Clean Bay Restaurant Certification Program
Student Participation

May 23, 2012 Redondo Beach Associate Civil Engineer Geraldine Trivedi and FOG Environmental Compliance Coordinator Terry Zook conducted public outreach field trips with 2 local public schools. They were accompanied by Sarah Woodard, Santa Monica Bay Restoration Commission;, Ann Zellar Algalita, Marine Research Foundation; and Alan Walti, Environmental officer with the local Surfrider Chapter.

Participants on this field trip included 26 students from a Redondo Union High School AP Environmental Science class and 8 students from Parras Middle School's Club Earth. Each student group was taught storm water quality management in the form of Best Management Practices for a restaurant's indoor and out door areas. Fats, oils and grease handling included use of grease removal devices and proper storage and recycling of used fry oil. Runoff pollution control included maintaining trash bins, storage areas and parking lots.

This field trip helped the students understand, appreciate and remember the importance of pollution prevention. The restaurants were representative of corporate owned establishments (McDonald's, Panda Express, Subway) as well as small family owned (The Standing Room, Ham Supreme Shops). The students were given posters and brochures for further class room discussion and reinforcement of practices.

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