

Garry Brown Orange County Coastkeeper

Garry Brown is president and chief executive officer of Orange County Coastkeeper, a non-profit organization he founded in 1999 to protect and preserve our local marine habitats and watersheds.

Through Orange County Coastkeeper, Garry has helped to establish new wetland areas and to protect others being threatened by pollution or development. He's negotiated solutions to runoff and pollution issues that have threatened our watershed and ocean, such as creating a \$142 million fund for O.C. cities to install facilities to clean up urban runoff. He's a relentless advocate for cooperative solutions, but will litigate when boardroom discussions fail to bring results.

Under Garry's leadership, Orange County Coastkeeper has become a tried and true steward of our fresh- and saltwater ecosystems through education, advocacy, restoration, research and enforcement.

Garry comes from a long background building public-private partnerships. After earning a B.A. in Government from the University of Redlands, he served for five years as an assistant city manager, ten years as an advocate and executive director for trade associations in the real estate and building industries, and twice as president of a chamber of commerce. In 2001 he founded the Orange County League of Conservation Voters. In 2006, he commenced publishing "Coastkeeper Magazine". These experiences brought him an extensive and pragmatic understanding of both state and local government and the politics that drive them.

A native of Orange County, Garry is committed to building Coastkeeper into a proactive, results-driven organization that uses coalition building and partnerships to find effective solutions to the environmental problems that impact our communities and watersheds.

Currently, Garry serves on numerous Boards of Director and governmental advisory committees, including:

- Orange County Coastkeeper- Board President
- California Coastkeeper Alliance- Board President
- National Waterkeeper Alliance- Council member
- SAWPA's One Water One Watershed- steering committee
- OCTA's Environmental Clean-up Allocation Committee-Vice Chair
- Port of Los Angeles/Long Beach OSPR Harbor Committee
- National Water Research Institute's Scientific Advisory Panel for Ground Water Replenishment System
- CA Dept. of Public Health Advisory Committee for Direct Potable Reuse
- Ocean Defenders Alliance, Board Member
- C.A.R.E.-California Artificial Reef Enhancement Foundation- Board Member
- American Green Power, Board Member