



## SWAMP Webinars Series

### What is it?

To increase awareness of available tools and resources, the SWAMP webinar series, originally initiated in 2009, has been continued in 2010. Webinars are short trainings delivered through the Internet, and anyone with Internet access can participate. Webinar presenters are able to deliver material to audiences throughout the state without leaving their office. Participants can join in during the live presentation (where they will be able to ask questions) or they can download a video recording along with presentations and other documents later on from the SWAMP website.

Many of the initial 2009 webinars were about tools and other resources available to inform managers of monitoring programs and grant-funded projects how to partner with SWAMP. In 2010, SWAMP delivered eight webinars which focused on bioassessment tools and Regional Water Board monitoring and assessment programs. The entire SWAMP webinar series is posted on the SWAMP website.

### Why is it important to the State?

The SWAMP webinars are an effective way to share critical, detailed information to a wide audience while eliminating travel costs for both presenters and participants. Since the webinars are also available for viewing to those who were not able to participate in the live seminar, they are a convenient way to reach the maximum number of interested parties.

### Why is it important to me?

For individuals or groups conducting monitoring, the SWAMP webinars provide assistance to help prepare a project to provide high quality, comparable, and compatible data with the SWAMP quality assurance and data management requirements. The webinars also raise awareness of the monitoring activities that are carried out by the Regional Water Boards and pave the way for collaboration among interested parties.

## **How will the information be used?**

The eight webinars produced in 2010 increase awareness of monitoring tools and resources available through SWAMP and highlight specific regional monitoring programs. The topics of these webinars are:

- San Francisco Bay Regional Board Regional Monitoring and Assessment Activities
- Central Coast (Region 3) Monitoring and Assessment Activities
- Central Valley Regional Board SWAMP Monitoring and Assessment Activities
- SWAMP Monitoring and SWAMP leveraged Monitoring in the San Diego Region – Past, Present, Future
- The Ecology of Benthic Macroinvertebrates and How to Collect and Describe Them
- The Importance of Physical Habitat Condition and How to Measure It in Streams
- Establishing Reference Conditions for California's Wadeable Perennial Streams
- Sublethal Responses to Environmental Stressors in Fish: An integrative multi-biomarker approach

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