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Environmental research ship and kayakers address far-reaching impacts of garbage at Coastal Cleanup at Marina Bay in Richmond

What:	News Conference to announce and display garbage that ends up in the ocean
Who:	Supervisor John Gioia; David Helvarg, author of <i>"Saved by the Sea, a Love Story with Fish"</i> ; Linda Hunter, Executive Director, The Watershed Project; "Project Kaisei" – an environmental research sailing vessel; and kayakers who will be patrolling the Bay to pick up trash
When:	11 a.m. Saturday, September 25, 2010 (Cleanup: 9 a.m. to noon.)
Where:	Shimada Friendship Park, Richmond, CA (end of Marina Bay Blvd.)

Richmond, Calif., Mary Crowley, founder of "Project Kaisei," an environmental educational ship that researches trash in the Pacific Ocean, along with Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia; Linda Hunter, Executive Director of The Watershed Project, and Bay kayakers will discuss how debris from the shore ends up polluting the ocean and Bay waters. A Project Kaisei shipped will be docked offshore.

The announcement is coordinated with the 26th annual California Coastal Cleanup, which Supervisor Gioia has been organizing at Shimada Friendship Park in Richmond's Marina Bay neighborhood for the last 20 years. Environmentalists and organizers hope the announcement will teach residents about the far-reaching marine impact of local trash.

"Our coast and shorelines are precious gems that should be free of litter such as plastics, metal, and paper," said Supervisor Gioia, whose West County district includes the City of Richmond. "Taking steps now to protect our beautiful natural resources preserves them for generations to come."

Hundreds of volunteers are expected to attend this year's Coastal Cleanup at Marina Bay along the Richmond Shoreline, which, in addition to Supervisor Gioia, is co-sponsored by The Watershed Project and the City of Richmond. Attendees should wear sturdy shoes and old clothes; bring a refillable water bottle, work gloves, and old refillable buckets.

Note to reporters/editors: A limited number of double kayakers may take photographers on the Bay during the cleanup; however, prior notification will be necessary. Please contact Kate Rauch to schedule.

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