee & DJ:** KCRW's Anne Litt

**Musical Performance:** Steven Roth ([www.stevenrothmusic.com](http://www.stevenrothmusic.com))

**Honorees:** The Founders' Circle: Richard Baskin, Dam Emmett, Jordan Kaplan, Gil Segel, Terry Tamminen, Frank & Luanne Wells

**Honorary Host Committee:** Richard Bloom, Assemblymember; Mike Bonin, LA City Councilmember-Elect; Mike Feuer, LA City Attorney-Elect; Adel Hagekhalil, City of LA Bureau of Sanitation; Shahram Kharaghan, City of LA Bureau of Sanitation; Holly Mitchell, Assemblymember; Terry O'Day, Santa Monica City Mayor Pro Tem; Michael O'Leary, Culver City Councilmember; Fran Pavley, State Senator; Mark Ridley-Thomas, LA County Supervisor; Meghan Sahli-Wells, Culver City Vice Mayor; and Enrique Zaldivar, City of LA Bureau of Sanitation.

**WHAT:** Making Waves 2013: Celebrating 20 years of protecting our Los Angeles waterways

Tickets can be purchased at [www.lawaterkeeper.org](http://www.lawaterkeeper.org)

**WHEN:** **Thursday, May 30, 2013**

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Bungalow VIP Reception

6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. General Reception and Award Ceremony

**WHERE:** **The Fairmont Miramar Hotel**  
Santa Monica, California

**WHY:** In 1993, Terry Tamminen and his team first started Santa Monica Baykeeper while patrolling the Santa Monica Bay - on a single houseboat no less - identifying sources of pollution and taking action to stop it. Twenty years later, Los Angeles Waterkeeper

(formally Santa Monica Baykeeper) has grown by leaps and bounds, and is now recognized not only as the defender of all waterways throughout Los Angeles, but also as a leading authority on clean water throughout California and beyond.

Since 2004, sewage spills that foul rivers and beaches have decreased in the City of Los Angeles by 83% -- a direct result of LA Waterkeeper's successful lawsuit against the City of LA under the federal Clean Water Act. More recently, LA Waterkeeper reached a \$6.6 million dollar settlement with the City of Malibu, requiring the City to clean up some of Malibu's most frequented spots including the world famous Surfrider Beach.

Making Waves 2013 will celebrate two decades of Los Angeles Waterkeeper protecting the area's precious coastline and waterways. This special evening will recognize the founders of LA Waterkeeper and the leaders who have supported the organization's efforts over the past twenty years.

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