



hazards have long been included in the analysis of coastal hazards in Commission regulatory items, but these analyses – particularly with regard to how future groundwater tables could be impacted by sea level rise – have often been limited by data availability.

Rising groundwater is an important hazard to consider in the context of sea level rise because it has the potential to flood communities from below, damaging buried infrastructure, flooding below grade structures, reducing storm sewer capacity, liberating pollutants, compromising foundations, and emerging above ground as an urban flood hazard that can amplify overland storm flooding. This informational briefing will describe how this new statewide dataset was developed and how it can be used in hazard analyses moving forward. Please tune in next month to view the briefing.

## **Public Education**

### **Coastal Cleanup Day.**

The Public Education Program is preparing for the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day on September 18th. We will be returning to hosting in-person cleanup sites at hundreds of locations across the state, keeping local public health guidelines in mind. In addition to the traditional event on the third Saturday of September, the Commission is continuing to encourage neighborhood cleanups throughout the month to continue last year's highly successful effort to increase access to the program while keeping volunteers safe. More information is available at [coastalcleanupday.org](http://coastalcleanupday.org).

### **National Academy of Sciences Committee on US Plastic Waste.**

Since last October, Public Education marine debris expert Eben Schwartz has been working on a committee of the National Academy of Sciences to develop a report to the US Congress on the US contributions to global ocean plastics. The initial draft of the report is now complete and will be going out for review over the next month. The final report will be published in early November, and we will be inviting you to join the webinar for the first public reveal of the report.

### **Ocean and Coastal Amateur Photo Contest**

The Commission's 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual California Ocean and Coastal Photography Contest took place in June and July. You can view the four winners and thirteen honorable mentions on the [Commission's website](#).

### **Coastal Access Film Wins an Emmy**

I'm very excited to announce the coastal access film I mentioned in my report last month has won the Emmy award! The film is called "[California Coast: Within Sight, Scent and Sound of the Ocean](#)". It was created by Rigler Creative and is the culmination of a project funded by the Whale Tail® License Plate Grant program. You can view this one-hour documentary via a link in the Highlights section of CCC homepage, or on the [Public Ed Program's YouTube page](#). The film covers past history and current challenges as it weaves together footage and stories from the [California Coast video series](#) and the [California Coastal Trail video series](#). – which are also linked [on the CCC website](#).