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Los Angeles Waterkeeper Celebrates “Swimmable California Day” *California Legislature Officially Recognizes Californian’s Rights to Clean and Safe Water*

(Los Angeles, CA) — Los Angeles Waterkeeper, in collaboration with California Coastkeeper Alliance, proudly announces that the California Legislature has officially designated July 25, 2013 as Swimmable California Day. In honor of this special occasion, Los Angeles Waterkeeper will be hosting events at fresh water and salt-water locations.

Senator Ben Hueso (San Diego) and Assemblymember Mark Stone (Monterey)—both longtime open-water swimmers—introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution 48 to commemorate Swimmable California Day, officially recognizing Californian’s rights to enjoy waters that are clean and safe swimming. The legislature formally adopted the resolution earlier this month with bi-partisan support from more than 60 co-authors, including our own Assemblymember Richard Bloom.

“This [resolution] recognizes that California is a global leader in protecting our environmental resources,” said Assemblymember Bloom, “and demonstrates our continued commitment to ensure that all future generations will enjoy those same recreational experiences and lasting memories with family and friends.”

This Saturday, July 27, 2013, Los Angeles Waterkeeper will be celebrating all of LA’s clean waterways and the regulations that protect them at their “Swimmable California Day Celebration”. The fresh water event will take place at Chantry Flats in the Angeles National Forest, and the salt-water event will be at Tower 2 in front of Annenberg Beach House in Santa Monica. Los Angeles Waterkeeper’s Kelp Project Dive will also be taking place on Saturday. For more information or to sign up for any of the “Swimmable California Day Celebration” events, go to www.lawaterkeeper.org or contact Rachel Stich at (310) 394-6162 x108.

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ABOUT LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER

Founded in 1993, LA Waterkeeper’s mission is to protect and restore Santa Monica Bay, San Pedro Bay, and adjacent waters through enforcement, fieldwork, and community action. We work to achieve this goal through litigation and regulatory programs that ensure water quality protections in waterways throughout L.A. County. LA Waterkeeper’s Litigation & Advocacy, Marine, and Water Quality teams conduct interconnected projects that serve this mission. www.lawaterkeeper.org

The California Coastkeeper Alliance (CCKA) is a non-profit organization that unites the 12 local Waterkeeper programs to achieve swimmable, fishable and drinkable waters for all Californians.
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Swimmable California Day is part of the Waterkeeper Alliance’s international Swimmable Water Weekend, July 25-28, 2013, which celebrates our right to clean water and the Waterkeeper Swim Guide tool. The Swim Guide smartphone application provides up-to-date water quality information for more than 400 California beaches, coves, rivers and creeks. www.theswimguide.org