



Monterey SEA Monthly Report February, 2026

This report provides an overview of the activities and impacts
for the months of January



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Monthly Highlights

- ★ Entire Grade Presentations
- ★ Emblem Labeling Volunteer Day in Seaside
- ★ 2026 Social Media

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Progress on Classroom Metrics and Goals

Metric	Progress	Minimum Goal	Actual Achieved
Number of students reached in K-3 grade	25%	750	188
Number of Booklets Distributed	65%	700	452
Number of classroom visits (24)	92%	24	22
Number of student reached in 4-12th grade (600)	44%	600	264
Distribute Pre and Post Surveys to 100% of classroom participants and partner presentations MSEA Pre- and post-Survey K-3.pdf MSEA Pre- and post-Survey 4-8.pdf MSEA Pre- and post-Survey 9-12.pdf	33%	1350	452
Total Number of Pre Surveys Completed			452
Total Number of Post Surveys Completed			432
Achieve at least a 10% increase in student awareness, based on survey responses (This only reflects surveys that had both pre and post survey completed.)	144%	10%	14.39%
Conduct 2 Teacher Trainings reaching at least 20 teachers	0%	2	0
Collect 20 Teacher Evaluations of Program	15%	20	3

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New Presentation Style: Robert Down Elementary School requested entire grade presentations

Schools want to plan community volunteer days, emblem labeling around their schools for next year!

Rescheduled with Santa Catalina School

Working with Monterey Bay Environmental Educators (MBEE) group to plan teacher trainings



Storm viewing station during walking field trip



Progress on Community Outreach Metrics and Goals

Metric	Progress	Minimum Goal	Actual Achieved
Number of BMPs distributed to City/County Offices (posters/brochures). Distribute to at least 6 locations	100%	6	6
Participate in 5 events (at least 7 days total) - large events with stormwater model, surveys, brochures used	43%	7	3
Reach 1,500 people during community events	45%	1,500	676
Distribute 1,300 informational items	17%	1,300	224
Number of Surveys Distributed at Events to gauge public awareness and perception of stormwater issues and pollution sources and solutions	9%	350	31
Host or co-host workshops (pollutants of concern, Low Impact Design, stormwater friendly gardening techniques) 2 workshops reaching 45 people	0%	2	0
	0%	45	0



Progress on Community Outreach Metrics and Goals

Metric	Progress	Minimum Goal	Actual Achieved
Locations of OWOW displayed	4%	24	1
Home Improvement Stores receiving Materials	0%	4	0
Garden and Landscaping Stores receiving Material	0%	4	0
Auto Supply Stores receiving Materials	0%	4	0
City/County offices	100%	6	6
Auto Repair Facilities receiving materials	0%	3	0
Number of In-Store Trainings	0%	2	0
Number of "partner events" (and participants by event); example may include park work day.	80%	5	4
Number of volunteers	36%	50	18
Number of volunteer hours	54%	100	53.5
Number of storm drain stencil locations visited and updated	32%	150	48

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Community Events in January:

- None

Getting ready and continuing to register for an event-filled Earth Month!

Informational Flyers are printed and ready to be delivered. This is scheduled for first week of February.

January Emblem Labeling & Volunteer Event:

- 12 Volunteers
- 25 storm drains labeled or re-labeled
- Mix of K-12, CSUMB students, and community members from cities like Marina, Seaside, Monterey, PG, and Carmel



Emblem Labeling Volunteer Day



Outreach Material Updates

Pest Control Tips
Best Management Practices for Gardeners, Homeowners, and Landscapers

Most storm drains around Monterey Bay flow directly into creeks and the ocean without treatment, carrying pollution that harms wildlife and people. Yard care and home maintenance can wash fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides into drains, poisoning fish, insects, and groundwater. Fortunately, safer and more sustainable ways exist to manage pests and protect your home.

Safe Substitutes For Chemical Pest Control

<p>Garden Aphids and Mites: Mix one tablespoon of liquid soap with one cup of vegetable oil. Add one teaspoon of this mixture to a cup of water and spray it on affected plants. (Note: Vegetable oil may harm plants in the cabbage family.)</p>	<p>Mice and Rats: Set snap or electrocution traps to catch them. Seal off entry points into your home and eliminate food sources such as pet bowls, dirty dishes, and trash. Consistent use of traps and regular cleaning will help keep them away.</p>
<p>Ants: Place boric acid powder or hydramethylnon baits in problem areas, cracks, and along insect pathways. These are mild poisons, so be sure they are inaccessible to children and pets.</p>	<p>Roaches: Apply boric acid powder to cracks and entry points (similar to the method for ants). Additionally, place bay leaves on pantry shelves to deter roaches.</p>
<p>Spiders: Clear webs using a brush and seal entry points. Use yellow exterior light bulbs to decrease the number of insects and spiders in general. Spray peppermint oil in hiding places to deter them.</p>	<p>Caterpillars: When caterpillars are actively feeding, apply products containing Bacillus thuringiensis to the leaves.</p>

Practice Integrated Pest Management Tactics

Relying solely on chemicals for pest control is only a temporary solution; the pests will eventually return. A more effective approach to help control pests is known as Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Here are the basics of IPM:

<p>Physical controls: Seal holes, create barriers, handpick pests, and use traps.</p>	<p>Biological Controls: Use predatory insects and bacterial insecticides to manage pest populations.</p>	<p>Chemical Controls: If needed, choose the least toxic option and use only when other methods aren't effective.</p>
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For more information, go to: www.montereysea.org

Automotive Maintenance & Car Care
Best Management Practices for Commercial Auto Maintenance and Repair

Most storm drains around Monterey Bay flow directly into creeks and the ocean without treatment, carrying pollution that harms wildlife and people. Chemicals from car maintenance like oil, fuel, antifreeze, and soap wash into storm drains and pollute the ocean, reducing oxygen in the water and harming marine life. Your auto shop can readily prevent pollution and protect the health of your employees. Your customers will appreciate your efforts as well.

**You Can be the Part of the Solution:
Pollution Prevention Tips for Auto Repair Shops**

Keep a Dry Shop: Never let anything but clean stormwater reach drains or waterways. Plug any indoor drains tied to the storm drain system.

Carwash Without Pollution: If you wash cars for clients, make sure you have a dedicated, covered area, with an oil/water clarifier and a sewer connection.

Safer Parts and Brake Cleaning: Use aqueous parts and brake washers, they're safer, cleaner, and effective. Skip aerosol solvents; soap and water do the job.

Auto Body Shops: Sanding waste is frequently tracked outside of shops, is often found in storm drains near auto body shops, and is dangerous for workers to breathe in. Use sanding tools with HEPA-vacuum attachments.

Spill Prevention: Always use secondary containment for all oils, coolants, and solvents. Use spill pans, drip trays, pumps and tubing to catch or eliminate pouring and transfer spills. Clean up any spills immediately using an absorbent pad.

Floor Cleaning Done Right: Don't hose down bays. Use a hydrophobic mop for oil and a separate mop for coolant.

Educate Employees: Include water quality training in new employee orientations and conduct annual review sessions.

Educate Customers: Share the action you take to prevent pollution and create a safe working environment with your customers. They will appreciate it and keep coming back!

Waste Disposal
ReGen Monterey: regenmonterey.org (831) 384-5313
Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority: svswa.org/commercial (831) 775-3000

Spill Response Agencies:
County spill response: bit.ly/MCSpillResponse

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[Top Ten Pollution Prevention Tips](#)

[Yard and Garden Tips \(English\)](#)

[Yard and Garden Tips \(Spanish\)](#)

[Commercial Auto Repair/Care](#)

[Home Auto Repair/Care](#)

[Classroom Survey K-3](#)

[Classroom Survey 4-8](#)

[Classroom Survey 9-12](#)

In Development

Construction

Painting

Concrete

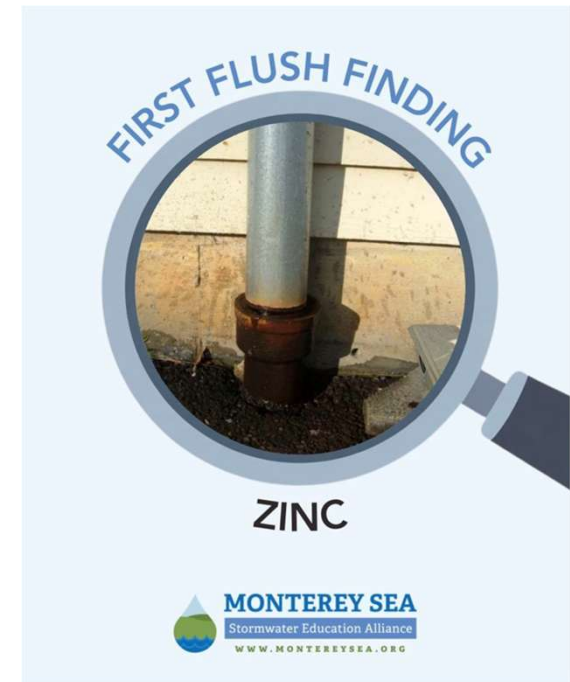
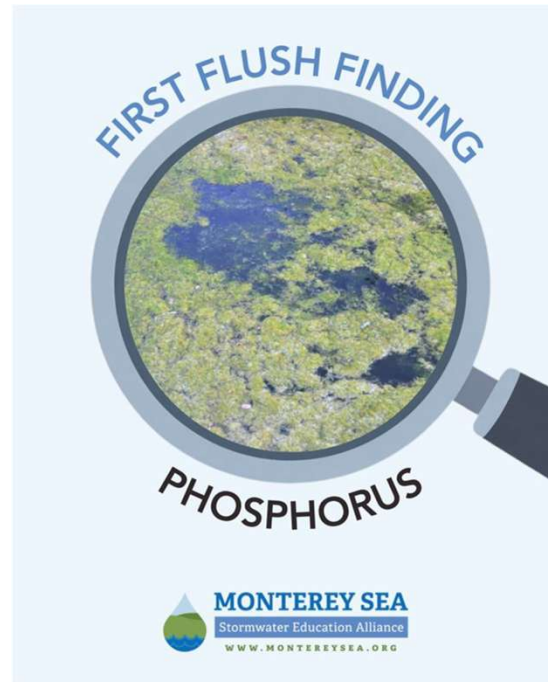
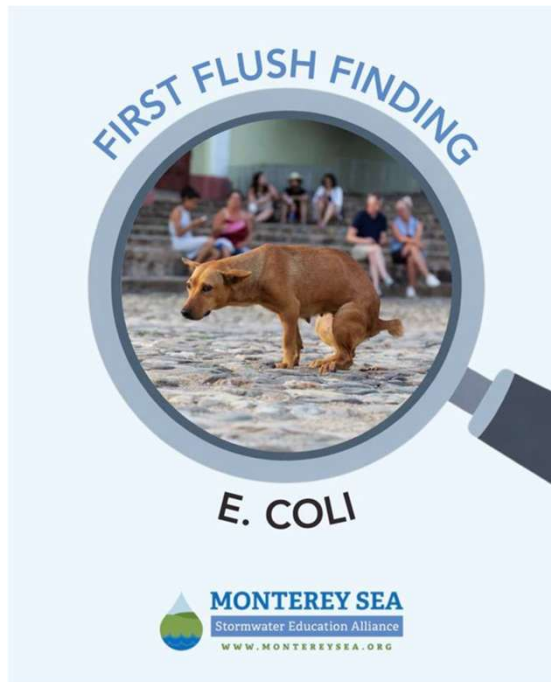
Updated materials along with OWOW materials, are set for specific types of stores



Progress on Digital and Creative Metrics and Goals

Social media plan in place

- Scheduled for every week
- First Flush educational posts



January posts



Progress on Digital and Creative Goals and Metrics

Metric	Progress	Minimum Goal	Actual Achieved
Increase number of IG followers (from 338 in July 2025)	96%	450	430
Increase number of FB followers (from 433 in July 2025)	90%	500	450



Upcoming Events and Activities

1. [Project Tracker](#)
2. Scheduling and prepping for Spring events
3. School presentations and teacher training coming up
 - a. Coordination with Monterey Bay Environmental Educators for teacher training
4. Individual store distribution scheduled for first week of February