



Orange County Coastkeeper

Research Assistant Volunteer

Orange County Coastkeeper is accepting applications for volunteers to assist in their Aliso Beach Berm Buddies Monitoring and Community Outreach Program. The goal of this program is increased observation, reporting, and community education to inform decision making by public agencies, protect the natural environment, and increase visitor safety. The project takes place in a California State Marine Conservation Area. You will learn marine animal identification, survey methods, and marine protected area regulations. This is a temporary volunteer position that runs currently through December 2021. The work schedule is flexible - three four hour shifts per week coinciding with low tides during daylight hours.

Position: Research Assistant Volunteer (unpaid)

Location: Laguna Beach, CA, USA

Duration: Present – December 2021 (flexible)

Deadline: October 18, 2021

Responsibilities include:

- Collect data for human and wildlife use monitoring program in the vicinity of the berm, creek, and beaches
- Identify and observe marine mammals, birds, vessels, fishing, and beach activities
- Set up field equipment and conduct community outreach and education
- Communicate and coordinate with Orange County Rangers and Lifeguards to protect the berm from anthropogenic breaching
- Create social media posts and outreach materials
- Must be able to lift 50 pounds and work in variable weather conditions
- Travel, housing, and transportation will be the volunteer's responsibility

Please submit your resume and questions to Allison Santos, Orange County Coastkeeper Project Coordinator, at alisobermbuddies@gmail.com.

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Orange County Coastkeeper's mission is to protect the region's water resources so they are swimmable, drinkable and fishable for present and future generations. We are a nonprofit clean water organization that serves as a proactive steward of our fresh- and saltwater ecosystems. We work collaboratively with diverse groups in the public and private sectors to achieve healthy, accessible, and sustainable water resources for the region. We implement innovative, effective programs in education, advocacy, restoration, research, enforcement, and conservation.

Orange County Coastkeeper does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members of our staff, volunteers, subcontractors, and members.

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