



CALIFORNIA WATER QUALITY MONITORING COLLABORATION NETWORK WEBINAR SERIES

What is it?

The California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network (CWQMCN) is a voluntary monthly Webinar that allows members of the monitoring community to network and exchange information and ideas on topics of interest. The CWQMCN helps support a state framework to coordinate consistent and scientifically defensible methods and strategies for improving water quality monitoring, assessment, and reporting.

During 2012 twelve webinars were presented. All of the webinars were recorded and made available on the [CWQMCN](#) web page. Topics addressed during 2012 included quality assurance, water quality monitoring programs, monitoring projects, models, monitoring support tools, bioassessments, reporting, and data/information sharing. The CWQMCN collaborated with SWAMP, the Aquatic Bioassessment Laboratory at California State University Chico, the Southwest Association of Freshwater Invertebrate Taxonomists (SAFIT) and their partners to present its first taxonomy webinar with live video feed from a presenter's microscope. The unique training and educational experiences continue to be well-received due to the nature of the topics presented, the ability to participate without the need or costs for travel, and the benefit of being able to review the webinar recording.

Why is it important?

The CWQMCN is an asset to the water quality monitoring community because it provides easy, no-cost access to presentations and discussions of current topics of interest for water quality monitors. Timely information on water quality monitoring programs, tools, assessments, and emerging issues is needed, and the webinars fill a special niche in meeting these demands.

How will this information be used?

CWQMCN webinars are used to share technical and support tools for monitoring, assessment and reporting; to encourage discussion on common concerns like information management and program development; and to provide a forum for networking and collaboration. The CWQMCN helps support a state framework to coordinate consistent and scientifically defensible methods and strategies for improving water quality monitoring, assessment, and reporting.

For more information, visit the [California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/swamp) web page.