

News of Coastwalk/CCTA People, Places and Plans for the 35th Anniversary!



Dear Friends of the California Coastal Trail,

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Una Glass for her decade of successful advocacy to steward and complete the California Coastal Trail as Executive Director of Coastwalk/CCTA. Una announced her retirement and worked with the board to recruit a new Executive Director who would, like her, be truly committed to the organization's mission and sustainability.

"I am very pleased to be passing the reins to Cea Higgins, Coastwalk/CCTA's new Executive Director", stated Una in her farewell letter. *"Cea has a passion for the Coast and she will work vigorously to protect our coast and complete the California Coastal Trail".* Una, who is the Mayor of Sebastopol, California, will be continuing her work in public service while also enjoying newfound free time!

Meet Cea Higgins, New Executive Director of Coastwalk/CCTA!

I am so honored to have been chosen as the new Executive Director of Coastwalk/CCTA. I look forward to working with our dedicated volunteers and members to share the beauty and fragility of the California Coast by featuring the diversity of the trail through a recharged Coastwalks Program. I will also bring my background in coastal advocacy, policy, and education to work with stakeholders and foster partnerships to ensure new segments of trail are planned and built while also endeavoring to preserve and protect existing segments. There are many lessons to learn from the recent tragedy of the Sonoma County fires including the value of a clean coastal environment to our health and well-being. Coastwalk expresses its deepest sympathies to those who experienced the loss of loved ones or homes in the California wildfires and will work to provide opportunities to those affected to experience the healing restorative power of a hike on the Coastal Trail.



Cea Higgins leads a marine debris survey on the Sonoma Coast

To learn more about the New Coastwalk/CCTA Executive Director
[CLICK HERE](#)

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Coastal Clean-Up Day 2017- a huge success!

We did it! Over 800 volunteers participated with Coastwalk on Coastal Clean-Up Day 2017. Together we removed over 6,000 lbs. of Marine Debris from our beaches and inland sites. Beach Captains and Volunteers also sorted and recorded the different types of debris found. This is citizen science at its finest and our only chance each year to get a snapshot of what is littering our coast, inland waterways, and ocean. Coastwalk gathers this information and reports it to the California Coastal Commission and the Ocean conservancy so that it can be used by educators and policy makers to help combat marine debris over the long term.



Save The Date for CCD 2018!

We look forward to another successful partnership with Coastwalk volunteers, local business sponsors and community partners next year on September 15th for 2018 Coastal Clean-Up Day! Beach captains are needed so that we can cover and remove trash from more beaches on the Sonoma Coast.

The CCD 17 Team Tally the Results!

Beach Captains Darris Nelson & Alison Gravis with new Coastwalk ED, Cea Higgins, Program Manager, Jo McCormick and Intern Robert Burns at the Tally Table! (From Left to Right)



New California Coastal Trail Segment!

The California Coastal Trail continues to grow! The newly completed "Peter Douglas Trail" on the Mendocino Coast is a rare opportunity to experience both the amazing "candelabra" redwood trees and breathtaking views of pristine coastline



Candelabra redwoods along the Peter Douglas trail on the Mendocino Coast

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2017 Coastal Trail Awards

The State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) and Coastwalk/California Coastal Trail Association (CCTA) presented the Coastal Trail Awards this April to coastal trail heroes Larry Tierney (California State Parks, Monterey District) and to Paul Jenkin (Surfrider Foundation, Ventura County Chapter) for their successful efforts to expand the Coastal Trail. The awards were presented at the annual Trails and Greenways Conference in Monterey, California in April. [READ MORE...](#)



Tim Duff (SCC Coastal Trails Program Manager) presents to an honoree

The 35th Anniversary Season of Coastwalks

We Want You!

Make your plans for a brand new Coastwalk Season!

Registration begins February 1, 2018!

We are expanding our Coastwalks program in 2018 to include:

- Day-hikes
- Youth-treks
- Specialty walks

If you are interested in contributing your time to cook, lead, shuttle gear or be a chuck wagon wrangler we would love to hear from you! Let us know if you are interested in being a Walks Coordinator to lead a San Elijo, Border Field State Park, or Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve day hike in San Diego County.

To inquire about volunteer opportunities email:

events@coastwalk.org

A Successful 2017 Walks Season



Thank you to our Coastwalkers, Volunteers and Walks Leaders for making 2017 a season of happy hikes and successful fundraising for Coastwalk/CCTA. Almost 200 hikers connected with friends, old and new, creating memories and sharing stories of the Coast from Shady Dell to San Simeon and points in between. As one first-time Coastwalker said:

"All the trip leaders were excellent, knowledgeable about the history where we hiked, patient and kind. Food OUTSTANDING!! Company OUTSTANDING!! You guys are the best!!"

Seniors Thru-Hike



Nick and Ann Haritatos, Ron Williamson, Joanna Brown, and Leila and Marshal Taylor, pictured here looking at the Boardwalk at Santa Cruz. To learn more about this intrepid group, click on the article [here](#).

Inspired by the story of this La Jolla-based group of trekkers age 65 and older hiking from Oregon to Mexico on the Coastal Trail, Coastwalk will feature hikes for seniors in the 2018 Coastwalk Season.

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Coastwalk Logo Items Now Available



NEW! Coastal Trail Resource Guide Published!

Coastwalk/CCTA under a State Coastal Conservancy grant has available for current CCTA members. It includes information about practices, map sources, economic development ideas and more collaborative efforts to complete the CCT.



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Saving The California Coast One Step at a Time!



Coastwalk believes that through stewardship of the California coast, people can find a balance between their profound desire to experience the coast and the need to preserve its fragile environment.

We are a grassroots non-profit organization that inspires, educates and advocates for coastal protection and access.

Coastwalk creates a community of stewards through our unique coastal hiking experiences and our work to complete and sustain the California Coastal Trail.

Wear your love for the Coast on your sleeve or your head! We now have tee shirts, patches, and fleece vests with the colorful Coastwalk California logo available for sale. All proceeds support the programs and mission of Coastwalk to ensure the right of all people to reach and responsibly enjoy the California coast.

Please fill out the [Order Form](#), include payment (check or credit card information) for the total and send to:

Coastwalk Store
555 South Main Street, Suite 3, Sebastopol, CA 95472.





Please allow 5-6 weeks for delivery.



Please join us in our efforts and become a member at coastwalk.org

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California STORE ORDER FORM

| ITEM | SIZE (CIRCLE) | COLOR (CIRCLE) | QUANT. | PRICE | TOTAL |
|---|--|----------------|--------|-------------|-------|
|  California Coastal Trail Insignia Patch | 3 in. round | Blue/Silver | | \$5.00 ea. | |
|  Gildan Short-Sleeved Tee-Shirt <i>100% cotton, high quality</i> | YOUTH SM MED LG XL ADULT SM MED LG XL/ 2XL | White | | \$15.00 ea. | |
|  Fleece Vests – Women's <i>100% Polyester; full-zip; side pockets</i> | WOMENS SM MED LG XL | Ocean Blue | | \$30.00 ea. | |
|  Fleece Vests – Men's <i>100% Polyester; full-zip; side pockets</i> | MENS SM MED LG XL 2XL | Dusk Gray | | \$30.00 ea. | |
| Baseball Hats <i>100% cotton, high quality</i> | One Size | Blue | | \$15.00 ea. | |
| | SUBTOTAL | | | | |