



# Children's Water Education Festival 2016

*Natural Resources Staff  
Inspiring the future*



**Newport Beach**  
**Recreation & Senior Services**  
Parks, Beaches & Recreation Commission

# Where you can find Natural Resources Staff

- **Improve passive recreational opportunities & natural areas in:**
  - Coastal/Marine areas including dunes, and tide pools
  - Buck Gully & various city parks and trails
  - Upper Newport Bay including Big Canyon, Castaways, and Back Bay Science Center
  - In or around the ISOpod
  - Hosting beach/park cleanups and other service projects
  - Numerous county-wide outreach events
- **Monitor, restore and educate about nature and stewardship**

*Our Team of Enthusiastic Interpreters!*



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- March 23-24, 2016 at the University of California, Irvine.
- Educates 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> grade students :
  - Local water issues and the environment
  - Protect water supplies and their environment
  - Presentations taught through California Science Standards
- **20 year Anniversary of the Festival**
  - Taught over 115,000 Orange County students
  - Provided at no cost to Orange County schools
- Presented by the Orange County Water District (OCWD), Disneyland Resort, National Water Research Institute, and the Orange County Water District Groundwater Guardian Team
- 7<sup>th</sup> year of City of Newport Beach Natural Resources staff participation



**Thank you!** We love what we do, and appreciate your support!!



# More in store for 2016

- **Citizen Science Academy**
  - Training the next generation of scientists
  - Learning about natural resources in Newport Beach
- **New Field trip opportunities**
  - Partnership with Environmental Nature Center (ENC)
- **Nature based after school program**
  - Held at Back Bay Science Center
- **Even more volunteer opportunities!**
- **Fostering interest in Nature**—coming Feb.2018

We strive to connect people to what makes Newport Beach great!

