



Surfrider Foundation San Diego County Chapter

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Volunteer Position Title: City Council Monitor

Reports To: Policy Subcommittee of the Chapter Executive Committee

Overview of position: The role of a city council monitor is to track issues on a local level by attending city council meetings along with reviewing agendas and proposals.

Essential Functions

- review agendas for city council meetings
- attends city council meetings
- reports to the Policy Subcommittee on issues
- assists the Policy Subcommittee on formulating positions of city issues
- potentially speaks on behalf of Surfrider at meeting

Marginal Functions: Volunteer may help coordinate Chapter members to attend and speak at important meetings, and assist with letter writing campaigns.

Time Required: One city council meeting per month, plus time required to report to the Policy Subcommittee, which meets the second Tuesday of each month.

Qualifications: The volunteer must be a resident of the city that he or she is monitoring. The volunteer should have a basic understanding of environmental issues, and a basic understanding of Surfrider's mission and objectives.

Physical/Age Requirements: 18 years old

Skills/Education

- Strong organization skills
- Good people and communication skills
- Comfortable with public speaking
- Problem solving and initiative
- Team player

Experience/Training Required: Complete Surfrider Core Volunteer orientation. (1-2 hour course)

Benefits to the Volunteer

- Interact with various high-level Surfrider contacts, including National HQ.
- Helping to protect the environment and meeting other people passionate about the ocean/environment
- Gain a greater sense of personal and professional pride and responsibility within the chapter and organization
- Gain immeasurable personal satisfaction as a result of helping create positive change in our community and environment
- Develop personal bonds and friendships with like-minded, passionate people that care about protecting our environment
- Gain respect within the local community as being a leader of the most important coastal environmental organization in San Diego (and throughout the world)
- Learn a wealth of knowledge from some of the most well respected and well educated environmental activists in San Diego

The Surfrider Foundation is a non-profit grassroots organization dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of our world's oceans, waves and beaches. Founded in 1984 by a handful of visionary surfers in Malibu, California, the Surfrider Foundation now maintains over 50,000 members and 80 chapters worldwide. For an overview of the San Diego Chapter's current programs and events, log on to our website at www.surfridersd.org or send email to info@surfridersd.org.