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WORLD WATER MONITORING DAY SET FOR FRIDAY ***Students, Teachers, Officials Join to Test Water Quality in San Diego/Tijuana***

Students and teachers in San Diego and Tijuana will sample water Friday, October 15, as part of World Water monitoring Day, an effort to positively impact the health of local rivers, lakes, estuaries and other water bodies. The effort is part of a worldwide effort to improve water quality.

“We know how important this issue is to all of us,” said County Supervisor Greg Cox, a key backer of the program. “This effort tells us where our water quality is now, and provides us with information we can use to take the steps necessary to improve our watersheds and ocean.”

Volunteer groups and students will test water temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen and turbidity using water quality kits in sites throughout San Diego County and along the Baja California coast. Their results will be shared with other students monitoring in China, Mexico, New Zealand, Poland and Uzbekistan.

Testing begins after a 9 a.m. news conference at Morrison Pond in Sweetwater Regional Park at the corner of Sweetwater Road and Briarwood Road. Speakers include Cox, Dr. Jack Minan of the State Water Resources Control Board, Nigella Hillgarth Birch Aquarium director and Nancy Taylor of the San Diego Science Alliance. Tijuana events also begin at 9 a.m. at Cortijo San Jose in Playas de Tijuana, 1115 Avenida del Pacifico.

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