

Find a Critical Coastal Area by Region

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Click on a [Critical Coastal Area](#) (CCA) name to see a 2019 factsheet on that CCA. Each factsheet includes a watershed description, photo, list of any impaired waterbodies in the CCA watershed (with pollutants and potential pollutant sources), the criteria used for identification of that CCA, and link to California's Nonpoint Source Management Measures to address pollutants in impaired waterbodies.

NORTH COAST REGION

Del Norte, Humboldt, Mendocino, and parts of Sonoma and Marin counties.

CRITICAL COASTAL AREA NAME	CCA #	CCA REGION
Klamath River	1	North Coast
Redwood National Park	3a	North Coast
Trinidad Head	4	North Coast
Mad River	5	North Coast
Humboldt Bay	102	North Coast
Eel River	6	North Coast
Mattole River	7	North Coast
King Range	8	North Coast
Ten Mile River	103	North Coast
Pudding Creek	9	North Coast
Noyo River	10	North Coast
Jughandle Cove	11	North Coast
Big River	12	North Coast
Albion River	13	North Coast
Navarro River	14	North Coast
Garcia River	15	North Coast
Saunders Reef	16	North Coast
Del Mar Landing	17	North Coast
Gerstle Cove	18	North Coast
Russian River Estuary	104	North Coast
Bodega	19	North Coast
Estero Americano	20	North Coast
Estero de San Antonio	21	North Coast

SAN FRANCISCO OCEAN COAST REGION

Ocean coast of SF Bay Area, with parts of Marin and San Mateo counties.

CRITICAL COASTAL AREA NAME	CCA #	CCA REGION
Walker Creek	22	SF Ocean
Tomales Bay	23	SF Ocean
Lagunitas Creek	24	SF Ocean
Bird Rock	25	SF Ocean
Point Reyes Headlands	26	SF Ocean
Double Point	27	SF Ocean
Duxbury Reef	28	SF Ocean
Farallon Islands	105	SF Ocean
James V. Fitzgerald	29	SF Ocean
San Gregorio Creek	30	SF Ocean
Pescadero and Butano Creeks	31a	SF Ocean

CENTRAL COAST REGION

Santa Cruz through Santa Barbara counties.

CRITICAL COASTAL AREA NAME	CCA #	CCA REGION
Año Nuevo	33	Central Coast
Natural Bridges	106	Central Coast
San Lorenzo River	34	Central Coast
Aptos Creek	35	Central Coast
Soquel Lagoon	36	Central Coast
Watsonville Slough	37	Central Coast
Pajaro River	38	Central Coast
Elkhorn Slough	39	Central Coast
Old Salinas River Estuary	40	Central Coast
Salinas River	41	Central Coast
Monterey Harbor	107	Central Coast
Pacific Grove	42a	Central Coast
Carmel Bay	44	Central Coast
Point Lobos	45	Central Coast
Julia Pfeiffer Burns	46	Central Coast
Salmon Creek Coast	47	Central Coast
Piedras Blancas	108	Central Coast
Cambria	109	Central Coast
Morro Bay	48	Central Coast

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<u>Chorro Creek</u>	49	Central Coast
<u>Los Osos Creek</u>	50	Central Coast
<u>San Luis Obispo Creek</u>	51	Central Coast
<u>Santa Maria River Estuary</u>	110	Central Coast
<u>Santa Ynez River</u>	52	Central Coast
<u>Kashtayit</u>	111	Central Coast
<u>Naples</u>	112	Central Coast
<u>Goleta Slough</u>	53	Central Coast
<u>Carpinteria Marsh</u>	54	Central Coast
<u>San Miguel, Santa Rosa, Santa Cruz Islands</u>	55	Central Coast

SOUTH COAST REGION

Ventura through San Diego counties.

CRITICAL COASTAL AREA NAME	CCA #	CCA REGION
<u>Santa Barbara & Anacapa Islands</u>	56	South Coast
<u>San Nicolas Island & Begg Rock</u>	57	South Coast
<u>Mugu Lagoon/Revelon Slough</u>	58	South Coast
<u>Laguna Point to Latigo Point</u>	59	South Coast
<u>Malibu Creek</u>	60	South Coast
<u>Topanga Canyon Creek</u>	61	South Coast
<u>Santa Monica Canyon</u>	62	South Coast
<u>Northwest Santa Catalina Island</u>	63	South Coast
<u>Western Santa Catalina Island</u>	64	South Coast
<u>Farnsworth Bank</u>	65	South Coast
<u>Southeast Santa Catalina Island</u>	66	South Coast
<u>San Clemente Island</u>	67	South Coast
<u>Point Vicente and Abalone Cove</u>	113	South Coast
<u>Bolsa Chica</u>	114	South Coast
<u>Ballona Creek</u>	68	South Coast
<u>Upper Newport Bay</u>	69	South Coast
<u>Newport Beach (Robert E. Badham)</u>	70	South Coast
<u>Irvine Coast</u>	71	South Coast
<u>Heisler Park</u>	72	South Coast
<u>Aliso Creek</u>	73	South Coast
<u>San Juan Creek</u>	74	South Coast
<u>Dana Point</u>	115	South Coast
<u>Santa Margarita River Estuary</u>	116	South Coast

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<u>San Luis Rey Estuary</u>	117	South Coast
<u>Agua Hedionda Lagoon</u>	118	South Coast
<u>Batiquitos Lagoon</u>	75	South Coast
<u>San Elijo Lagoon</u>	76	South Coast
<u>San Dieguito Lagoon</u>	119	South Coast
<u>Los Peñasquitos Lagoon</u>	77	South Coast
<u>La Jolla</u>	78	South Coast
<u>San Diego-Scripps</u>	79	South Coast
<u>Famosa Slough</u>	120	South Coast
<u>Mission Bay</u>	121	South Coast
<u>San Diego Bay</u>	122	South Coast
<u>Tijuana River Estuary</u>	80	South Coast