

## **Berkeley Shorebird Park Nature Center Education Program and Shoreline Cleanup Stations**

Organization: City of Berkeley

Project Period: September 2019 – August 2020

Amount: \$10,000

Location: Berkeley Marina, Shorebird Nature Center, Alameda County

Project Description: The City of Berkeley's Marina Experience Environmental Education Program is located at the Shorebird Park Nature Center in Alameda County. The Program provides education about the marine environment to school children from all over the Bay Area. This project will support their outreach to underserved youth by offering 11 environmental education classes to students from K-12<sup>th</sup> grade classes in the Berkeley Unified School District. These classes will allow approximately 275 school children to experience hands-on learning about the animals and plants that live in the San Francisco Estuary and the impacts humans have on the environment. Five different classes may be offered; fish, birds, marine mammals, bay scientist, and low tide. Each class will be composed of classroom teaching and hands-on activities outside in the Shorebird Park Cove and Marina.

This project will also expand the monthly Shoreline Cleanup and Adopt-a-Beach Programs by creating 6 "do-it-yourself" cleanup stations along the Berkeley Shoreline that will be filled with supplies for the public to use to help clean up the shoreline. The Eastbay shorelines are located at the bottom of the watershed and thus accumulate marine debris from all over the Bay area. These stations are expected to significantly increase participation in shoreline cleanup days each year and assist the City's staff with keeping the shorelines free from debris. Data will be collected from these cleanup stations and shared with the California Coastal Conservancy.



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