

California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network Participant:

Join the California Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection's (CAL FIRE) Watershed Protection Program Manager, Pete Cafferata from your own workspace for a special Webinar session, "State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Monitoring Study Group Overview". Please join us on Thursday, September 19, 2013, 11:30 AM -12:30 PM. Please see the instructions below *to join the webinar. To watch the presentation, "join the online meeting" and to hear the meeting, "join the teleconference"* as we use voice over phone protocol.

State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Monitoring Study Group Overview

The Monitoring Study Group (MSG) has been in existence since 1989; it was formed in response to US EPA's request for an ongoing assessment of the effectiveness of CA's Forest Practice Rules (FPRs) (for certification of FPRs as BMPs). The MSG is the organizing body to collect water quality-related monitoring information from non-federal timberlands, and is an Advisory Committee to the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. There are representatives from the state and federal agencies, timber industry, and the public. The group meets on average four times a year in northern California locations.

The main purpose of the MSG is to provide guidance and oversight to CAL FIRE in implementing a long-term water quality monitoring program. For the past 10 years, it has also served as an open public forum for sharing monitoring related information. Two types of monitoring are utilized: (1) hillslope (upslope) monitoring quantifying FPR implementation rates, erosion voids, and riparian canopy cover; and (2) cooperative instream monitoring programs documenting water column and aquatic habitat parameter measurements for selected forested watersheds before, during, and after commercial timber harvesting. Monitoring results have been used for FPR modification and for education programs to improve practices in the field. A new focus on effectiveness monitoring is planned in 2013 to determine if recently adopted FPRs are effective in protecting beneficial uses such as salmonid habitat, or if further modification is required. MSG reports, meeting agendas and minutes, past PPTs, supported reports, and the MSG Strategic Plan are posted at:

www.bof.fire.ca.gov/board_committees/monitoring_study_group/

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- Caspar Creek watershed study involvement, a cooperative long-term study between the USFS Pacific Southwest Research Station and CAL FIRE, since 1982.
- Collection and analysis of statewide water quality-related monitoring data from non-federal timberlands in California since 1991.
- Coordination of activities for the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection's Monitoring Study Group since 1994.
- Assistance and technical support to CAL FIRE Regions and Units in assessing complex forest watershed scale projects, water quality concerns, and stream channel conditions on non-federal timberlands since 1981.
- Development and delivery of training related to watershed issues to agency personnel and private foresters since 1991.

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