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**“I ♥ CALIFORNIA’S COAST AND OCEAN”
EXHIBIT COMING TO STATE CAPITOL BUILDING**

**CELEBRATE YOUR LOVE FOR THE COAST AND OCEAN DURING THE
WEEK LEADING UP TO VALENTINE’S DAY**

Sacramento, CA - Winning pieces from a statewide children’s coastal art and poetry contest and ocean and coastal photography contest are being featured in an exhibit on display in the gallery outside of the Governor’s office in the Capitol Building during the week of February 9th-13th.

Located in a public hallway just outside the entrance to the Governor’s office, the exhibit is the perfect way for passersby to remember why they love California’s ocean and coastline.

Winning children’s entries from the California Coastal Art & Poetry Contest show how youth reflect on the beauty and spirit of California’s beaches and ocean. Covering a range of emotions and artistic techniques, the art and poetry is by children at all grade levels and showcases some very impressive talents from all over the state. For more information about the art and poetry contest, please see <http://www.coastal.ca.gov/publiced/poster/poster.html>

Winning images from the California Ocean and Coastal Amateur Photography Contest will also be on display, from gorgeous coastlines and beautiful birds to underwater sea life and happy kids. The annual contest is sponsored by the Thank You Ocean Campaign, the California Coastal Commission, and Fairmont Hotels & Resorts. For more information about the photo contest, please visit <http://mycoastalphoto.com>.

“I ♥ California’s Coast and Ocean” is being displayed by the Thank You Ocean Campaign and the California Coastal Commission’s Public Education Program. The [Thank You Ocean Campaign](#)’s mission is to raise awareness of the benefits the ocean provides to us and identify ways each of us can help protect the ocean in our everyday lives. The [Coastal Commission’s Public Education Program](#) works to increase public knowledge of coastal and marine resources and to engage the public in coastal protection and restoration activities.

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