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**Riparian Proper Functioning Condition Assessment (PFC) As A Tool To Inform Land Managers About Priorities For Addressing Water Quality**

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As a rangeland and riparian scientist, Sherm works with graduate students and colleagues from University, State and federal agencies and others to study the interrelationships among streams, riparian vegetation, watershed hydrology, land forms, land uses, fire, water quality, and fish and wildlife habitat.

As an extension educator, State Range Specialist for Nevada Cooperative Extension, he teaches riparian ecology and management, emphasizing the structure needed for dissipating energy, storing water, ameliorating floods and droughts, forming habitats and enhancing water quality. Sherm also teaches rangeland ecology and management of vegetation, livestock, weeds, and fire for watershed functions, soil protection, forage production and wildlife habitat. He often works with groups collaborating for coordinated management.

This Webinar will focus on riparian proper functioning condition assessment (PFC) as a tool to inform land managers about priorities for addressing water quality in the majority of watersheds where the riparian areas is itself a source for pollutants and/or where the assimilation capacity or the riparian ecosystem could be enhanced with riparian vegetation, floodplain access, improved hydrology or other aspects of physical functioning that address erosion, sediment, or nutrient spiraling.

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Materials (if available), including past webinars will be posted on the website. The recorded webinars and associated materials are located under 'Monthly Webinars'. We hope to use this web page to help you network with each other and with the larger monitoring community. So, feel free to give us your ideas on how to make it better.

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Many of us in the water quality monitoring community have been looking for a California forum for sharing our ideas, successes and common concerns. In response to that need, the California Water Quality Monitoring Council is partnering with the Water Board's Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program, the Nonpoint Source Program and US Environmental Protection Agency to launch a monthly conference call to support the activities of regional monitoring programs.

The Water Quality Monitoring Collaboration Network will begin as a voluntary monthly conference call that members of the monitoring community can participate in as topics meet their interests. The conference call format and content will vary in response to input from participants. Sessions are planned to share technical and support tools for monitoring, assessment and reporting; to encourage discussion on common concerns like information management; and to provide a forum for networking.

It is envisioned that the Collaboration network will help support a state framework to coordinate consistent and scientifically defensible methods and strategies for improving water quality monitoring, assessment, and reporting.