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SPECIAL SERIES: MPA Collaborative Network

San Mateo County MPA Collaborative

The San Mateo MPA Collaborative brings a diverse group of partners together from local non-profits, county, state, and federal agencies, educators, and citizen scientists. San Mateo Collaborative members support projects that aim to build an inclusive community working together to benefit their local MPAs.

Members helped design interpretive and regulatory MPA signs near [Pillar Point State Marine Conservation Area](#). Docents from the [Friends of Fitzgerald Marine Reserve](#) lead tidepool tours at the popular Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, a part of the [Montara State Marine Reserve](#), and teach visitors proper tidepool etiquette. Other outreach materials include a waterproof brochure summarizing local MPA boundaries and regulations, and a trilingual handout to help enforcement officers and others communicate MPA regulations to a wider audience. Their latest outreach video introduces viewers to the Statewide MPA Network, San Mateo County's local MPAs, and the marine animals, seaweeds, and humans that use the MPAs.

Co-chairs Rebecca Johnson with the [California Academy of Sciences](#) and Laurel Finnegan, a ranger with [San Mateo County Parks](#), are passionate about the Collaborative's mission. "We are dedicated to assisting with education, outreach and enforcement of our local MPAs," says Johnson. "Our goal is to raise awareness of these special areas to protect them for future generations."

To learn more about the MPA Collaborative Network please read CDFW's overview [newsletter](#). If you would like to get involved with the San Mateo MPA Collaborative, or any of the other 13 Collaboratives, please visit [mpacollaborative.org](#) to find out when a meeting or event is happening near you.



Members of the San Mateo MPA Collaborative meet quarterly.
Photo: MPA Collaborative Network

Current Project

- [MPA Video](#) – educates viewers about Montara State Marine Reserve and the Statewide MPA Network. Meet the marine creatures, seaweeds, and local humans that use the protected areas!

Resources

- [Brochure: Marine Protected Areas in San Mateo County](#)
- [Trilingual enforcement and compliance phrases](#)
- [Video: Fitzgerald Marine Reserve & tidepool etiquette](#)
- [San Mateo County MPA outreach resources](#)

Story by CDFW Environmental Scientist, Sara Worden

[Sign up](#) to receive these [MPA Management Program](#) newsletter updates. California's MPA network is managed collaboratively through the MPA Management Program, which includes four focal areas: outreach and education, enforcement and compliance, research and monitoring, and policy and permitting.

QUESTIONS?

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Watch this [video](#) to learn how MPAs work to protect our resources.