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Volunteers Collect 250 lbs. of Trash at Dockweiler Beach for Coastal Cleanup Day

September 24, 2013 (El Segundo, CA) — On Saturday, September 21, 2013, over 400 volunteers collected and removed 250 lbs. of trash at Dockweiler Beach, Tower 60 as part of Los Angeles Waterkeeper's Coastal Cleanup Day.

In partnership with the California Coastal Commission and Heal the Bay, Los Angeles Waterkeeper's beach cleanup site uniquely featured a sea cleanup by volunteer scuba divers and a "Pellet Watch", where volunteers sifted through sand for micro-plastics (broken down plastic that comes from factories, industrial plants and plastic litter).

Participants came in busloads from near and far to participate in Los Angeles Waterkeeper's cleanup at Dockweiler Beach. For some, this was their first trip to the beach. After learning about the effects of urban runoff and how it ends up in the ocean, volunteers searched the coastline for trash and came back with their buckets filled of plastic, Styrofoam, and cigarette butts. Among the items brought in was a 120 lb. piece of carpet found on the beach (photo attached) and a dollar bill that was discovered at the bottom of the ocean floor.

"Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers for cleaning up one of LA's most popular recreational beaches," said Liz Crosson, Executive Director for Los Angeles Waterkeeper. "It was fantastic to see people of all ages from all parts of the county enjoying a day at the beach and doing something important for the environment on a Saturday."

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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.