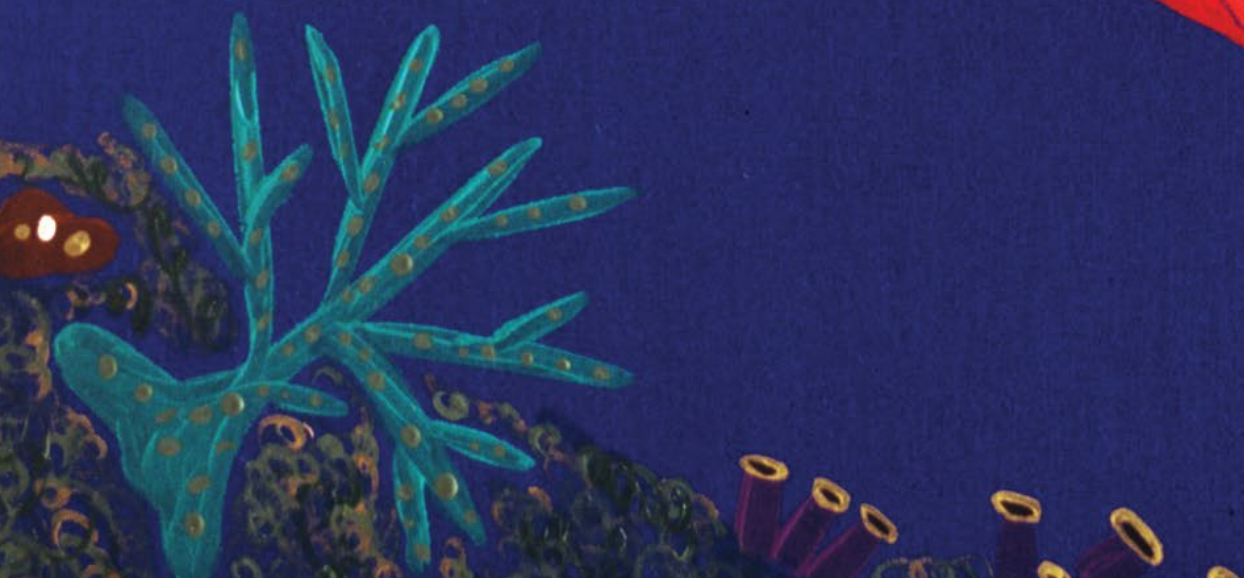
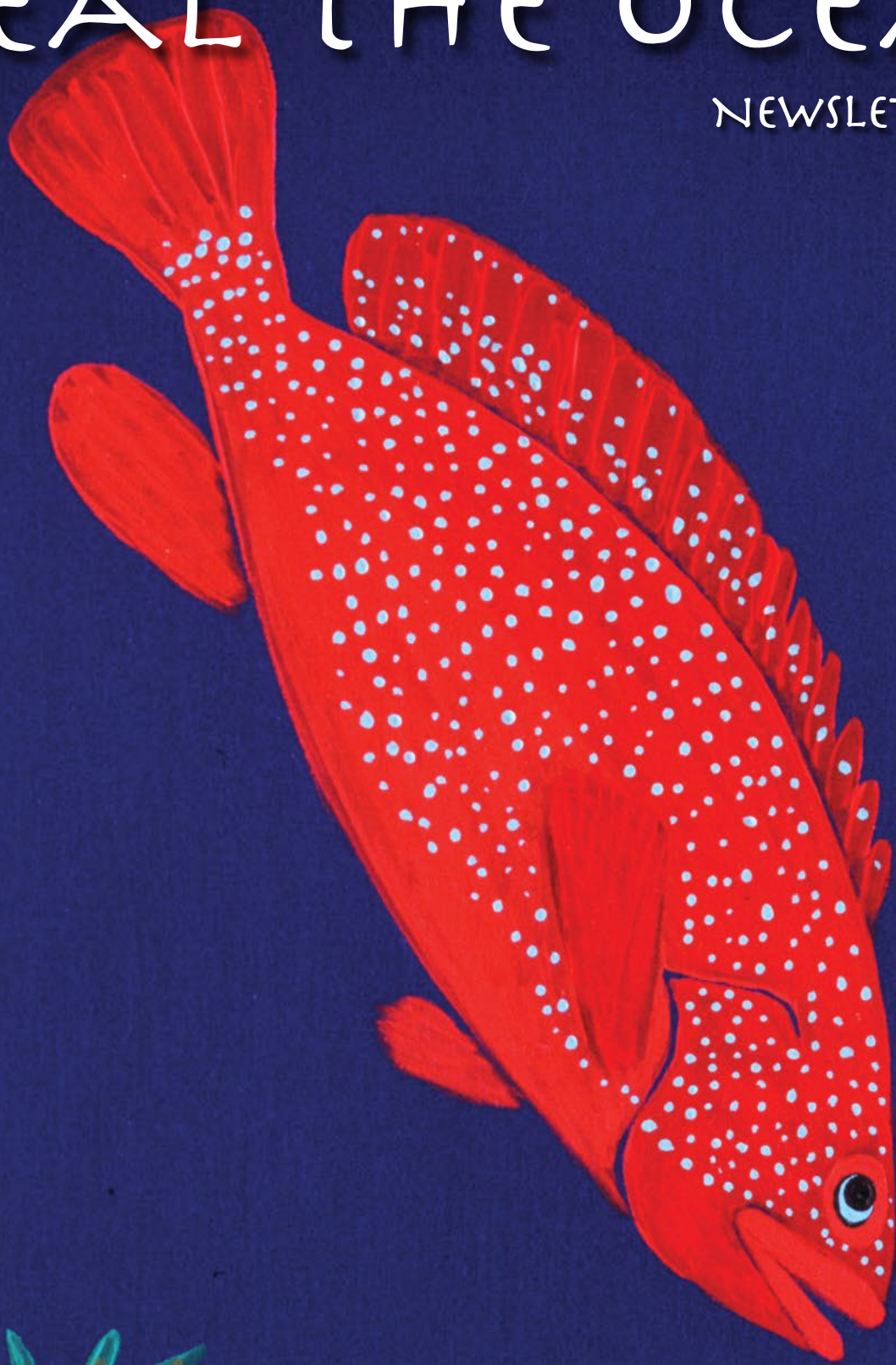


# HEAL THE OCEAN

NEWSLETTER 2018



Hillary Hauser

There is always a great hustle and bustle on the good ship Heal the Ocean, with ever-wonderful teammates working away in the office. We bring in interns, outside engineers, consultants and researchers to join us in projects to further our Mission.

## OFFICE DOINGS

We send big thanks to **Julia Teitzel**, who joined the HTO team in August 2017 as an Operations Assistant. Julia helps with everything from social media and website management, to dog bag dispenser maintenance and office organization. Our sailor caps off to you, Julia!



Julia Teitzel



Meanwhile, we bid “adios” to our Operations Coordinator, **Corey Radis**, who is sailing on to a career in education, with the goal of teaching high school physics. But first, Corey is traveling to Chile with her fiancé **Benjamin Boyce**,

who has many Chilean family members. Ben is a musician whose band played during the pre-show festivities at HTO’s “Really Big Show” Annual Event in 2016. He, too, is going back to school, with the goal of teaching. We wish best of luck to both Corey and Ben!

Corey & Ben - off to Chile & teaching!

(Photo by Priscilla)



Corey sets sail for a new adventure

## HILLARY RECEIVES MEDAL FROM S.B. CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT

One late afternoon, Hillary was working in the HTO office alone, when there came a knock on the door. She thought it was the night watchman, but in walked **Santa Barbara City Fire Chief Pat McElroy**, who placed what felt like a big coin in Hillary’s hand. When she opened her fist she saw a Santa Barbara City Fire Dept. Medal, and as she stood there, stunned, Chief McElroy said, “We don’t give many of these out.” He explained that HTO’s role in acting as conduit for information to the Santa Barbara community about the **Montecito Mudslide**



disaster, and softening the blow to the public about the controversial disposal of mud on beaches (see pages 4-5) was of enormous help not only to the Fire Department, but to First Responders and all disaster workers.

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## CHECK OUT OUR NEW ONLINE STORE!

In January 2018, we launched a new HTO website ([www.healtheocean.org](http://www.healtheocean.org)) featuring extensive project timelines, a more streamlined donation system and an online store! Shop for HTO T-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and more while contributing to an important cause.

## SAVE THE DATE! ART SHOW TO BENEFIT HEAL THE OCEAN

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, July 25, 2018**, beginning at noon, reception from 5-8pm, for an exciting art show at the Santa Barbara Maritime Museum to benefit Heal the Ocean. HTO is partnering with the **Southern California Artists Painting for the Environment (SCAPE)** for this show, and right up until show time, SCAPE artists will be painting Santa Barbara ocean and coastal scenes that will be displayed for sale at the July 25 event. Founded in 2002, SCAPE has grown to over 200 members – a



Painting by Natalie Wilson



Painting by Carrie Givens

diverse group including nationally known and local artists, students, patrons and even gallery owners. We will be sending you more details closer to the event date. Thank you, SCAPE!

## ABOUT HTO

Heal the Ocean is a 501(c)3 non-profit focused on upgrading wastewater infrastructure as a way of cleaning up ocean pollution. We are focused on Santa Barbara County, but our methods are now serving as a model for other coastal communities across the country.

## COVER PAINTING BY HILLARY HAUSER

### “Coney” - 34"x 34" Acrylic on Fabric

Hillary’s books on marine life and underwater adventure include Skin Diver Magazine’s *Book of Fishes*, compiled from a monthly feature Hillary wrote for Skin Diver Magazine for many years. She got to know marine fishes down to every gill and stripe, so began to paint them. Her **“Fantastic Fishes”** art has been exhibited in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, and of the 200+ pieces she created during her painting days, Hillary sold most of them. Eight of these images are now available in “Fantastic Fishes” cards, available in HTO’s online store.



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## HI FROM HILLARY

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...”

The opening lines of Dickens’ “Tale of Two Cities” could so well describe the first few months of 2018 in Santa Barbara County: great tragedy and great victory, the spring of hope and the winter of despair. Both are on the pages of this newsletter – the monstrous Montecito mudslide, followed by the magnificence of the capping of Becker Well that ended an ugly source of oil pollution.



Photo: Paul Wellman

Also on the pages of this newsletter is a celebration of Heal the Ocean’s **20th Anniversary!** Twenty years of work and labor and victories that were hard to imagine we’d get into when we gathered as a citizens’ action group in August 1998. That is when Santa Barbara citizens came together, infuriated at the prospect of beaches being closed due to bacterial pollution, and nearly rioted on the steps of the Santa Barbara County administration building.

We quickly banded together and started doing things without a lot of funding or fanfare. It’s a bit amazing even to us today how we did those things then. It had to do with the gathering of a team of really smart people – a Board of Directors that can best be described as environmental prophets. There are those of us who can never forget **John Robinson (1938-2011)** pacing the floor with his ever-present cigarette, thinking with his genius mind how to solve things – from storm drain pollution to the improvement of wastewater infrastructure.

We knew we had to tackle wastewater infrastructure as a chief source of ocean pollution, and the initial steps we took ended up being ahead of our time. The study we commissioned in 2001 from the Metcalf & Eddy engineering firm, **“Cost of Tertiary Wastewater Treatment for South Santa Barbara County”** created a bit of incredulity at the time (“not necessary!”), but became an important source of information much later, when Santa Barbara County began to look for sources of water during a drought that still goes on today.

During these past 20 years we have seen wastewater discharge into the ocean upgrading to recycled water, and we have seen septic systems removed from 7 miles of coastline. We have won regulatory battles in Sacramento and collaborated successfully with City and County agencies to improve our pipes, facilities, environment, and impact on the ocean.

All this said, the basis of all this work over all these years is You, the citizen warriors who joined us and are still joining us. The pages of this newsletter contain montages of many pictures and many scenes – many people getting together to discuss and work on problems and issues, and also to have fun and celebrate.

Yes, Heal the Ocean is 20 years old! We will continue to work in the best of times and worst of times, always.

We thank all of you, so very much, for helping.

*Hillary Hauser*

Hillary Hauser  
Executive Director

### Thank you, Poehler-Stremel Charitable Trust

HTO once again extends its deep thanks to the Phyllis S. Poehler/Walter E. Stremel Charitable Trust, St. Paul, Minnesota, for the funds to publish this newsletter and to continue our other avenues of outreach. We thank Bill, Pam & Lily Poehler of Santa Barbara (long-time HTO supporters) for their enthusiasm – it means much to us.

The Thomas Fire was the largest fire in California history, starting in Ventura County on December 4, 2017 and racing west toward Santa Barbara County. It became a firestorm advancing at the rate of 1 acre per second, threatening Ojai, Faria, Rincon, Carpinteria, and finally, Montecito.

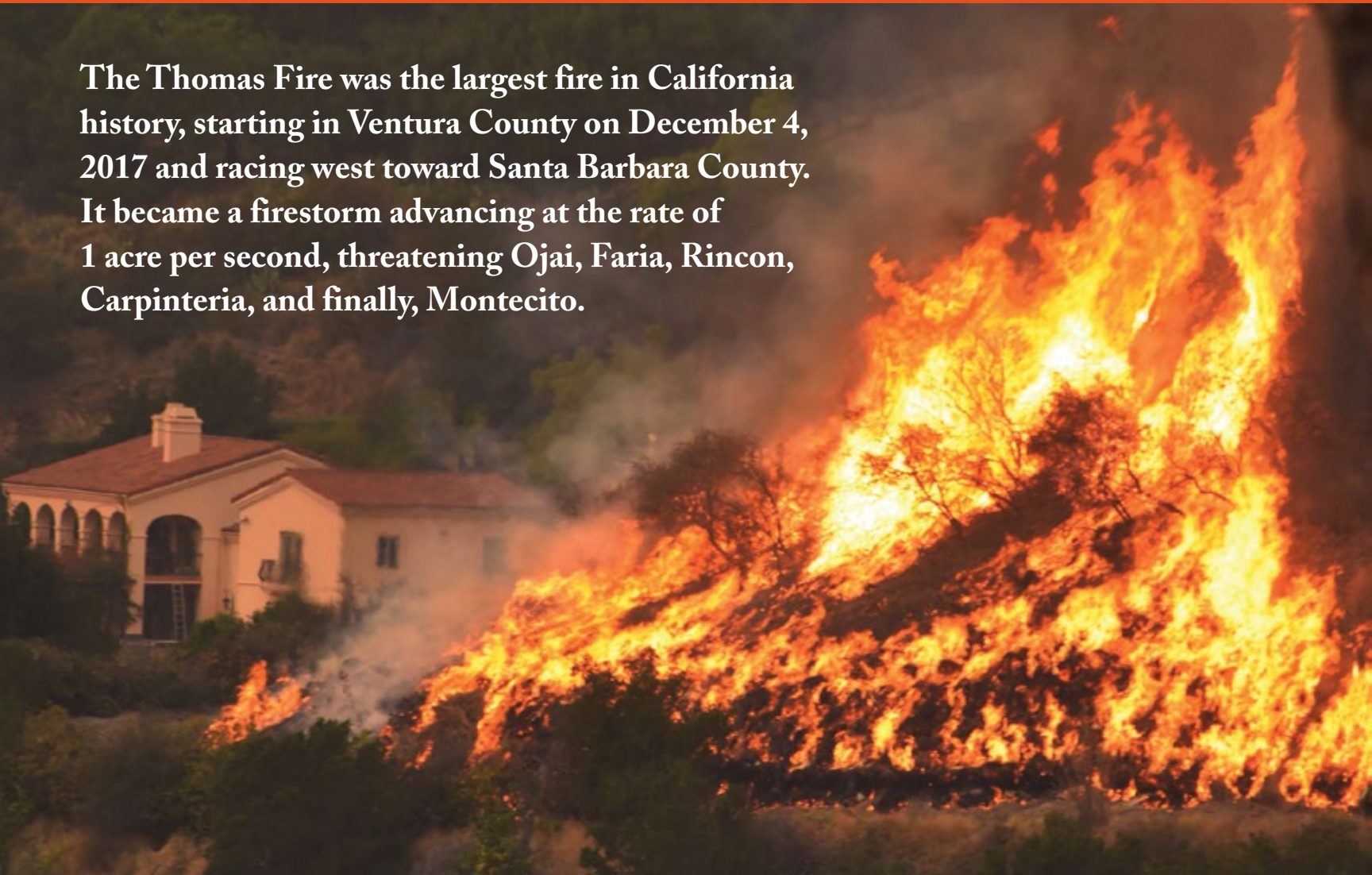


Photo by Mike Eliason

The fire cleared out the City of Santa Barbara and neighboring communities – because no one could breathe the dense smoke. Then, during the early morning hours of January 9, 2018, a fast and dense rain hit the scorched scarred area in the mountains behind Montecito.

While people slept, flash floods roared down the mountainside, bringing along fast-moving car-sized boulders that smashed into homes and overturned cars. Torrents of mud swept people from their homes, buried much of the community while taking lives, homes and property on the way to inundating the 101 Freeway.

Firemen and emergency responders went into high gear to rescue people and animals, while Santa Barbara County Public Works officials immediately went to work on the mud problem. The only place so much mud could immediately be taken to, fast enough, was Goleta Beach. The debris basins behind Carpinteria were impacted, too, and had to be emptied before the Carpinteria Salt Marsh flooded, not only to wreck the Marsh, but the homes at Sandyland and Sand Point, on the beach side of the Marsh.

At Heal the Ocean we knew there would be an environmental backlash, and HTO Board Members (particularly **Charles Vinick** and **Hillary**) had hasty conversations. Our Mission Statement includes “No ocean dumping,” but what was occurring was a disaster of monumental proportions. People were missing. Public Works was doing all it could to find the missing, clear the 101 Freeway, and restore the community as fast as possible – before the next rains came.

If Vesuvius had just buried Pompeii, would we be asking to test the ash before we dug people out?

We decided this:

- Good environmental work focuses on day-to-day operations and regulations.
- When a monstrous disaster strikes, there is not time to quibble.
- We agreed we needed to support Public Works, and when the disaster was settled, do all we can do to get the ocean back to normal again.
- And do what we can to encourage a long-range plan for Santa Barbara County should (heaven forbid) such a disaster happen again.

We put out our views in E-letters and Facebook – and received **58,371 hits, 737 Likes, 131 hearts, and 581 shares**. We were most gratified to hear how much we had comforted the community.

So many thanks came in for our leadership in this troubled time.

There were, and are, detractors, who didn’t and don’t agree with us, and we respect those opinions, too – a lively discussion is always healthy in community situations as monumental as this.

We have stayed our course.

To support Emergency workers, as well as Heal the Ocean’s view, Hillary composed this poetic tribute, and HTO placed it in a full-page ad in the **Montecito Journal**, January 25, 2018 issue. The gripping photo by **Kenneth Song/Reuters** tells the whole story (we thank him for its use!). This image, together with the words, has become something of a hallmark in Montecito, to mark the biggest disaster in Santa Barbara history, and to pay tribute to the heroism of the emergency responders who went beyond every conceivable means to help people in distress.



**Thank you, Emergency Responders.  
You Firemen who saved us,  
Who cried and gave a prayer for those who perished.  
We thank those brave heroes entering the wreckage –  
To carry us to safety.  
To rescue our beloved pets.**

**Thank you hard-working officials – Public Works,  
And all those Search & Rescue workers  
Who came from everywhere to help us.  
Thank you, fabulous dogs who helped us search and find.  
And are still helping.**

**Thank you Ocean, you received our sorrow.  
When we had nowhere to turn.**

**IN LOVING MEMORY:** Jonathan Benitez, age 10; Kailly Benitez, 3; Faviola Benitez-Calderon, 28; Joseph Francis Bleckel, 87; Martin Cabrera-Munoz, 48; David Cantin, 49; Morgan Christine Corey, 25; Sawyer Corey, 12; Peter Fleurat, 73; Josephine Gower, 69; John McManigal, 61; Alice Mitchell, 78; James Mitchell, 89; Mark Montgomery, 54; Caroline Montgomery, 22; Marilyn Ramos, 27; Rebecca Riskin, 61; Roy Rohter, 84; Peerawat Sutthithepa, 6; Pinit Sutthithepa, 30; Richard Taylor, 67.  
**AND MAY SEARCH & RESCUE FIND YOU SOON:** John “Jack” Cantin, 17; Lydia Sutthithepa, 2.

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With mud going into the ocean from the **Montecito Mudslide**, citizens reached out to us from everywhere, wanting to do what they could to help. In the debris flow to the ocean came many plastic items – household, children’s toys, even broken septic tanks. We couldn’t do much about the immense piles of wood debris, the mangled cars that hit the beach, but we could pick up – little by little – pieces of things that didn’t belong there. In all the beachcombing that took place in this **Citizen’s Effort**, some personal items were actually returned to their owners who lost them during the fateful morning hours of January 9, 2018. This beach cleaning is still going on nearly every day. Thank you, all!

**EF INTERNATIONAL & HTO COOK UP ANOTHER MASSIVE COASTAL CLEANUP**

Heal the Ocean and EF International Language School, Santa Barbara, are partnering in the 3rd annual mammoth beach cleanup of the Santa Barbara South County coastline on April 20, 2018 as part of EF International’s **Every Day is Earth Day** campaign. Each year, HTO helps coordinate this event and provides T-shirts and cleanup equipment for the beach crew. This year, 300 students will be loading trash from 10 different beaches into used horse feed bags, donated by **La Cumbre Feed**, instead of plastic trash bags. In the coming years, HTO hopes to replicate this model at other EF International campuses, including San Diego and Hawaii. Thank you EF students!



**GLOVES & BAGS FOR ALL**

If you want to help clean up a beach, email [info@healtheocean.org](mailto:info@healtheocean.org) to arrange for pickup of free gloves and bags!

There are many talented people who haven’t fulfilled their dreams because they over thought it, or they were too cautious, and were unwilling to make the leap of faith.

- James Cameron

**MUD COMMENTS**

“Thank you for the intelligent and measured response, and for all that you do for both the ocean AND the people.”

“Bravo!”

“That was so helpful to read! I was feeling very upset by this as it is just down the road and on our favorite beach. Clarification always takes the anger and stress away!”

“Thank you for being a steady, reasonable voice that shifts the focus towards right priorities and solution.”

“A voice of reason and compassion.”

“Thank you for your thoughtful commentary on a difficult subject in this challenging time.”

Over the past 20 years, HTO’s big victories for the Ocean happened because we took leaps of faith, not knowing for certain if we’d land on our feet. In other words, we have taken risks. When we didn’t have the funds or means, we did it anyway. A few examples:

- **Rincon \$67,000 gamble** (2001). At the beginning of our campaign to **sewer the Rincon**, we got the news that the Carpinteria Sanitary District (CSD) was going to drop the septic-to-sewer project at an evening board meeting, because it was **\$67,000 in the hole**, and the District could not legally spend ratepayer money to annex new customers. Even though we had Two Cents in the bank, and an hour to react, we raced to that board meeting and guaranteed the \$67,000 debt to keep CSD moving forward. Forever thanks to HTO Board Director **John Robinson** (1938-2011) who told Hillary, *Just Go Do It!* (Later, we passed the financial responsibility on to Santa Barbara County.)
- **City/USGS** (2005). HTO appeared before Santa Barbara City Council and said we’d raise \$75,000 to give the City if it would proceed with contracting the **U.S. Geological Survey** for a 3-year project, “*Sources of Fecal Indicator Bacteria in Urban Streams and Ocean Beaches*,” which turned out to be a landmark study about the **relationship of groundwater and the ocean**. The City said Yes, and this was HTO’s foray into the new *modus operandi* of raising money to help City, County and other agencies get things done.
- **Becker Well** (2018). When HTO learned of the \$150M price tag to cap the leaking Becker Well, we contracted with **Dudek** to get the funds. We didn’t get the grant, but we got the attention of the **State Lands Commission**. When SLC officials announced in a Carpinteria public meeting at the end of 2017 that half the funds weren’t there, Hillary stood up and said, “**We will sell lemonade and get those funds!**” This established a great communication with SLC to push - and *push* - for getting the funds into the State budget, signed by Governor Brown, and Becker Well is now capped.
- **Montecito Mudslide** (2018). This was a big one. In the immediate aftermath of the disastrous Montecito mudslide in the early morning hours of January 9, 2018, HTO Executive Director Hillary Hauser knew HTO had to take a stand on the dumping of the mud onto Goleta Beach - that this was no environmental business as usual. She called HTO Board member **Charles Vinick** in near distress as to how HTO could support the **mud dumping on Goleta Beach**. “This is a lousy situation that has lousy answers,” Charles said, “but decisions are made nonetheless.” With this simple advice, HTO published in our E-letter and HTO’s Facebook Page full support for Public Works doing the dumping, as well as other emergency personnel working to find missing people, open the 101 Freeway, and get the heavily hit Montecito community settled down. The results: **58,000 hits on FB posting, 737 “Likes,” 581 “Shares.”** Some comments (including some from those who opposed) are represented in the margins of this page.

**Thanks to the Great and Wonderful HTO Board of Directors, who not only went along with these risks, but encouraged them.**

“HTO - you are HEROES! Thank you for your common sense and community pride.”

“Good job, Heal the Ocean! Keep us centered.”

“Your common sense approach puts my faith back into environmental groups.”

“Thank you SO VERY MUCH for all of your very reassuring information and reminder of where our priorities must be at this time.”

“Thank you for your hard work, reasonable words and thoughtfulness.”

“Amen!”

“It’s nice to see an environmental group being realistic and supporting a community in a time of distress. Way to go HTO!”

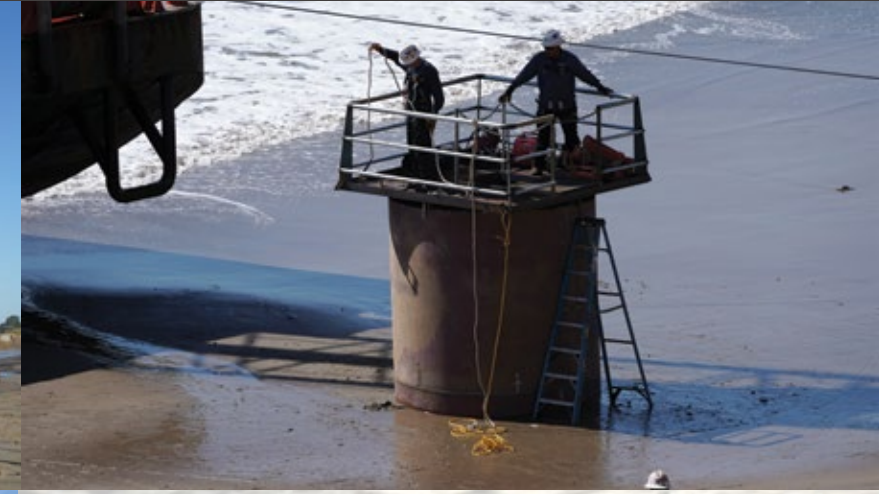
“Finally, an intelligent report from an educated environmentalist group who understands the plight we are going through and what the real priorities are.”

CRANK CORNER  
“Totally disgusting and irresponsible.”

“Heal The Ocean should never EVER abandon it’s (sic) founding platform that has ALWAYS been “the ocean cannot be used as a dump”. It is irresponsible to do so.”

“You don’t solve one environmental problem by creating another.”

# A GIANT LEAP FOR OCEAN-KIND...



## AT LAST! BECKER WELL GETS CAPPED

On Monday, February 26, 2018, a big ocean barge from Long Beach pulled up to Summerland, California, and oil workers began offloading massive oil-construction equipment to the shore at the west end of Summerland beach. The target? The infamous **Becker Onshore Well**, which had been leaking onto the beach and into the ocean ever since it was improperly abandoned during Summerland's wildcatting years of the early 1900s.



### BECKER TIMELINE

- Summerland citizens rabble-rouse about the problem when the well starts leaking oil more than usual in 2014;
- HTO learns the State Lands Commission (SLC) has no budget to cap Becker, and contracts with **Dudek to apply for a \$1.5 million grant to cap the well;**
- HTO attends SLC hearing in Orange County, August 2015, to announce **we will find the funds;**
- SLC officials come to HTO office in Santa Barbara to collaborate on grant application. Unfortunately, we can't find the **\$200K for CEQA**, and the application is not submitted;
  - Then-**Assemblyman Das Williams** successfully introduces \$750K for Becker project into State budget FY 2016/2017;
- With other groups, HTO goes on massive letter-writing campaign to Governor Jerry Brown, and the Governor approves the funding;
- At the end of 2016, however, SLC officials tell an audience in Carpinteria **it doesn't have the other half (\$750K)** needed to get the job done. HTO responds by telling SLC we will sell lemonade, do *anything* to find the funds;
- January 2017, SLC introduces needed funds into State budget for FY 2017/2018;
- By this time, Summerland residents/ocean lovers **Michael & Nora McNeely Hurley** have joined the fight, and Nora goes to the beach almost every day to photograph Becker Well leaking onto the beach – and sends photos and video to the State Lands Commission;
- With all necessary funds for capping so very close to being in hand, HTO goes on **Rabid Letter Writing Campaign** to get very unique cards on Governor Jerry Brown's desk, asking him to approve the \$750K in the State budget.
- The Governor says **YES!**



The giant barge from Curtin Maritime, Long Beach, is towed into Summerland Beach in front of Becker Well, and drops a giant pipe onto the beach. This "cofferdam" is hammered into the sand around the well and pumped clear of sand and water to create a work space. The work platform is lowered on top of the cofferdam so that workers can descend to the top of the well and do their magic.

All photos by Harry Rabin/  
On the Wave Productions



Michael Hurley, Hillary, Nora McNeely Hurley

### NORA MCNEELY HURLEY'S PERSONAL CAMPAIGN

Nora McNeely Hurley is an ardent ocean lover (and HTO Advisory Board Member), who lives with her husband Michael Hurley (also Advisory Board) in Summerland, overlooking the beach. Almost every day she would take her camera down to Becker Well and photograph and film it, and send to State Lands Commission officials with a message saying "Hellllp!"



Becker Well in Leaking Form  
(Photo by Nora McNeely Hurley)

### HTO'S POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

We wanted to flood the Governor's desk with pleas for his approval of Becker funds, so we published an E-letter with a number of different messages people could pick from. We handwrote the messages onto postcards that we had created in the office. There was much art and cutting and gluing and stamping – and in the end, 250 of these colorful cards landed on the Governor's desk...and he said YES!



### SB 44 - OIL CLEANUP ACT

The Becker Onshore Well is just one uncapped oil well problem along the California Coast, and in December 2016, **Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson** introduced SB 44 – the **Coastal Hazard and Legacy Oil and Gas Well Removal and Remediation Program**. The bill will create a program to address over 200 oil wells in California's coastal waters that are improperly abandoned and leaking oil into the ocean. HTO went wildly

to work to get this bill passed, hiring **Aqueos Corporation** and **Planck Aerosystems** to conduct an aerial survey that definitively shows 4 wells off Summerland that are leaking every day and need capping. Our survey had much to do with SB 44 being signed by the Governor, because it was positive proof that it wasn't just seepage off the coast. HTO will now proceed with a dive survey, by Aqueos, to prepare for requesting funds from SB 44, to get these wells capped, too.



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# Heal the Ocean BENEFIT 2017

## HEAL THE OCEAN'S ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The **Heal the Ocean 2017 Benefit** was a great party for a sold-out, packed house - and wow, did we have fun for our Good Cause! The evening got off to a rip-roaring start when **HTO Executive Director Hillary Hauser** announced that California Governor Jerry Brown had just signed **SB 44**, authored by our intrepid State senator **Hannah-Beth Jackson**, a bill that will provide funds to cap the leaking oil wells off the California coast, including Summerland Beach! In all our thanks to our generous sponsors, we took a moment to video-record a live toast to our beloved **Julia Louis-Dreyfus**, to send her our best wishes for her full return to health. Our Live Auction was really cooking this year, with **Rick Werner** from **LosAngelesAuctioneer.com** bringing in the most income in HTO Event history! Then, rocking pianist **Jason Libs** had people dancing to old and new classics, singing along, forming conga lines, and just letting it "all hang out." Huge thanks to our sponsors, guests, and donors. And to **Heather Hudson, Shannon Trotta & Corey Radis** for putting this event together. We thank **Debbie Kline**, and **Por la Mar Nursery** for the décor. And as always, thank you dear **Julia Louis-Dreyfus** for being our Honorary Chair, and for always helping us.



*Jason Libs rocking the house*



*The toast to the health of Julia Louis-Dreyfus*



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# SAVE THE DATE!

## HTO Honorary Chair Julia Louis-Dreyfus



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# CELEBRATING DOGS AND FRIENDS

**DIG THESE DOGS!** In the 7 years HTO has been raising money for dog bags for the dispensers of Santa Barbara County south coast beaches (and now some dispensers in Santa Barbara City parks), we've contributed **over \$100,000** for bags for the public to use when walking their pooches. We love the beloved dogs who have barked at their owners to get with our great program...here are some of them!



## SOTHEBY'S INTERNATIONAL HELPS HTO 8TH YEAR IN A ROW

The **Sotheby's realtors** are the BEST! For the eighth fabulous year in a row, Sotheby's International Realty chose HTO as one of the Santa Barbara non-profits to share in the proceeds of their one-year (2017) collection of a portion of its real estate commissions. This is a sizable donation, and HTO is very proud to be honored along with other charitable organizations doing good work in Santa Barbara County. Big, big thanks to all of the Sotheby's realtors!



Hillary Hauser with Rich van Seenus of Sotheby's Montecito Branch

## ENCORE FROM SB SHELLFISH

During the month of November 2017, anyone that bought a ticket for \$30 on Central Coast Dining in the name of HTO was able to double the value of that ticket (through March 2018) when dining at the Shellfish Company on Stearns Wharf in Santa Barbara. Thank you, **Tom White & Adam White** for coming to us year after year with your wonderful menu of donations to us!



Santa Barbara Shellfish Company

## 1% FOR THE PLANET

We love our 1% For the Planet donors! **Hoyt Torola of Torola Properties, Ojai**, has chosen HTO for the sixth year in a row to benefit HTO through the program. We also received a 1% for the Planet donation from **Patrick Marr**, a Santa Barbara architect and civil engineer. One Percent for the Planet was founded by **Yvon Chouinard** (Patagonia) and **Craig Mathews** (Blue Ribbon Flies) in 2002 to encourage more businesses to donate 1% of sales to environmental groups. Thank you, Hoyt and Patrick!





## With Deep Appreciation

Heal the Ocean sends its sincere thanks to these contributors who have helped assure the success of our campaign for a clean and healthy ocean. This roster records donations made from May 10, 2017 to March 5, 2018. If your name has been omitted, we sincerely apologize and ask that you please call (805) 965-7570 so that we can correct our records.

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Marie Morrisroe	Mary Jane & Ron Steele/ Steele Family Foundation	Big Speak	Mary Bucholtz
<b>\$20,000</b>	Helen Roos Walker	Wendell Bruss/ Argonaut Charitable Foundation	Terri Carlson, MD
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Brian & Laurence Hodges/ WWW Foundation	Advanced Veterinary Services (AVS)	Roger & Sarah Chrisman/ Schlinger Chrisman Foundation	John Mike & Marcia Cohen
<b>\$15,000 - \$19,999</b>	Aqueos Corporation/ Carolyn & Ted Roche/ Wendy & Larry Barels	Tom & Sheila Cullen in honor of Heather Hudson	Thomas Dabney
Marcy Carsey	Brian & Carrie Chee	James & Wendy Drasdo	Meg Miller & Dean Dawson
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Nora McNeely Hurley & Michael Hurley	Johnson Ohana Foundation	Cindy & Robert Gelber	Roberta & Stan Fishman
Poehler-Stremel Charitable Trust	La Cumbre Animal Hospital	Stephen Harrison	Dodd & Beth Geiger/ B&B Foundation
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		Liz Wilson	in memory of Paul H. Turpin
		Susan Harris & Paul Witt	
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Judi Cearnal  
in memory of Marianna McKee  
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Catharine Rose  
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Third Window Brewing  
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Warner Owens  
Pamela Petri-Humphrey  
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in honor of Steve Starkey  
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Gayla & Santi Visalli  
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in memory of Joshua Canning  
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Robert Else  
Tom Farr

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Stuart Fuss  
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Tish Gainey  
Steven Gilbar & Inge Gatz  
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Sue Jamgochian  
Glenn Jordan  
Connie & Richard Kennelly  
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Ali Bazzi  
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Stephenie Blakemore  
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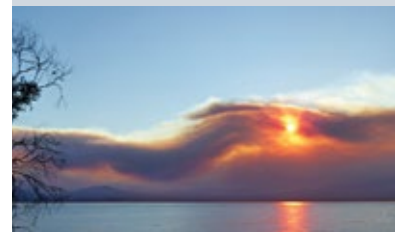
## In Memory of...

Heal the Ocean cherishes each and every one of our members, and we are sad when we lose those who are dear to us. We thank those who have sent donations in memory of loved ones who have left us. We are honored to memorialize the following people in the donation pages of this newsletter:

Maverick Barel Crail  
Eric Brown  
Vincent Burns  
Joshua Canning  
Mike deGruy  
Dillon the Dog  
Charlotte Du Gerradel  
Charlie Fox  
David Fry  
Billy Han  
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Lanny Wright  
Mike Treman  
Paul H. Turpin  
Brandon Yates

The memory of these wonderful people lives on in our hearts as we work for the ocean they loved.

## Back Cover Art by MARIE MORRISROE



"7:38 a.m. THE BEGINNING -12/05/17" is a photo by Marie Morrisroe, an ocean lover who has taken photos all over the world - including this stunning view of the Thomas Fire smoke looming over the Ventura horizon as seen from Montecito as the fire was entering Santa Barbara County.



Since the beginnings of Heal the Ocean, we have always emphasized the fact that our organization is a Citizens' Action Group. The success of HTO is the work of citizens - a Project of the People. This photo montage is our HTO quilt, so to speak, illustrating just a part of a huge, seamless team of citizens that made it all happen.

## HOORAY FOR OUR DOG BAG DONORS!

Thanks to the generosity of HTO Sponsors and Donors to our Doggy Bag program, we've been able to send considerable funds to Santa Barbara County Parks & Recreation Department to buy doggy bags, and this year we've added in the Santa Barbara City Parks & Recreation Department, too! We give a big Bark-Out to:

Advanced Veterinary Services  
Manuela & Rob Cavaness  
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